

Minutes

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| 21 January 2014, 7.30 at Community Centre | | | |
| Chair: | | Mike Mulholland | |
| Attendees | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna Milne, Anna-Mary Overing, Maureen Garden, John Smart, Malcolm Edwards, Stuart Crowther, Adrian Barksby, PC Tony Phillips, Cllr Eric McGillivray, Cllr John Cowe, Cllr Allan Wright, Tim Stanning, Sheila Forbes (secy) Kenneth Simpson, Sheila Gorman, Annette Stewart. Alison Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell (members of the public) | | | |
| Apologies | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Chris Tuke, Lynn Wood, Carolle Ralph, Tim Betts, Tracey Rae | | | |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | |
| 1. Police Update | <p>PC Tony Phillips attended and spoke to the Report previously submitted by Sgt Angela McCarthy and attached to these Minutes. Cllr McGillivray suggested that the Police should be commended for their excellent work over the past two months, agreed by all.</p> <p>John Smart asked if the bus shelter at the Co-op had been the subject of vandalism. It did not appear in the current report so it was not clear how/when the damage had occurred.</p> <p>Tim Betts, Community Warden, had submitted his Report. He was unable to attend the meeting, so Mike read the Report (attached to these Minutes). There followed a discussion about the ongoing problem of dog fouling. It was hoped that more could be done to address this problem.</p> | | |
| 2. Public Discussion | <p>Kenneth Simpson, Chair of Lossie United addressed the meeting. He has concerns about the impact of the Moray Council's Sports and Leisure Review on the Club. He outlined the costs incurred by the Club in improving the facilities in the playing fields, the main one being £25,000 to erect the fence. Other Clubs get grants from the SFA but Lossie did not. There are around 30 people of footballing age involved in the</p> | | |

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| | | <p>Club and Kenneth is looking for support from the Community Council. Mike agreed that it was a great facility and that the town needed a Jnr Football club. He asked Kenneth whether his Club was represented at the Community Meeting held in November and advised him of the forthcoming event on 26 February. Cllr Wright was unable to comment at present as the Review is ongoing.</p> <p>Alison Mitchell asked why no assessment had been done to ascertain the impact of the Flood Alleviation Works in Elgin. Cllr Wright undertook to take this comment to the Flood Alleviation Committee and report back to Ms Mitchell and the LCC. There followed a discussion about the recent high tides and the damage which has been caused to both East and West Beaches. Mr Mitchell believes that the river mouth is silting up because the wooden bulwark on the East Beach has never been repaired.</p> | AW |
| 3. | Minutes of Last Meeting | The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed. | |
| 4. | Matters Arising | <p>a) East Beach Bridge – this is an ongoing issue for the LCC and will be added to the LCC Action Plan as a top priority. Mr Mitchell believes the Moray Council should own the bridge as it had previously been owned by the Lossiemouth Town Council. Mike informed Mr Mitchell that a previous Community Councillor had done extensive research into the ownership of the bridge but had not been able to find any proof of ownership. Apparently there may be an issue around records being lost during the transition between the various Moray Local Authorities. The issue of ownership is fundamental to future maintenance of the bridge. Cllr Cowe will provide a copy of the Survey Report done on 15 December 2012 for the next LCC meeting.</p> <p>b) Cycle Track – Mike has recently spoken to Richard Lochhead and Angus Robertson on the subject. Both are keen to support. Janet Trythall has been in correspondence with the LCC and would be happy to attend a meeting and advise</p> | JC |

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| | | <p>any sub-group formed. Mike to liaise.</p> <p>c)Stuart informed the meeting that the website is now in place and the address is www.Lossiecc.org.uk</p> <p>d)Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that he believes the Ponderosa café at the West Beach will be open in the Spring and that the disabled toilets will be fixed.</p> <p>He has also had meetings with Lt Col Tim Marsden, OC Kinloss Barracks and Gp Capt Mark Chappell, OC RAF Lossiemouth. Both are happy to be involved with the Community.</p> | <p>MM</p> <p>SC</p> |
| 5. | Correspondence | <p>i) Mike read out a letter from the Town Hall Management Committee and our reply. After discussion, it was agreed that the LCC will continue to meet at the Community Centre (another community facility) and Mike will write to inform.</p> <p>The rest of the correspondence discussed is in the Lossiecc email yahoo account.</p> <p>ii)Stuart Crowther has agreed to submit a piece to the Lossie Local, submission date 24/1/14</p> <p>iii)Presentation by Jim Mackie. Bear's Head is outwith the remit of the LCC's boundary although Mike believes Mr Mackie feels any problem at the Bear's Head will ultimately affect Lossie. Mike to inform Mr Mackie</p> <p>iv) Responses to Alastair Kennedy re tsiMoray. Stuart informed the meeting that Carolle is willing to respond on behalf of the LCC collectively. This was agreed.</p> <p>Mike remarked on how much correspondence is received by the LCC and in particular the amount of Reports for consideration. He asked that anyone with a particular interest in any of the topics should read and report back to the LCC members.</p> | <p>MM</p> <p>SC</p> <p>MM</p> <p>CR</p> |
| 6. | Treasurers Report | <p>Tim confirmed that he is now a signatory for the LCC account along with Mike. Carolle will also be added, as Vice Chair</p> | <p>TS</p> |

