

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 15 April 2024**

Date: Monday 15 April 2024

Time: 19:00

Location: Marine Park Pavilion

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland Gina McNicoll Kirsty Middleton Peter White, Marian Evans, James Allan John Cowe Fiona Birse Joanne Wood, Joan Cowe Nathan Mansefield

Apologies: Kristi Lunt Dave Walker Neil Cameron, Bridget Mustard Louise McBride

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

No police representatives present. Some reports of anti social behaviour around the Hythehill area and in Branderburgh. Encouraging those contacting the Facebook page to contact the police on 101.

Once again the need for a youth cafe or youth club facility was raised and it was agreed that this would be an ideal project which needs taken on, the fact that we cannot use the community centre is disappointing as it would ybe ideal. Perhaps the question needs to be raised again as to why there cannot be a youth club at the community centre.

Kirsty advised the group that the Moray Darts Academy is going from strength to strength with 60 youngsters attending on Monday evenings and a waiting list of 40. The club is held at the Football club. Clearly the demand is there and we wish the club well.

RAF Update:

Update from Sarah Riley Evans circulated via email. There has been considerable amount of night flying as the situation in the middle east continues to give cause for concern.

Community Groups Updates

LCDT

Fiona advised the group that there had been a good turn out of enthusiastic volunteers to be involved in the Active Travel Route, 16 have signed up to become trustees which is excellent news. There will be a meeting on the 24 April at which office bearers will be appointed.

Station Park has reached stage 1 funding with land fund and it is hoped the feasibility study will be the next step of the process. Members of the community council have concerns about liability given the flooding in the area and the Trust would not want to be responsible for the harbour wall. These issues will of course be picked up on as part of the study.

Fiona circulated the "blue sky" plan drawn up as a favour by Craig Mackay and the meeting agreed it looked very exciting and showed the potential for the area.

The LCDT AGM is on the 8 May 2024 and the result of the consultancy work with Accelerate will redefine the mission statement of the Trust will hopefully be available then.

The Skatepark is ready to go, £3000 will be required from the Trust, the majority of the fundraising is ongoing and once it is all in place will take 6 weeks to build.

RAF have approached the LCDT to see if they might want to work with them in looking at the

raft race, if operational issues allow it to go ahead.

A new member of staff has been appointed Kate Armitage has a background in youth work and in funding and will be doing 1 day a week as Fiona reduces her hours.

The tourist information centre run by volunteers had its pilot over a very rainy Easter and we look forward to receiving feedback.

2 to 3 Group

Phase 2 of the work has begun on the building.

3- Minutes of March Meeting and matters arising

Local Place Plan, unfortunately Val from the LBA has been unable to take this forward on behalf of the 3 local groups, Carolle will contact Alison at the LCDT to move it forward in the meantime. The high school are keen to feed into the process too.

4 Esplanade Wall

We were thankful to receive the sum of £1451.31 from the councillor's ward fund pot to do the wall. After much discussion about the options, we agreed that Carolle would contact Mikeysline charity as they have commissioned murals on other walls in the north. Mikeysline already do a lot of work in Moray with schools and young people and offer services on line, via text, phone and in person.

5 Car Boot LCC Fundraiser 4 May from 10 to 2pm Lossie town hall

All 23 tables have now been taken and a waiting list is in operation. We will be offering for sale, bacon rolls, butteries, sausage rolls and refreshments. Donations welcome for our stall and for a hamper which we will raffle at the door. Kirsty's Daniel will take orders. All help appreciated on the day.

6 Toilets

All the work has been done on the plumbing side of things, also spotlights set up and handdryer removed in ladies. Gutters still to be done and also the joiner has a few jobs to do. Few teething problems but we seem to be up and running again. The disabled toilet is all replaced and much more hygienic. The bills for this work will be paid for via the Beatrice Fund which Fiona helped us to obtain. All help over Seafest weeks will be appreciated.

7 The Square

The electrician has almost finished replacing the lights on the square and if money permits we will be digging a trench to accommodate the wiring required to enable electricity to go to the Rotary bed at the top of the square. The money for this came from the councillor's ward money.

