

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: 20 January 2025

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Peter White, Neil Cameron, Donna Jamieson (Community Warden), James Allan, Allison Read, Lily Mulholland, Kristi Lunt, Bridget Mustard, Louise McBride, John Cowe, Marian Evans

Apologies: Kirsty Middleton

Agenda:

1- Police and Community Warden Update: Donna Jamieson is the community warden for Lossiemouth, Findhorn, Kinloss and Forres, they will be handling the low-level offences that police do not have the time to handle. In Moray Parking is still a police issue, it is the only council in Scotland where it is still a police matter.

RAF Update: No update

Community Groups Updates:

LCDT: The Local Place Plan is the current priority.

They will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday from 10-12.

They have about £1800 for the community garden planters in James Square

3- Minutes of November Meeting

The post office is to remain open indefinitely.

4- Matters Arising:

Coastal Erosion West Beach: No update from Moray Council, still waiting on costs and the extend of the damage. With the closure of the Beach Hut there are no public toilets for the West Beach, we will need to look into solutions.

Christmas Tree project: The RAF Lossiemouth Conservation Officer contacted us and has offered to help get the trees onto the beach and with the planting.

Bob Alexander is donating the services of someone to dig the trench with the micro digger which is also being donated to do the work. We are looking at 7 Feb to do the digging and planting. We are asking the Rotary, RAF and the Community Service group to help that day. The Youth Eco Committee 2-3 Group has received an eco grant and will purchase the fencing and maris grass needed for the project.

Marian asked if the LCDT can help with signs explaining the project when it is finished and with keep out signs which will be needed immediately. Allison will look into getting signs and funding.

Carolle spoke with the group doing the coastal work for the golf club and they seemed positive about the project. Moray council is keen to see if it works.

Gina proposed using some of our funds to provide refreshments on the 7th, Kristi and Carolle both seconded this.

Sea wall: Work will begin on the mural on 21st April if we can get the wall cleaned and base coated. We will need to provide accommodation for the artist.

Bins and litter: It is on Grampian Housing to service the bins at St Margaret's Crescent. The lanes and other problem areas should all be cleaned by the end of the week. Donna Jamieson will raise the St Margarets Crescent issue as a Health and Safety and Environmental issue.

Canal bridge: We still haven't found a joiner, Spynie Heritors have agreed to pay for the materials. Carolle will contact other joiners and builders, including Tullochs.

James Square: We have not been able to figure out why the lights keep going off. Ian is trying to get to the bottom of it.

Lily is planning on overhauling 2 of the large areas around the benches.

Planning events for year ahead: Brainstorming session, we will set up 1 hour on Zoom for an evening in Feb.

Playparks Project: There will be funding to upgrade Beach Bar playpark, the swings and climbing frames will be removed due to corrosion. There will be a public consultation going out for the Beach Bar and Station Park playparks.

Craft fayre/ Christmas extravaganza: This year we are looking to do a weekend event and have it the last weekend in November.

5- Correspondence:

We've had queries about the memorial benches, we need to refer people to Grant Speed at Moray Council and the cost is £900 per James Allan.

Susan Johns from NHS Grampian has contacted us about forming local ice crews, we have said that this is not something that we have capacity for. She wants to discuss the digital health appointments; we do not have a confidential space for these and Marian asked why the medical centre cannot provide the space.

6- Community Councilors' Issues:

Lily asked a meeting with Keiran's Legacy, Carolle said that she is trying to organise a meeting but she was unable to meet with the in December when they offered.

7- Councilors' Updates:

James: he had another meeting about the banking hub and they will be coming to Lossie to look around as we now meet the criteria for a hub, Huntly and Forres both received theirs as trials.

John: The Moray Council Budget will be on 26 Feb, there is still a substantial amount that needs to be cut.

8- Treasurers Report:

The end of year books have been checked and accepted. Gina has suggested to Moray Council that the end of the community council financial year be changed to align with the Moray Council budget year. Our budget is looking very healthy.

As of 31 Dec:

Total funds. £25,691.45

Unrestricted. £ 3127.03

Restricted. 22,564.42

9- Chairman's Updates:

Carolle is looking to meet with the new head teacher at Lossiemouth High School about the issues between the high school and community.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 17 Feb 2025 over Zoom