

**Lossiemouth Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: 18 Jan 2021**

**Time: 19:00**

**Location: Zoom**

**Chair: Carolle Ralph**

**Attendees: Kristi Corbett, Carolle Ralph, Ryan Edwards CLLR, John Cowe CLLR, James Allan CLLR, Maureen Garden, Fraser Bowie (RAF), Peter White, Gina McNicoll, Fiona Birse, Tim Stanning, Louise McBride**

Apologies: Callum Luce

**Agenda:**

**1- Police Update:**

No Police Update

**RAF Update:**

The camp is currently running on COVID staffing.

There is a lot of flying planned due 1SQ getting ready for an out of area assignment.

RAF Lossiemouth will be the home to the Wedgetail Surveillance Aircraft, they will work alongside the Poseidon's.

**3- Minutes of November Meeting**

The Remembrance Stones have been moved to the toilets for storage.

**4- Matters Arising:**

**Covid Response** – We will be moving from the Baptist Church Hall to the United Free Church Hall due to the Baptist church being used as a vaccination hub.

Cllr Allan has secured the Community Centre for us for two days a week to run the food larder out of. The Lossie 2-3 Group will assist in the running of the larder and it should be fine with two volunteers a day. Moray Food Plus will hopefully be able to assist as well.

The COVID relief group was quite busy over the Christmas holidays and possibly over stretched our volunteers and ourselves. They delivered over 200 Christmas hampers, 180 food parcels, 150 gifts as well as running the Santa Bus.

Over £500 was raised through donations.

We will be winding down the food and fruit and veg hampers the end of January and replacing them with a voucher system for families.

We will continue to provide meals to the extremely vulnerable, we have a small amount of money left to help with that.

Fiona Birse will check on the new recovery fund to see if we are eligible of that.

**Tarmac/School Crossing Money:** We have £7,500 that we need to decide a use for, we have chosen to hold off on deciding until June, hopefully we will have an idea of what will be needed for COVID recovery in the community at that time.

**Grit Bags:** Moray Council wants to know where they are needed. We have suggested, Hillview Place, School Brae, Esplanade, James Square and the Red Park.

**Drop Pavements:** The Council has money left to use towards drop pavements. We have suggested Boyd Anderson Drive, Clifton Road and Dunbar Street. John will send the requests to the council.

**Erosion West Beach Dunes:** Moray Golf Club is looking for a permanent solution, for now the public just needs to be vigilant.

**Camper Vans:** We have asked the JCC about a plan for camper vans but have not heard back.

Moray Council will still be charging for parking at the West Beach, but we do not have a timescale for that yet.

**High School Update:** 12<sup>th</sup> Feb is the projected handover date but that may change due to COVID. They are planning to open after Easter. We will hopefully find out on 19 Jan if the construction can continue.

**Bridge Update:** The Bridge committee is hoping that the Beaver Bridge Report and the Economic Impact Survey will be to Moray Council by the end of the month for review and will then be passed to the Scottish Government, hopefully before the shutdown for the May elections.

Moray Council will reclaim the VAT for the business plan.

#### **Flowers/James Square:**

We have had £100 donated towards the community gardening.

Carolle is looking into getting the lights turned back on in James Square.

Replacement trees have been ordered for the saplings in James Square that have died.

All the bulbs have been planted.

The top tiers of the planters are unusable by our gardening team. Louise will as a volunteer to clear them out so they will not fill with weeds.

We have four businesses interested in sponsoring flowers/planters.

#### **Dog Fouling:**

We are being inundated with complaints about dog fouling, Shore Street, the Lossie Woods and West Beach are all having multiple complaints a week.

Moray Council will only put bins in places that they can drive.

We need to find out who is responsible for the bin on the golf course as it is often neglected.

Carolle will speak to the golf course about purchasing extra wheelie bins to use for dog poo bags that they can change out for us.

**Litter Picking:** Peter White will be the community litter picking champion and he and Kristi will work out a schedule for him and what areas are most in need.

**Tribute to Mike:** John Tulloch will be naming a street in the new development for Mike.

We could investigate having a sponsored Cycle track event in his name once it is open.

John Cowe suggested naming the Cycle Track, Mulholland Way.

We can also investigate putting a bench on the school brae, Moray Council can sort out a dedication. James would be able to liaise with the Parks and Land department for us.

## **5- Correspondence:**

None

## **6- Community Councilors Issues:**

**Maureen:** the dead cow in the river has not been removed. James has spoken to the council who had said that they were going to remove it but now they are saying it is the responsibility of the farmer. Specialist equipment will be required to remove it. We will update the Facebook page to let people know that it has been reported.

Maureen will find out what is going on with the post office. We have seen that it is no longer up for sale.

## **7- Councilors Updates:**

James Allan:

RBS is not allowed to put out the van during the lockdown, but we can liaise with them to assist their vulnerable customers obtain cash etc. during the lockdown.

John Cowe had a well done for all the work that the community group has done to assist during COVID.

Brae Lossie have been discussed and a preferred bidder has been identified, at this time it is considered sold.

Ryan Edwards is constantly chasing up complaints about dog fouling on Shore Street.

He is also dealing with complaints about the Shore Street Recycling Centre, it is becoming an eyesore because people are leaving things other than cardboard and glass and the cardboard and glass are overflowing.

It is being reported that businesses are using it to leave their waste at, Ryan will check into the CCTV to find out which businesses are abusing the facility.

## **8- Treasurers Report:**

We currently have £17,500 in the bank.

£7,500 is for the school crossing/community projects.

£3,000 for the 2-3 Group for COVID relief

The remaining balance is broken down for various small projects.

## **9- Chairman's Updates:**

None

**10- Planning Issues:** The New Queen Street Co-Op has put in a request for an alcohol license, we have no objections.

There is a planning application for the B&B on Stotfield Road to expand with an additional two flats and parking for 12 cars, the neighbours are unhappy with this.

**11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 15 Feb 2021, 19:00, meeting will be held on Microsoft Teams.**