8 Bin for Green Seas

The meeting agreed we should apply for one of these eye catching bins for disposing of plastic bottles. The bin, is valued at £3800 and would go by the bridge at the beach. We would be obligated to count the bottles for research purposes in the first 4 months and the council would need to agree to collect. Carolle has spoken with the council and that would be no problem. Gina has talked to the school about getting involved.

The issue of the Moray Reach Out recycling bins being used for ordinary rubbish was raised again, they were bright yellow but are now green and despite being labelled the public are still using them for disposing of all rubbish. Carolle has spoken to the charity and has also asked Sharon at the council for an extra bin at Station Park. This has been agreed.

9 Coastal Erosion

The meeting had a lengthy discussion on our concerns about the subject. Gina and Carolle are meeting with Will Burnish and with representatives from the Crown Estate on the East beach on Thursday. The Christmas Tree Project is being discussed and Will has already applied for a marine license for us to move forward on this. We also discussed the state of the west beach walkway and the coastal path by the golf course. The breakwater and the wooden fence which has all but disintegrated by the breakwater on the east beach. Lossie had a consultation event last June which we attended but on the whole was very poorly attended. It was agreed we look at setting up a Taskforce to look at the issue and perhaps ask Will to do a presentation firstly to an open public meeting whereby we could invite people to get involved in such a group.

The meeting agreed that to do nothing would be sad for future generations.

10 Moray Council Road Consultation event

On Thursday from 2.30 to 8pm, all businesses and residents are encouraged along to have their say in the location of the Queen Street crossing by the Coop and the cycle track on Coulardbank Road as well as other proposed yellow lines throughout the town. There has already been lots of interest in the subject. There will also be an online feedback sheet.

11 Defibrillators

Carolle circulated a list of all outside publicly accessible defibs in Lossie. Lily reiterated concerns about the costs of upkeep of the defibs and the replacement of pads but the meeting agreed it was a cost we had to meet somehow. Also who will check them given Yvonne is no longer doing this and not all the machines are from Keiran's legacy. No reply from Sandra as yet about meeting with us. We plan to have a treasure hunt activity for the children whereby they need to hunt the defib in town, this will get parents thinking about the location too. Fiona suggested we could put them in the Trust office over the summer and it could form a summer activity. A prize will be drawn for the two correct entries at the end of the summer.

12 Wheelchair Buggy

No update on where it will be going albeit Maureen thought it might be better placed positioned on the East rather than west beach. The LCDT buggy has been ordered and is to be stored at Gregory Place car park.

Lifebelt on East beach has not been replaced and Bridget says Nicola Moss indicated it will not be replaced. John to follow up. Meeting agreed CC would fund one for the beach if Moray council funds the replacement which was taken out to sea, on the first big tide only days after being put in situ.

Correspondence:

Locality Management Group for Health chair Ian Macdonald has asked to meet with Carolle to

discuss how they can move forward in Lossie with digital health.

Alistair Davidson from Moray Council has asked for a meeting to discuss how we can enable care experienced young people in Lossie to be represented and involved in our community. Carolle meeting with him on Friday.

Carolle and Peter talked to M Connect and have invited the manager to a cc meeting in the future to discuss phase 2 of the project funded by the Moray Growth Deal. Given the issue with buses we really need to maximize the public use of this service.

Community Councilors Issues:

Sweatshirts still not purchased but still on our agenda.

Councillors Updates:

James updated the meeting on his discussions with Lloyds banking group Bank of Scotland about the bank having a presence in the town. As from June there will be a facility in the LCDT office on Friday mornings, hopefully this will be increased in time and the possibility of a banking hub is still being discussed as this initial service does not include cash facility unfortunately.

John has arranged a meeting with the council to meet with the Active Travel Route representatives.

He also advised the group that benches are being prepared by the community service team to be placed near the surgery. Helpful for those waiting on buses.

10- Treasurer's Update:

We received very kind donations from Mr and Mrs Reid and from the Baptist Ladies group. Gina will write to thank them. The toilet kitty looks quite healthy but water rates have gone up and we may need it all for the bills.

14- Planning Issues: Nothing this month.

15- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 20 May 2024 Marine Park 7pm