

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 21 June 2021

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Louise McBride, Marian Evans, Gina McNicoll, Kristi Corbett, Peter White, Fiona Birse, John Cowe, Tim Stanning, Kirsty Middleton, James Allan, Harry Halkett, Maureen Garden.

Apologies:

Agenda:

1- Police Update: No Update

RAF Update: No Update

3- Minutes of May Meeting:

Speed equipment will be put in on Inchbroom Ave once Moray Council is finished using it elsewhere.

The cemetery carpark is being retarred and they will be looking at the exit gate for upgrades.

4- Matters Arising:

COVID/Vaccine Centre Update: Volunteers are being sent home from their shifts because of slowness. They are expecting it to pick up again the beginning of July and we will most likely be helping through the end of the year.

Campervan Update: See update from Marian.

Moray Council is proposing to contact the caravan parks to see about the campervans using their facilities. It is going to committee.

John Cowe is speaking to Moray Council about putting in an honesty box at Station Park and the West Beach.

West Beach Carpark and Bins: Commercial bins have been installed; they need repainting. The old bins are being moved to the Esplanade.

Moray Council Coastal Group is monitoring the erosion.

John Cowe wrote Steven Cooper at MC two months ago about the footpath becoming quite encroached upon.

Community Gardens and Brown Bins: The group is working hard on the upkeep of the planters on the Esplanade and James Square. The Moray Council beds are in quite bad shape and need looking after.

The group is having an issue with watering, the Criminal Justice group was supposed to be watering them but have not.

There is no money being invested into the Esplanade with the bridge work.

Carolle has requested more brown bins for the community council.

Per John the permit has been requested for the Community Council.

The bill for the plants was £240.

The cemetery grass is a mess and hasn't been cut properly. John will speak with Colin Bell

Toilets: Hoping to have open next week. We will be advertising for an employee and not relying on volunteers this year.

Carolle will contact Morgan's about the lights.

Harry will install the toilet roll holders and the soap dispenser.

We need to look at what is in the store.

The Esplanade toilets had a pipe burst on the 15th of June that has not been repaired and the supplies are being stolen from the toilets.

Lossie Street Art: Could we look at having local artists brighten up the town.

Carolle has suggested art with local history.

Fiona will speak to Moray Arts Foundation about it as well.

Defibrillators: Morrison's Construction have contacted us about wanting to donate a defibrillator and box to the community.

Yvonne Murray is trying to work with Keiran's Legacy to sort out moving our defibrillators. She is also keen to provide training for the use of defibrillators.

Gina has suggested that subsidize the training for the businesses where the defibrillators are located.

It's been suggested that we check on converting the phone box on Fair Isle Place to house a defib. The Red Park was also suggested as it has a council building that we could see about fixing the box to.

Parking at new Community Centre: Per Shona Lees there are not builders' contribution funds available to expand the community parking.

Moray Council will not expand the disabled parking.

We need to encourage people to complain to Moray Council about the parking situation.

John Cowe will copy the email from Shona to Murray Macleod and Graham Leadbitter.

Janice at the school is in support of us.

Per James they won't start the landscaping until after the old school has been torn down.

LCDT Update: Cycle Track community consultation is this week.

Bridge: They are hoping to put the piles in the water in Sept/October with the bridge open by the Easter holidays.

Rab is trying to get a livestream from Guiddi's of the bridge that can be used as CCTV after.

The five-year plan survey has been completed and they are meeting Friday to put it all together.

Seafest: Is happening in August. They will also be having garden and art competitions. We can use the Community Garden trophy from the flower show.

Watch their Facebook page for updates.

Community Project Fund Ideas: We will keep it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action Marine Park: We will be able to tour in the future. The space is large enough for many of the community groups that have been displaced.

We contributed £500 towards their signage.

They are looking for funding for another tennis court and playground equipment for disabled children.

They have a defib at their location as well.

Community Couch to 5K: Kristi proposed that we investigate a community 5K to help increase fitness and better health. West Lossie in particular needs a healthy focus.

Walk, Jog Scotland (unsure of new name) has a chapter in Lossie run by Carol Hunt, Marian will approach her about a community 5k.

Seafest has been looking at organizing one with Active Schools.

5- Correspondence:

From Jane Martin: Community Council elections will be held in August. Members need to put their names forward to stand as full members.

We have had complaints about the limited time slots for access to the pool due to the covid restrictions and booking system. Many of the time slots are taken up by private bookings. James and Carolle will both write to Moray Council about this.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Peter White: The Muirton Road bus stop shelter has shattered glass; he will contact Moray Council's transport department to have it repaired.

Gina has suggested that we find a way to get people to contact Moray Council directly for issues rather than have us act as middlemen. The Moray Council system is frustrating and awkward to work though. Carolle has suggested that we bring this up with the JCC.

James will raise the issue with the Police and Fireboards as well as we currently do not have a way to reach them directly in cases of an emergency or community issue.

7- Councilors Updates:

James Allan: They head teacher from Hythehill is moving on so they will be advertising for a new head.

No candidate for the Assistant Head position at the high school passed the first round.

John Cowe: There is a planning application for three new homes on the old Beach Bar site. John has also contacted Graham about having the site cleaned up and it still has not been done.

He has received complaints about parking on McDonald Drive and people asking for the grass areas to be turned into parking.

Per Moray Council the cemetery has 10 years of life left.

He has had complaints about the lack of disabled parking in Lossiemouth and has someone from Moray Council coming out to look at dedicated spots in key points around town.

He is trying to find out from the doctor's surgery what is happening with the Hopeman and Burghead surgeries. If they are closing it will put additional pressure on the Lossie surgery and create transportation issues as there is no direct bus line between Lossie and the other towns.

John also said well done to Louise, Kirsty and the Lossie 2-3 group on the £15,000 they received to run a summer camp for 70 vulnerable children in Lossiemouth.

8- Treasurers Report:

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| Admin Grant | £547 | |
| School Crossing/community | £7800 | |
| Station Park Toilets | £1960 | |
| Gardening | £600 | |
| Food Larder | £616 | |
| Total | | £21,000 |

9- Chairman's Updates:

A Scottish water tap has been installed on the esplanade and there will be a reveal/opening coordinated with the tourism group.

A local artist has contacted us with the offer of us purchasing some metal Tommy's, Carolle will speak with him for more information, and we can discuss it at the next meeting. This could also be coordinated with the tourism group.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 16 August, Youth Café or Zoom, TBD