

**Lossiemouth Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: 16 Sept 2024**

**Time: 19:00**

**Location: Marine Park Pavilion**

**Chair: Carolle Ralph**

**Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Peter White, Robin Paterson (Moray Council), Debra Duke, John Cowe, Dave Walker, Kristi Corbett, Alison Read, Neil Cameron, Marian Evans, James Allan**

Apologies: Louise McBride, Gina McNicoll, Kirsty Middleton, Bridget Mustard

**Agenda:**

**1- Police Update:**

No police representative. We did receive an email from the police looking for feedback on having a quarterly meeting with a community council representative rather than having them try to attend the monthly meetings, we all agreed this would be a good idea.

Per Debra Duke there should be a community safety report involving the local safety services.

**RAF Update:** We were contacted to see if there were any community events that the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland could play at on Fri 25 Oct or Mon 27 Oct, unfortunately we don't have any events that would be suitable.

**Moray Council:**

**Debra Duke**

The Moray Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils is up for review the first consultation is now open and will close 23 October.

One of the things that will be looked at is the Community Council boundaries, we could propose that other areas such as Covesea join the Lossiemouth Community Council area.

We can respond with any policies that we think are missing or need to be amended.

We have asked for clarification and smoothing out of the complaint's procedure as well and clarification on secretary vs minutes secretary.

JCC Admin Grant Committee- Of the proposed options Gina has suggested that the following would best suit us:

Increase basic allowance and decrease amount per capita. The current formula is each CC receives £500 plus 7.25pence per population. If the basic allowance increased this would raise the admin grant received for those smaller, more rural CCs.

Request that the cost of the hire of halls for those CCs without access to a free Moray Council venue, is paid for by Moray Council over and above the admin grant. Many of the halls that CCs now pay for used to be free venues. This is not the case for all though as some CCs choose to use venues for other reasons.

It was agreed by the members present that these are the best choices for us.

John Cowe suggested that the room hire fee could be added into the admin grants.

Carolle proposed that the Treasurers should also receive a stipend, Kristi, Dave, and Lily all seconded this.

**Robin Patterson:** Robin is the new Community Sports Hub Development Officer.

They are looking to develop a Sports Hub in Lossie, Allison discussed the history of the sports hub with the LCDT which has folded due to funding dwindling.

Sports Scotland has a new approach, Changing Lives Initiative, which will be more inclusive and varied.

Neil questioned how broad the definition of Sports is and Robin said it is very broad right now as they are looking at activity influencing mental health.

Robin is looking at a partnership approach with other community groups to engage with the community again.

The biggest suggestion he has given is that we need a community space for the youth. Robin has said that he will investigate taster sessions with Active Sports in Lossiemouth and that he is happy to come to future meetings.

### **Community Groups Updates**

**LCDT:** Thanked the Community Council for their donation towards the telescope. The event for launching the telescope was very successful.

They are still looking for housing for the beach wheelchair.

The Local Place Plan survey has closed. Carolle will meet with Alison to discuss the survey.

### **3- Minutes of August Meeting**

Keiran's legacy will not be getting the funds we are holding them in a trust to use towards the defibrillators.

The Broadband dead spots workshop is all day which we feel is too long. We have asked Debra to invite Sandra McCallum to our October meeting to discuss it all.

Neil has worked with the Golf Club, and they will empty the bin although they do not feel it is their responsibility. He did suggest removing the bin all together and they were not in favour of that.

Marian has not had an update or response from McLaughlin and Harvey.

### **4- Matters Arising:**

**Sub-Groups:** These are groups that we already have in place and are now formalizing.

Resilience Sub-Group- Kristi proposed that we formalize this group, Lily and Carolle seconded the motion.

Gardening Sub-Group – Kristi proposed that we formalize this group, Lily and Carolle seconded the motion.

**End of Financial Year:** The Community Council has agreed to approach Ms. Harris to do the end of year financial and to pay the £30 fee.

**Curry Night:** The Curry Night was a successful event, and we've had many requests for another one.

**Toilets:** The toilets will close at the end of October.

**Beetle Drive:** Lily has the tickets and the list of names; Janet will be catering for the event.

**Play Parks:** Upon inspection from Moray Council, it's been found The Beach Bar play area on Commerce Street need to have the climbing frames and swing sets replaced due to corrosion, they are being monitored but we be removed by the end of the autumn. Moray Council hopes to allocate funds in the 2025/2026 budget to replace these items as they are not reparable. They are looking for someone from the Community Council to be part of the consultancy and Gina is happy to be involved with it.

**Co-Op:** Contacted us asking if we wanted to apply for their community grant for one of our projects. Carolle applied for funds towards the Soup and Sweet.

**Riff Raff production:** They are a company working with the high school and are concentrating on Arts and Well Being with their project Between the Mountains and the Sea. They will have many events over the school year and are looking for community support.

**Canal Bridge:** Alison has information on a kit bridge from Beaver Bridges that would be under £5000, she will look into costing, this could be a solution to the bridge repairs/replacement.

**The Square:** Criminal Justice will be digging the trench to the top bed.

**The Wall:** Mikey's Line is happy to hep us, the cost will be £1100-1400 depending on the design. The wall will need to be cleaned and base coated before they could start. We would need to cover the cost of transport and accommodation for the artist. Carolle proposed we do this and Kristi and Lily seconded.

**Flower Show:** The time for the flower show has changed. Carolle has proposed a £50 donation to the flower show and Kristi and Lily seconded this.

#### **5- Correspondence:**

The Community Centre bus stop will be moved from the zig zag lines and new lights.

St Gers is being inspected and have us to fill in a form, Carolle has said she will do this.

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

Dave has asked about a defib map, Alison will check on it, TSI community maps might have them.

#### **7- Councilors' Updates:**

*John-* There is no movement forward on the golf course benches.

*Neil-* has met with the golf club about the Active Travel Routs, the new captain seems willing to engage in discussions.

*James –* The bank bus is back.

#### **8- Treasurers Report:**

**9- Chairman's Updates:** None

**10- Planning Issues:** None

**11- Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 19:00. Will be held at Marine Park on Stotfield Road, Lossiemouth.