

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: 21 Oct 2024

Time: 19:00

Location: Marine Park

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Lily Mulholland, Peter White, Alison Read, Steve Robertson (Moray Council), John Cowe, Dave Walker, Gina McNicoll, Kristi Lunt, Carolle Ralph, Louise McBride, James Allan, Tracey Robbie (Youth Worker)

Apologies: Marian Evans, Bridget Mustard

Agenda:

RAF Update: Sarah Riley-Evans has changed posts and is working on finding out if she will still be our liaison or if the position will move to someone else. For now, we will still contact her and she'll route the information to the correct person or department.

Moray Council:

Steve Robertson from Moray Council attended the meeting to discuss the m.Connect bus service and upcoming changes to the service.

This service is not to replace Stagecoach or compete with it, the goal is to help connect people to other established transport services, they are looking to reduce transport barriers.

They have three vehicles assigned to the Elgin/Lossiemouth area for the door-to-door service, this can be booked via the app or over the phone.

Phase 2 will be launching soon and part of this will be a scheduled service (the 333 service) to connect Lossiemouth/Hopeman/Burghead as this has been identified as a needed connection by Moray Council. This service will run 7:50-18:00 Mon-Fri with 7 roundtrips a day, the service will launch 1 April 2025.

Tracey Robbie: Tracey asked about the anti-social behaviour and drug use in schools and with the youth. Louise explained that the school is not acknowledging that there are issues and that we need the schools to work with us.

Tracey wants to find ways to get to the youth but is struggling because the school won't engage on the topic. James has suggested that we speak to Kathleen Robertson about the issues of the school not engaging and we have decided to form a sub-committee to discuss the issues.

Community Groups Updates:

LCDT: The Community Bus Fund is opening 22 Oct 2024; the first lot of funding will go to Marine Park for the putting green. Other community groups are able to apply for funding for local projects.

The trust has a collection tin for the toilets as they get many visitors asking to donate.

The Defib map was published today.

The next open LCDT meeting will be on 4 November.

Fiona Conti, Carolle and Neil will be having an initial meeting with the golf course.

2-3 Group: The 2-3 Group hosted a very successful open day with many new faces visiting. The Hub will be hosting a Christmas Event on 14 December.

Men's Shed: They are now up to 35 members. They recently visited the RAF Museum which was very much enjoyed by those who went.

They are working on projects for the Christmas Fayre.

3- Minutes of September Meeting:

Update: It was Janice not Janet who provided the catering for the Beetle Drive.

Canal Bridge: No update, Marian is still to follow up with the Army.

4- Matters Arising:

Remembrance Day: Lily is working on her display, we will meet to discuss ways for the rest of the community to be involved, stones would be a good way.

Lily will lay the wreath at the parade.

LCC Scheme of Establishment: We have agreed to the proposal to extend our boundaries to include the homes up to Gordonstoun Brae.

Muirton Junction: Members of the public are asking what we can do about this junction. We need to find out if there are any traffic calming measures that can be put into place. We will write an official letter to Moray Council asking what they have planned to reduce the accidents and near misses at the intersection.

Beetle Drive- Town Hall donation: The event was successful with over 80 attendees; it was an enjoyable event, and we have been asked to do another one that is open to a larger audience.

Gina proposed a £100 donation to the Town hall using the rest of the pensioners' fund and additional funding from other community council funds, Lily and Carolle seconded this.

Year End Financials: The reports are being submitted for auditing and finalization. Once they are back Gina will submit them to Debra Duke.

Accounts from October 23 till Sept 24

Opening balance. 23199.87

Income: Admin grant. 1093.20

Grants. 8393.51

Fundraiser/donations. 3504.16

Toilets/campervans. 4268.65

Closing Balance. 25,597.37

Charismas Committee: Kristi has proposed that we form a Christmas sub-committee as our events have become annual. Lily and Carolle seconded this proposal.

Square Christmas Lights: We will be planning the Christmas trees in barrels this year to hopefully help them stand up to the winds better. The committee is speaking to Pitgaveny about a donation of a large Christmas Tree, the tree would be needed for mid-November.

Craft Fayre: This is for local, small crafters. The Lossie United Football Club will be doing the cakes and coffees out of the café. The event will be 1st December 12-4 with the Christmas Lights on the square turned on about 4.

Christmas Extravaganza: Will be held 8 Dec 12:00-16:00, the event will be cheap and cheerful like it has been in the past. Groups are already taking spots.

Zoom: We will be moving back to Zoom meetings starting with the November meeting.

5- Correspondence:

We have had no updates on the cemetery toilets, Carolle will chase it up.

Moray Council removed the fencing at the toddlers' play park as it was deemed dangerous.

Beach Bar Park- Some of the installations will be removed due to advanced state of disrepair. Moray Council is looking to form a steering committee next year for community consultation on is wanted in the Lossie parks.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Lily has asked the councillors to look into what can be done about the abandoned cars on King Street at James Square as they have been there for weeks.

7- Councilors' Updates:

James: the criteria for banking hubs have changed and he is waiting for a new meeting to discuss a banking hub.

The Pensioner's Christmas Dinner will be 16 Dec at the Stotfield.

John: He will speak to Pitgaveny about the Christmas tree for the square. He has also let us know that Bridget will be attending Lossiemouth Remembrance Services.

8- Treasurers Report:

See finances above.

9- Chairman's Updates:

Moray Council Budget Consultation is out, please see the email.

We have had concerns about the breakwater raised again. Specifically, the state of it and the lack of actions and repairs from Moray Council.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 18 November 2024, 19:00 over Zoom.