

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 18th February 24

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll, Marian Evans, Dave Walker, Bridget Mustard, Peter White, Alison Read, John Cowe, James Allan, Neil Cameron Kirsty Middleton, Louise McBride Andrea Dowds

Apologies: Kristi Lunt,

Agenda:

Police Update:

Info received at the JCC meeting from Mike McKenzie who is the new Division Inspector. They are reviewing the reporting format and would welcome feedback. Ideally would like to attend more Community Council meeting but resources and volume of work does not always permit

Setting up a new subgroup to work on local issues a quarterly basis

and hopefully members of this group will liaison with Community Councils perhaps on a quarterly basis

RAF Update:

Andrea Dowds is our new point of contact. The station is very busy at moment. Planning a veteran's event in December. Working with Police Scotland on Safe driving initiative

Raf are going to talk to their personnel as regards Muirton junction.

(I have asked Andrea to send me her info by email as I may have missed some points) Will send it out when received

Community Groups Updates

LCDT: Groups can now apply for funding from the Bus Trust fund. Can be £500 to £1500

Working on the Community Garden Project. Have received £1800 in funding for plantes in square to be situated beside the seats

Station Park playpark: In discussion with Moray Council as regards self-funded upgrade to that area working in partnership with the Beach bar project. Important note NO money from MC as regards Station Park project

LCDT and LCC to meet up in new year to discuss playparks further

Active travel route. Ongoing discussion with golf club and they are constructive. More meetings to follow

Green keepers' sheds are on MOD land leased by the golf club. They have contacted RAF Lossiemouth to discuss further

All active route proposals will be discussed with members of the Moray golf club council .

Proposal for Golf club council members to be invited to “walk” the proposed route to see for themselves how little of their golf course would be impacted by the Active travel route. Update from Neil Cameron)

2-3 Group:

The chairlift for the hub building had to be returned as sizing incorrect. Awaiting a new delivery date .

Community fridge/freezer been installed

Saturday 14th December: Community Christmas afternoon – free entry open to all.

Santa, children's activities, refreshments.

Social space furniture has arrived and being assembled

Confidence to Cook – 5-week course working with families

Men's Shed: Still being well attended. Possible there will be 3 more signed up

Project to provide a Christmas present to those children who will be in hospital on Christmas day.

Asked if LCC could make a small donation £50 agreed

- Minutes of October Meeting

The minutes were accepted and agreed on.

- Matters Arising:

Seatown Bridge / Sea wall

Marian approached 39 squadron regarding helping with these projects.

The squadron are very busy and carrying out many operational assignments. They would consider our projects BUT it may be a bit in the future and there would be costs associated with it.

Have suggested, if possible, to get an estimate of costs as it may not be financially viable

James square Christmas lights:

Christmas trees will be delivered on Monday 25th. Criminal justice team on board to help erect the trees. The large tree from Pitgaveny estates will be donated yearly.

Trees from Christies will be delivered also on Monday. Total cost of the 5 trees was £100

Hope to switch on lights after the Christmas fayre

Christmas Fayre : To be held on Sunday December 1st . We have 20 unique craft stalls. LCC will have a lucky dip stall. All proceeds will go towards Christmas Extravaganza and payment for the Town Hall

Christmas Extravaganza

To be held on December 8th Family fun 32 children already booked for Santa. Always looking for volunteers

Library Closures: Just been announced that there is a high possibility that 7 libraries in Moray may be closed. This is still to be discussed by Moray Council councillors
A meeting was organised in the community centre which was well attended by families' organisations who use the library. Petitions are being distributed around Lossiemouth and LCC have written to all our representatives MP/MSP/Councillors /Moray council objecting to these closures. Everyone encouraged to complete the survey online and contact their local councillors MSP/MP

5- Change of Bank

The Bank of Scotland will begin in February to charge LCC for their bank account Gina (Treasurer) will approach the Royal Bank of Scotland to see whether we can move to them. One main reason is that they do have a mobile bank in Lossiemouth and provide a coin sorting machine which is very useful for the small coins we receive as donations for the toilets

- Community Councilors Issues: None

Correspondence. Email from Will Burnish as regards Christmas Tree project. We hope to be able to do a pilot project early next year. We will require some able-bodied helpers

- Councilors Updates:

James Allan: Banking Criteria changed . Awaiting new meeting date

Post office: Premier store very keen to operate a sub post office. Have been in contact

with the post office and the franchise will be posted.

Mobile Royal Bank of Scotland: James approached bank requesting if mobile van could come to Lossiemouth more frequently.

John Cowe. The west beach carpark is in a very bad state. Large hole

Neil Cameron Update on Active travel route as above

Peter White. Christmas Church services

Sunday 15th December - Christmas Songs of Praise Lossiemouth Parish Church 2.30pm

Friday 20th December - Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman Men's Group Carol Service

Duffus Kirk 7pm

Sunday 22nd December - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Lossiemouth Parish Church 10.30am

Sunday 22nd December - Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman Blue Christmas Service Hopeman Church 7.30pm

Christmas Eve - Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman Light Service Hopeman Church 6pm

Christmas Eve - Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman Watchnight Service Spynie Kirk 11.15pm

Christmas Eve - Lossiemouth Parish Church Watchnight Service 11.15pm

Christmas Day - Lossiemouth Parish Church Christmas Service 10am

Christmas Day - Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman Christmas Service 10.30am

Sunday 29th December - Elders' Service Lossiemouth Parish Church 10.30am

Sunday 5th January - United New Lossiemouth Area Service Hopeman Church 10.30am

LBA (Alison Read)

Requested update on yellow lines

Some changes at the square had been missed and report will have to be reviewed and updated. John Cowe has a copy of the report and will distribute

From 23rd Nov thru to December 7th will be the Prize Elf Trail to encourage more people to shop locally. You will be entered into a prize draw when you buy locally at any of the participating shops

Saturday 7th December will be the Small Business Day.

Anti-social behaviour:

A moray wide anti-social team been set up Reviewing the stats from all over Moray.

Still major concerns at Elgin bus station

Stagecoach have donated a bus for the young people of Elgin to use as a safe place.

Should schools be lit up Mixed opinions as to how effective it would be to reduce anti-social behaviour

Community Wardens

There are now 4 in Moray. Donna Jamieson covers Lossiemouth. will be invited to next meeting

JCC.

Carolle and Gina attended. Not many community councils there.
JCC gave their support against closure of Libraries.

- Treasurers Report:

This is what we have in our active project's buckets

Admin. 394.74
Toilets 3035.21
Gardens. 786.71
Resilience. 2401.39
Square project. 1142.40
LCC Projects 3847.06
Wall project 1451.31
Defib 700
Santa. 27.00

- Chairman's Updates:

The number of accidents at the Muirton junction has been raised to Moray Council They are reviewing the situation.

Topics covered as above

Planning Issues:

None

- Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday January 20th via Zoom. 7pm