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| 7. | Community Feedback | Nothing received from members of the public for discussion at this meeting. Public attendees' issues discussed at the beginning of this meeting. | |
| 8. | Reports | | |
| | a) Local Councillor(s) | <p>Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that he has heard from the RAF Raft Race Liaison Officer and Harbourmaster that the best date for the Raft Race this year is 27 July. It was acknowledged that this is early. Cllr Cowe then went on to outline events being considered by the Chamber of Commerce to coincide with the Raft Race weekend. It will be called SEAFEST and it is hoped there will be a dinner on the Friday night, the Harbour Day on the Saturday with a concert at night. Then possibly a church service on the Sunday morning before the Race. There will be a meeting with all concerned in the Raft Race organisation in February. In addition, Cllr Cowe will ask Marjory McLennan, Chamber of Commerce, to attend an LCC meeting with more details as time goes on.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe has been in contact with Smith's Gore regarding the damage at the West Beach and also the area near the caravan park at the East Beach.</p> <p>He has been made aware of problems at Imlach Way which he has contacted Moray Housing about.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe read out an email from Stephen Cooper, TMC, regarding the situation with the seawall at Lossiemouth. It appears there are concerns about the forthcoming spring tides which are forecast to be 0.6m higher than has been experienced recently. This prompted much discussion around the table. Part of the funding for the repair of the seawall came from the Scottish Government and runs out by the end of the current financial year. It could not be ringfenced for use later in the year.</p> <p>Cllr McGillivray thinks that the date set for the Raft Race may clash with the Hopeman Gala Week.</p> | JC |

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| | | <p>Cllr Wright informed the meeting that the Council Budget will be set on 11th February. It will be a holding budget as the Education and Leisure Reviews are still ongoing.</p> | |
| | b) Community Council Sub Group | No reports | |
| | c) Chair | <p>1) The Constitution is ready for signature. Mike will forward to Tracey.</p> <p>2) Action Plan Mike outlined the main issues which will form the Action Plan and to be discussed at each meeting. These are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued association and co-operation with the community clubs and groups • Repair of the bridge • The formation of a cycle track, between Lossie and Hopeman • Extension of the Raft Race day <p>3) Feedback to Community Groups following meeting held on 6 November. The LCC held an extra meeting on 3 December to discuss the outcome of the community meeting and the way ahead. The recurring themes all seem to be around better communication between all groups and a central point of contact. Keeping a diary in the Library was suggested, and Denise Gormley has been liaising with the Library to take this forward. Should it go ahead, Tim has agreed to check the diary is up to date.</p> <p>Another suggestion was to put a sign up on the A96 to advertise Lossie. However, it was felt that Bear Scotland might have a problem with this.</p> <p>Also, it was suggested that a register of equipment owned by various groups could be kept to enable sharing.</p> <p>The CSU will send out the meeting report to all participants but have asked that Mike provide a letter highlighting the main points.</p> <p>4) Mike informed the meeting that there is a need for better communication with the community through social media and it was</p> | <p>MM</p> <p>TS</p> <p>MM</p> |

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| | | <p>decided (in his absence) that Stuart should take this on!</p> <p>5) Mike asked if we could be informed of any funding schemes available to assist the LCC in the future. Cllr McGillivray advised that you first need a project and a cohesive business plan.</p> <p>Mike reminded the meeting that he intends to ask Jim Grant from TMC to come to the next meeting to give advice on the management of the Towns Partnership Fund.</p> <p>6)Mike informed the meeting that he met with Gp Capt Mark Chappell, Stn Cdr, RAF Lossiemouth, in the company of local Councillors. He told the Stn Cdr about our meeting with the Clubs and Associations and what our aims were, and stated that this community should expect a close relationship with its Air Station due to the fight put up by them to save the base from closure. Gp Capt Chappell agreed.</p> <p>Mike also commented that it seems that Sarah Riley-Evans, although holding the position of Community Liaison Officer, does not have the time to liaise with the community by attending Community Council meetings !!</p> <p>7) It was agreed that the next social get-together would be a BBQ in the summer, possibly to coincide with the annual litter-pick.</p> | <p>SC</p> <p>MM</p> |
| 9. | Planning Issues | <p>Anna-Mary informed the meeting that the Pumping Station plans have been withdrawn and that the coastal path repairs would now go ahead following resubmission of the plans.</p> | |
| 10. | The Joint Community Council of Moray | <p>Meeting 13 February, 7pm at the Council Chambers, Elgin. It was agreed that Stuart, Carolle, Anna-Mary and Mike would attend on behalf of the LCC. Malcom might attend also.</p> | <p>SC, CR AMO, MM</p> |
| 11. | AOCB | <p>Mike welcomed Ade Barksby back from deployment. Ade will now become an Associate Member of the LCC and will be our liaison point with RAF Lossiemouth. Ade gave a short brief on events at the Camp this year. The disbandment parade</p> | |

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| | | <p>for 617 and 12 Sqns will be held on 28 March and 617 Sqn will be returning from Afghanistan shortly. It is the Station's 75th anniversary this year and there is a lot of infrastructure work going on to facilitate the arrival of the new Typhoon Sqns.</p> <p>6 Sqn will be arriving in June and 1 Sqn in September along with the stand-up of the Quick Reaction Alert. A third Sqn arrives next April and at the same time the SAR role becomes civilianised and moves to Inverness.</p> <p>Mike informed the meeting that Lynn has now declined to be the secretary and as this is Sheila's last meeting, it leaves the LCC with no secretary. Fortuitously, Alison Mitchell, who was in attendance as indicated previously, offered her services and this was accepted by all. Mike thanked Sheila for stepping in to take on the role of secretary last year.</p> | |
| 12. | Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting | 18 February 2014, 7.30pm, Lossiemouth Community Centre. | |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm