

Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting

Date: 26 Oct 2020

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Fiona Birse, Peter White, John Cowe, Marian Evans, James Allan, Louise McBride, Maureen Garden, Tim Stanning, Sean McAngus, Stuart Garden

Apologies: Gina McNicoll

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

The Police are aware of large groups of youth and vandalism in the Inchbroom woods and are watching them. They have broken up at least one gathering.

RAF Update: No representative. Night Flying for most of November.

3- Minutes of September Meeting: Carolle still needs to speak with Callum.

4- Matters Arising:

a- Mike: Mike Mulholland, the chairman of the Lossiemouth Community Council passed away 9 October 2020. Mike will be greatly missed by the Community Council and the community of Lossiemouth.

b- Remembrance Sunday:

Tim will raise the Ensign

Maureen will lay the wreath; we can only have one person and there will not be a parade.

We will invite the community to leave Remembrance Stones in Station Park to help observe Remembrance Sunday.

c- Defibrillators:

There was a situation at the Golf View that required the use of the defibrillator and showed that we need more training in the community and to have better access to the codes.

Kieran's Legacy has started looking into the issues with the defibrillators in the community, we do need people to take on checking on the defibrillators. Currently the building owners are expected to look after and maintain the units.

The unit at Guidi's will be replaced at no cost as will all the rusting boxes.

Yvonne Murray from Sandpiper Trust took the Golf View unit and had the paddles replaced and it is now back in place.

d- School Crossing:

The Roads Department for Moray Council funded the St. Geradine's School Crossing as they had room in their budget, that means the money that was raised by the community can be used

for other purposes. They put in two islands.

We need to verify that there will be a crossing at the High School as part of a cycle track, as that is what we had been told will happen.

John Cowe will verify it for us, we will hold the funds we have for the St. Gers crossing until we hear for sure.

e- COVID update:

Relief efforts are still running from the Baptist Church, but we are starting to move some of the food and such to the Community Centre where we will have a Community Larder.

We have fund and prepaid meals through January.

There has been an increase in requests for help due to the hospitality restrictions. And several Emergency referrals. People on zero hour contracts have been hit hard.

Moray Council is looking into funding for those who are being told to stay off work while waiting for test results.

Moray Food Plus is looking into getting more food recovery for us.

The Church team has been split into two groups in case someone gets the virus.

Moray Emergency Relief Fund has had additional funding

All the money we are now receiving is being funneled through either the Lossie 2-3 Group or the LCDT.

We need a leaflet that is one page with two contact number so that we can make sure people are getting the help that they need.

Gina has been helping get set-up with the Chromebooks, but it is a time-consuming process for her.

f- COVID Christmas Relief

A committee will be formed with other community groups that usually do some sort of Christmas relief in the community. We will be using the United Free Church Hall for this work. Carolle will see if the JCC will be able to help other areas in Moray, Mrs. Santa usually covers all of Moray and we do not have the capacity to cover more than Lossiemouth.

g- Bridge/LCDT:

The first steering group meeting will be 3 November. It will be with Moray Council, the Lossiemouth Community Representatives and the Bridge Company.

Work has started for Phase 1, at the end of the day cost will be the driving factor in the location for the new bridge.

The LCDT is about to start the community consultation for their new Five-Year Plan.

The cycle track committee is getting ready to start landowner negotiations and starting stage three of the process. The cycle track will be registered as a SCIO to make it easier to apply for funding.

The Skate Park Initiative will be appointing a fundraising company from Inverness.

Gina will be the Community Council Representative to the LCDT, Gina has already written to Alan MacDonald.

h- Lossie Woods: See Police update

Carolle has contacted Pitgaveny about all the litter at the batteries and we will put up a warning on Facebook.

James Allan will organise a litter pick with the Boys Brigade.

i- Halloween Trail/Haunted Woods

We have made a donation to the group; we will also have a table and be volunteering as needed. The Trail has been approved by the Council and Pitgaveny.

- j- Citizen of the Year: Maureen has ordered the plaques and we will have a socially distanced presentation when they are ready.
- k- New Members: Potential new member of the Community Council will be invited to observe Zoom meetings.
- l- Flowers and Flower beds:
The Rotary Club has planted the crocus'
Tim has all the bulbs that Mary and Lily selected and will coordinate with Torrison.
Fiona will ask Martin to have the Rotary Club sort the two big beds in James Square.
- m- Zoom vs Microsoft Teams: The police are unable to join us when we use Zoom, but they can join if we use Microsoft Teams. Kristi will investigate the differences and how easy Microsoft Teams is to use.
- n- Camper Vans: The Lighthouse is not wanting to take on a facility for them.
The LBA is meeting to discuss tourism and Carolle will also speak to the JCC for ideas.
The recycling centre is not available for use as a facility, it is going to be re-let by Moray Council.
Moray Council has Station Park classed as an opportunity site, but no one is looking at it at this time. There is a possibility that the car park could be available as a CAT and could be used as a dedicated camper van site.
- o- Windswept is looking into taking on the JNK site as an expansion to their shop and tap room.
- p- Toilets:
Moray Council is still running the Esplanade toilets and we are still planning on opening the Station Park toilets in the Spring. We may be able to get HIE Funding for them.

5- Correspondence: None

6- Community Councilors Issues:

7- Councilors Updates:

John Cowe: Congratulations to all who received commendations from the Lord Lieutenant in Lossiemouth.

Moray Council is still working on a plan for this winter.

8- Treasurers Report: The accounts are ready to be audited, they just need to be reviewed and signed by Carolle and Gina.

£11,178 in the bank, £2,203 is for the toilets.

Tim needs to go over COVID receipts and funds with Gina to make sure everything matches.

9- Chairman's Updates: The Youth worker from Lossiemouth High School is going to investigate funding for the Seawall work, she will also speak to Fiona Shearer about it. Fiona will investigate the HIE fund for tourism to see if we could possibly get funding for the wall as part of a project.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 16 November, 19:00, Zoom