

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 21/10/19

Time: 7:00

Location: Lossiemouth Community Centre

Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees: Mike Mulholland, Carolle Ralph, James Allan CLLR, Kristi Corbett, Gina McNicoll, Tim Stanning

Apologies: Louise McBride, Ryan Edwards, Claire Edwards, John Cowe, Marian Evans, Stuart Mason, Stuart Garden, Amy Taylor, Maureen Garden, Police

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

No representative, they sent apologies.

From the police Community Council Report:

- a- 3 disturbances reported in Lossiemouth involving named persons, all at private properties, 3 males charged in connection with 2 of these disturbances and a male is being sought in connection with the third.
- b- There was an attempted shoplifting incident of clothing in one of the shops in Lossiemouth.
- c- 'Safer Crossings' initiative was launched on Sept 20 and the police have carried out joint patrols with some of the P4 students, 6 drivers found driving over the speed restrictions were educated directly by the children and a further 6 letters were sent to registered keepers of vehicles that were also driving over the 20mph limit who could not be safely stopped at the time. These letters include direct quotes from the children around their feelings and views of speeding motorists and the impact on them.

RAF Update:

None, no representative

3- Minutes of Sept. Meeting

Town Centre Fund Application: Buckie Community Council was upset about the way the funds were distributed and how the projects were chosen, they are going to pursue this and we will let them take the lead but offer support.

Bridge: It has been asked if we can get a more permanent fixture in place closing the bridge, the fences are not enough of a deterrent. Cllr Allan will look into this.

Flowers and Gardening: Carolle has ordered the cup for the Flower Association.

Linda Crowther has sent her thanks for the funds towards the planting beds that she's caring for.

GEN: Mike will speak to the representative and let her know at this time we do not have the time to have a presentation, we will look into it again in the new year.

4- Matters Arising:

Evelyn and Graham have both stepped down to associate members of the community council, we thank them both for their contributions to the community council.

Toilets: We will be closing the toilets on Nov 2, after the Penny Mile event.

We will keep our lease through April and reevaluate taking it on again as we get closer to April.

Carolle is working the water company to try and get the bill lowered and a better rate. She will also speak to Estates at Moray Council to see if there is any information on the future of Station Park.

If we have to take on the Esplanade toilets next year we will need to speak to local businesses about contributing more to the toilets fund.

Bridge: There is an action group meeting on Nov 14, that Stephen Cooper from Moray Council will be overseeing, it is not open to the public. They have invited representatives from various groups involved in the

bridge project, Mike, Carolle, Gina and Maureen will be representing the Community Council, with Marian and Kristi acting as alternates if needed for future meetings. We hope to have an update for the community after this meeting.

Energising Communities: Mike and possibly Carolle will be on a sub committee that will write a statement explaining the project for other organisations that are going to be invited to join.

Armistice Day: Tim will check with Maureen to see if the wreath has been ordered.
Carolle will check with Sarah Riley-Evans about a sound system for the service as it's becoming quite large and people are struggling to hear.
The parade will start at 10:30 am.

Louise's Project (Lossie 2-3 group): They have received their charity number and are now working to secure the lease on a property.

School Crossings: Mike and Carolle will be meeting with Elaine Penny at St. Geradines on 22/10/19 to get a breakdown of what is needed for the project as well as a cost.
The quiz night raised £868 towards the crossings fund.

Penny a Mile: Will now take place around Station Park and the time has been shortened to 10:00-Noon
Gina is handling the treats and prizes.
Mike and Carolle will invite the press.

Christmas Lights: We will be doing a children's stall and a hamper. Volunteers will be needed to help with the stall as the event will start at noon.

Christmas Night Out: We need to finalise our numbers so that Stuart Mason can give them to Mo.

Citizen of the Year: We will be having the campaign this year, Stuart Garden will be taking it on. We are speaking to the Lossie Local about helping with it next year.

Future Priorities: We will discuss this at a later meeting, we did not have enough people to really discuss it at this meeting.

5- Correspondence:

There will be a public drop in on Oct 30 at the Elgin Town Hall for the A96 Dualling.
The Duty of Care policy is being distributed, please watch for an email from Carolle.
Tree Planting Day is Nov 30th. Mike will speak with Lilly about overseeing the planting of the trees if we can arrange labour.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

It has been suggested that we have a Community Tea and a Blather session so that we can speak with the members of the community about what we are working on and to hear any concerns, comments or questions that they may have.

We need a new banner to use with fundraising, can everyone think of possible wording to use for it.

A concern has also been raised about illegal drugs in the community, there have incidents including one where a mother found illegal drugs in her garden.

Questions on how the closure of the School Brae will affect traffic flow/patterns and if the traffic lights will be on a sensor.

There will also be an issue with the School Brae Closure and the Christmas Lights, this will affect traffic and we need to know what will be put into place.

7- Councilors Updates:

CLLR Allan: The budget talks have started for the 2020/2021 year, they are looking for £11 million pounds in cuts.

8- Treasurers Report:

£6,357 in the bank. £1410 was donated to the LCDT towards the bridge, the funds were raised by the community for the bridge.

9- Chairman's Updates:

Discussions for the Cycle Track are ongoing.

10- Planning Issues:

Planning permission is being sought to turn the old bank into a sit down Fish and Chips shop.
The old burnt house on Elgin road has been torn down and a house and garage are being built on the lot.
The social housing block in Inchbroom Avenue will be 2 blocks of 6 instead of 2 blocks of 4.

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: Nov 17th 7:00 pm