

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 20 May 2024

Time: 19:00

Location: Marine Park

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Peter White, Debra Duke, Ian Wilkerson, Bridget Mustard, David Walker, Neil Cameron, Kristi Corbett, James Allen, John Mundell (Moray Council), Marian Evans

Apologies: Louise McBride, Gina McNicoll, John Cowe

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

None

Carolle and Tracey (youth worker) met with the local youth to discuss what they want and need in Lossiemouth and their number one item was a youth shelter where they can meet.

Ian Wilkerson mentioned that there is a log cabin on the west coast that was built as a youth shelter and that it's been very successful, he suggested something like this close to the skate park.

RAF Update:

None

Community Groups Updates

LCDT- They have a new staff member, Kate.

2-3 Group- They are onto 2nd phase now. Carolle explained to John Mundell why the hub is being opened and a discussion ensued on why the community centre/high school isn't working for community use.

Men's Shed – They are trying to get another container so that they can have a game and varnishing room. They should not be affected by the budget cuts from the Scottish Government as they are financially independent.

3- Minutes of April Meeting

We have donated £90 to the Carboot.

All work in the Square apart from the trench up the middle that we will need to dig has been completed.

The Roads Consultation was well attended and went well. The high school crossing will be done this summer and it's been noted that there is still no official sign directing cars to the Gregory Place carpark.

The East Beach Wheelchair will be stored at Gregory Place, Surfable Scotland to look after it. We are waiting to hear from Maureen on the West Beach chair.

James has put in the application and paperwork for a Bank Hub but has been told that it will be 12

weeks for a decision.

4- Matters Arising:

Seatown/Canal Bridge: The bridge has been closed by Moray Council due to safety concerns. They do not think that the structure needs to be replaced, just the slats. We are waiting for a quote on the cost to replace the slats.

D-Day Commemoration: Marian and Gerry will raise the flag at Station Park.

Coastal erosion: Carolle and Gina met with golf club, there was a good presentation and the golf club wants to trial the Christmas Tree project working with Moray Council.

The golf club is working to identify safe paths for people to use along the dunes as they are starting to use the golf course due to the state of the coastal path.

They are also going to look at the state of the carpark, we will be meeting again in two months to discuss it.

Campervans: We have been told that the Beach Hut is soliciting fees for campervans at West Beach, they are saying that they are collecting for Moray Council.

We have queried the public toilets at the Beach Hut, it is part of their lease that they need to be accessible for the public.

Marian is checking on the QR codes for the campervan signs and has suggested that we might need an overnight parking charge for Station Park.

We do not have the funds to do anything to provide facilities for campervans.

There is a facility in Burghead for campervan waste disposal. Marian will speak to Will Burnish about signs directing campervans to this facility.

JCC- We need someone to attend a meeting about the admin grant set-up. They are looking at how it is divided up, per Debra Duke the funding hasn't been increased since 2010.

Elections will be held in October 2025, Moray Council needs to do a review/consultation report before then. It should be started this summer and boundaries will be reviewed, if not we can request a review of the boundaries.

The Community Support Survey needs to be completed. We have been asked to share the Community Learning and Development plan on Facebook.

Bus Services: Stagecoach is no longer considered a service but is considered a business they can cancel services as they need or want to for business purposes. They have lost a lot of drivers and the youth bus passes are their biggest reason for leaving.

M.Connect manager wants to come to one of our meetings to discuss the service.

RAF reception: Carolle and Lily plus one more will attend.

Local Place Plan: The plan is in progress the LBA, LCDT and LCC are working on it together. Moray Council is unsure if it will be considered.

Lifebelt East Beach: As a follow-up from a meeting last summer with RNLI, John Cowe and Carolle. Moray Council is not willing to replace the lifebelt until they know who is responsible for the belts, this is the river side lifebelt.

The Community Council Lifebelt will be on the beach side.

Esplanade wall: The cleaning is being done by criminal justice teams, Carolle has suggested that if it's not done in two weeks that we ask for volunteers.

Defibrillators: The defib from St. Geradine's has been moved to the United Free Church. Keiran's Legacy has told us that there is a defib on the golf course by the water tower that is not on our lists. The greens keepers have the code for it. The football club will not be moving their defib outside. It's going to cost £200 per unit annually for maintenance, we will need approx. £1000 per year to maintain the ones we are responsible for. We will meet with Sandra from Keiran's Legacy to discuss the defibs.

Toilets: The work is almost complete, we are just waiting for the bills to come in. Community Council may have to cover any costs excess to the grant. We've secured a second bin for the summer but we will need to empty it.

5- Correspondence:

LCDT has asked for assistance in funding a new telescope for Station Park, the cost is £10,000. We have discussed this and feel that it is a low priority item for the community council after the canal bridge, toilets, sea wall and lifebelts. We would need more information on the cost and benefits for the community council, we support the idea but need more information.

The library services have contacted us about volunteers for library services. Peter is happy to help with and volunteer.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Marian- There will be litter picks on the 31st. East Beach in the morning and West Beach in the evening.

7- Councilors Updates:

James- The Premier Shop is looking at the possibility of taking on the post office.

8- Treasurers Report:

We are in good shape financially; a detailed report will be given at the next meeting.

9- Chairman's Updates:

The Ukraine Appeal is still on going, Maureen is willing to take some donations at Unique.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 17 June 2024, 19:00 at Marine Park Stotfield Rd, Lossiemouth IV31 6QP