

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 17 May 2021

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Harry Halkett, Kristi Corbett, Peter White, Carolle Ralph, Louise McBride, John Cowe, Rab Forbes (LCDT), Tim Stanning, Donna McLean (LBA), James Allan, Marian Evans

Apologies: Maureen Garden, Ryan Edwards, Kirsty Middleton, Fraser Bowie

Agenda:

Carolle opened the meeting by welcoming Donna and Rab

Police Update: No representatives

Police have said that they will look into the speeding issues on Inchbroom Road.

RAF Update:

- Typhoon night flying has concluded so thank you all for your patience as we conduct this essential training.
- Operational activities for the fast jet Squadrons continue at pace with 3 out of 4 either deployed overseas in support of Op SHADER (Cyprus based) or Op BILOXI (Baltic Air Policing) or in the pre-arrival/returning home quarantine period.
- RAF Lossiemouth remains busy though with Ex STRIKE WARRIOR where our P-8A team and a visiting German P3 contingent are supporting this joint NATO maritime exercise.
- Works on new buildings continue at pace with pilings currently being dug for new foundations.
- Crash Gate 2 has now opened for contractors to use so there should be a reduction in traffic at the roundabout at the main entrance point to RAF Lossiemouth.
- The surge in COVID cases across Moray impacted RAF Lossiemouth which is only to be expected.
 - We are so well embedded across the region with our children attending local schools that we simply reflect what the wider area experiences.
- Our asymptomatic test facility proved essential as all, but 2 cases have no symptoms and were identified only by the robust twice weekly LFD testing on site.
 - Whether testing at home, testing in respective workplaces or community test sites, the importance of LFD testing as our first line of defence against COVID cannot be understated.
- 6th P-8A (due to arrive at LOS in Sept 21) has been named 'Guernsey's Reply' in honour of Flt Lt Herbie Machon;
 - Herbie was evacuated from Guernsey at the start of WWII before it was occupied by the German military.
 - He went on to become a fighter pilot in the Royal Air Force and named his Mk XVI Spitfire 'Guernsey's Reply' as a tribute to those who were facing hardship back on his home island.
- Finally, works on our extension to the RAF Lossiemouth Childcare Centre concludes and the kids who have spent the winter dealing with all manner of cold, wet and windy weather outside as part of our COVID compliance now have an indoor space for their wrap around childcare.
 - A community access de-fib device will be installed at this extension providing ease of use for all should it be required.
 - This building extension is part of our COVID mitigations and does not mean we are creating more spaces.

The community would like to know if we can put the de-fib at the Childcare Centre on the map that is being created for Lossiemouth.

3- Minutes of April Meeting

Were accepted.

4- Matters Arising:

PayPal- The quorum agreed that Gina can set-up and run the PayPal account on behalf of the community council.

Cemetery- Marian has brought up that the cemetery is getting full and asked if Moray Council has a plan in place to expand it. Per both John and James Moray Council has a plan in place and it is due to be expanded within the next two years.

Marian will put in a comment on Moray Councils webpage and contact Colin Bell to highlight the issue.

Community Centre Car Park: The Community Council toured the parking and with only 4 disabled spots and no additional parking for parents and children it is not enough, and more parking close to the Community Centre is needed.

The parking that was supposed to be there was cut due to budget reasons. The school carpark is so full that people are using the Co-Op carpark, per James an additional 20 parking spots will be available once the old school and community centre are demolished and the new pitch is in place but that will be at least another year. The Community Centre staff is also concerned about walking up to the carpark at night as there is not a direct route, and it will be quite dark once fall and winter hit.

Graham Leadbitter has agreed to meet members of the community council to tour the parking facilities.

Campervans: See update document from the sub-committee.

We are waiting to hear about signage limiting the length of overnight stays.

Marian has identified a number of chemical toilets in the area that the campervans owners can utilize.

Harry has volunteered to distribute the flier at the West Beach carpark once they have been created.

