

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting September 2023**

Date: Monday 18 September 2023

Time: 19:00

Location: Marine Park Pavilion

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll, Louise McBride, Kirsty Middleton, Peter White John Cowe, Fiona Birse, Bridget Mustard, Joanne Edwards, Neil Cameron,

Apologies: Kristi Lunt, Dave Walker, Marian Evans, James Allan,

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

No police representatives present. Nothing to report which is a positive the meeting agreed.

RAF Update:

No update

Community Groups Updates

LCDT

A very successful opening ceremony evening and open day which also saw the Trust gain new members. The team have found that members of the public pop in past and want to know more about what is going on in Lossie. Due diligence is almost completed for the Station Park asset transfer. There will be public meetings in October for the Active Travel Route in Hopeman and in Lossie. We still need more active members for this group as the project moves forward. The Skateboard park is ready to move to the fundraising stage and plans will be available to view in the near future. It will take only 6 weeks to build once the funds are in place.

2 to 3 Group

Phase one of the building work in the Warehouse is now completed and the open evening will be on Friday 22 for guests and Saturday 23 September for the public.

Men's Shed

The group will be having an Open Day in the near future and continues to go from strength to strength.

3- Minutes of August Meeting

4- Matters Arising:

Carolle has not written to Will Burnish to invite him to meet with members of the cc to discuss coastal erosion plans for Lossie. She apologized and will do so asap.

Esplanade:

Members of the LCC, LCDT and the LBA have met to look at the siting of the benches made from the old bridge planks. These will go close to the bridge. Gina and Lily have been in touch with Moray Council to plan how the Footsteps should be positioned to ensure children are not going straight from the bridge to the ice cream shops. Fiona informed the meeting that the benches are to be rubbed down

and stained and Gina is awaiting a price for the cost of the footprints. The meeting agreed that the monies would come from our school crossing budget and once we know the cost we can discuss further.

Canal Bridge:

Fiona to speak to new trustee Lee who said he had contacts at Kinloss.

Remembrance Day preparation

Poppies being knitted by various groups and preparations being made for this year's display involving the whole community again. We aim to start assembling the display at the end of October, Fiona said we could use the Trust meeting room to work from which is ideal.

Carolle to order wreath.

Toilets

We have had problems with the urinals this month. Had to pay a plumber to come out as we couldn't fix it ourselves despite trying. Bill was a reasonable £69.78. We have asked for an estimate to replace the pipes in the urinals as they are not in a good way. Continue to take in a good amount of money from the donation boxes and from camper vans. Agreed that the toilets being open keeps the area around Station park alive and busy.

Chamber of Commerce Task Force

In the absence of any other volunteers Carolle said she would represent the community council on this group along with Robbie from the Trust and someone from the LBA.

5- Christmas Extravaganza

Gina updated the meeting on where we are in the planning. John to look into the possibility of a tree for the square.

Brass band booked, teas and coffees being organised, suggestion that we have home made lanterns stall so children can walk round to the square with them later on in the day. Christmas jumper competition and games and Santa planned.

Correspondence:

Locality Management Group for Health cancelled last week's first public event, we await further updates.

Democracy Matters Community Council event

The meeting discussed this and agreed that it is important if powers are to be shifted to community councils then we need to be involved.

There is a pot of £300 available to host events before February to look at local control and local issue and how we can ensure a new system of democratic local government which is more in touch with those voices often ignored. We discussed hosting a photographic exhibition of days gone by in the town hall in January and also seek views from the community on this subject. Carolle to check out availability of town hall.

Also agreed it is in our interests to join the newly formed Scottish Community Councillors Association.

West beach parking.

Could the yellow lines be reinstated around the sailing club area. Also a disabled bay would be welcome in that area too. Councillors to raise the issue.

There is continued pressure on parking in that area and the meeting agreed that the area to the left of the road was a suitable area for additional parking especially given the number of golfers using the west beach car park. Perhaps it is something which could be investigated to help ease congestion on Stotfield road which will worsen once the yellow lines are put in place from the golf club to Tulloch's lane.

Wheelchair Buggy

Val MacLennan is putting together a Facebook page and booking system for both buggies we need to find somewhere to site the west beach one. Kev from SurfABLE has said they don't need to be cleaned after each use which does help us in terms of caring for the buggies. Carole to approach George Flett about the west beach one.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Peter advised the meeting that he had volunteered to be the secretary for the Moray Transport Forum which he and Dave attend on behalf of the community council.

Lily advised the meeting that she would attend the Resilience event on Thursday, not sure if Dave can manage due to bereavement. Gina has soup and sweet.

There is an extended temporary weight ban on Arthur's bridge which will last up to April 2025.

Obviously this has continued implications for the community as heavy vehicles must come to Lossie and out the Inchbroom road to get to the area of quarrying opposite the cemetery. However, this is not a daily occurrence due to limited quarrying activities.

Meeting agreed that a banner be purchased to replace the table top one. Estimate of £90 received from Cam at Signworks including design.

Heavy Goods Training Vehicles in Lossie

Fiona raised the issue of training vehicles in the town, there seem to have been an increase and members of the public have complained at the Trust office. Carole to write to MacPherson's and to Matt about complaints of training vehicles especially on Clifton Road during busy times.

7 Beach safety

No updates following Carole's email to the RNLI. There are still no lifebelts on the east beach. We understand the hold up is with Moray Council. Bridget said she would write to Nicola Moss.

8 The Square

The estimate for the work on the lights has been received. The meeting agreed that the community council would pay for the supply of sockets for the beds apart from the top bed which has no supply. The estimated cost for this will be around £700. This will be paid from community projects monies. Carole has asked that the work is carried out as soon as possible.

The work required to upgrade the lights and power supply and to upgrade the toilets to LED has been estimated at a cost of £6600 including vat. The meeting agreed that we would write to our elected members and ask that our share of the funding which is available to Heldon and Laich members be spent on upgrading our lighting and power supply on the square and at the toilets.

9- Councillors Updates:

Bridget advised the meeting that SurfABLE Scotland were in a position to move forward again with the project following a very busy spell.

10- Treasurer's Update:

The meeting agreed that Erin Harris be invited to check and sign off the annual accounts before the next meeting. They will then be sent to Moray Council. The meeting thanked Gina for all her hard work on this huge task.

11 Quiz night

Our fund raise quiz night will be at the RNA Club on Friday the 29 September at 7.30pm. Preparations are well underway for this fund raise event.

12 Ramsay MacDonald 100th Anniversary

There is to be a documentary made by Yvonne Findlay to commemorate the event it will be screened in the town hall on 8th of December and then at Eden Court in January. The community council agreed we should try to involve schools in this civic occasion and host an event at the memorial on the 22 January 2024. Carolle to meet with Iona and Yvonne soon to discuss. Agreed that if the Communities and Fisheries Museum and Heritage Association could be involved that would be most welcome.

14- Planning Issues: Nothing this month.

Gina has offered to be part of the planning group for now as we are short of numbers.

15- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 16 October 7pm at Marine Park, thereafter on zoom over the winter months.