Toilets: The mobile testing unit is using the disabled toilets at Station Park; we will keep the lease and bills in our name and ask Moray Council for a donation towards the utilities.

As long as they are using them, we cannot open them to the public, if we are able to open them, we will hire someone to open/close and clean them.

Inchbroom Road Speed Limit: Nicola Moss has said that Moray Council is doing speed surveys and looking into cutting back the foliage at the bend, she will get back to us once she has the reports.

John Cowe has stated that the town is expanding towards the cemetery and something needs to be down. The speed signs on the Lossie to Elgin road also need to be moved out as the town is growing.

Covid Update: Due to the emergency COVID vaccine program expansion we've increased from 2 to 3 volunteers and hour.

The Hythehill pop up clinic was very confusing and there was not enough information or notice for the public. We need to look into getting a supply of lateral flow tests to have in stock for emergency purposes in the community.

Food Larder: The larder is getting busier, and they plan on going public the end of June and possibly opening one day a weekend. We are also acting as a food emergency relief agency for people who are being let out of hospital or jail at the weekends when Moray Food Plus is not open.

The Flexi-Food fund is still active, and we have referred 60+ families this week.

LBA Tourism Update: The LBA has an MOU with the LCDT, and Fiona Birse has been invited to work with

them on looking for funds to use towards tourism etc.

The sub-group is still quite small and has just formed. They are currently attending workshops to do with rebranding Lossiemouth and determining what direction they want to go with tourism.

They are also revamping their website to focus more on tourism, and they aim to have this, and the rebranding done by September.

Marian will work with them for wording on the campervan flier.

Gardening: Lilly and Francis and their team are working hard and have plans for the square and esplanade. If they need more volunteers, we can let Marian or George know.

Marian will ask the Rotary if they would like another bed in the square.

We have £600 for gardening.

Bridge Update:

Moray Council has confirmed that they will continue to fund the project.

Moray Council has decided to remove the old bridge during the construction phase as it will save money. The decision to remove the old bridge is because it's a health and safety issue. We are unsure when it will be taken down or how much of it will be removed. Harry has questioned this because if they just remove the top and leave the stations it will be quite the eyesore.

Donna asked what will be done with the pieces from the old bridge, the LCDT is trying to obtain some of the wood to offer to people, but at this time we do not know what MC has planned for the pieces.

There will be a meeting 18 May to discuss statutory consents.

They have said that they can start putting things in the water in September but realistically it will be closer to December. It will be at least October before construction begins. So, it would be possible to have the raft race in September if COVID and Health and Safety allow.

It is unknown if there will be community consultation for the design of the bridge.

The state of the Esplanade is a concern and there is money in the budget for landscaping. The esplanade is in very poor condition and Moray Council says that it does not have the funds for the repair work.

Moray Council is not communicating with the community and it is causing frustration.

Marine Park: The committee is looking for help with signage to let people know where they are.

Carolle has asked if we can visit the facility.

5- Correspondence:

Sharon Mair has contacted us to let us know that they are getting CCTV at the recycling centre due to all of the other rubbish that is being left.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

None

7- Councilors Updates:

James: There will be trees available to the community through the Queen's Green Canopy scheme, they will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

He will email Shona Morrison about speed issues around town.

John: Suggested maybe getting trees from the Queen's Green Canopy scheme to plant in market cross square.

He has spoken to Graham Flemming about the mess at the old Beach Bar site needing to be cleaned up. John asked about the new space for the 2-3 Group, from Louise the building warrant is in, but they are requiring an engineer report which will take 8-10 weeks. Due to a building supply shortage the costs will most likely increase.

8- Treasurers Report:

School Crossing	£7800
Station Park Toilets	£2200
COVID Relief	£2300
Unallocated	£8700
Total	£21000

We are due a £547 admin grant from Moray Council.

Due to pay £40 for data protection.

9- Chairman's Updates:

None

10- Planning Issues:

The new Queen Street Co-Op is opening the end of the month.

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: