

**Draft Minutes from the Lossiemouth Community Council**  
**21 October 2014 Community Centre**



**Chair:** Mike Mulholland

**Attendees**

- Mike Mulholland, Stuart Crowther, Tim Stanning, Donna Milne, Carolle Ralph, John Smart, Cllr Cowe, Cllr Tuke, PC Keith Munro, Jenny Johnston, John Wood, Adrian Barksby. Public attendees: Mr Robbie Stewart and Mr John Stewart

**Apologies**

- Community Warden Tim Betts, Sgt Steven Carmichael, Anna-Mary Overing, Maureen Garden, Cllr Wright, Cllr McGillivray

Topic	Discussion	Action
<p>1. <b>Welcome/Police Report/Community Warden report</b></p>	<p><b>Chair</b> opened by intimating that SC had taken over duties of Secretary for the time being, with previous secretary now having resigned because of work commitments.</p> <p><b>PC Keith Munro</b> reported 30 crimes committed in the town since last meeting, of which culprits for 19 detected, 11 undetected and 9 are still being followed with positive lines of enquiry.</p> <p>Crimes under investigation include 4 vandalism 1 housebreaking and an unlawful removal of a motorbike plus one drugs case.</p> <p>Vandalism at vacant shop Queen Street and in addition a window smashed on Queen Street (not related). There was an unsuccessful attempt to force open door at Muirton Place. Window of a W car smashed Branderburgh Quay – Corsa vandalised on Fair Ilse Place. There was the removal of a 125cc motorcycle opposite Stotfield Hotel (later recovered). Several motorists reported for speeding. Drugs search executed on Imlach Way &amp; 9 cannabis plants recovered - a male and female reported to PF.</p> <p><b>Chair</b> highlighted kids climbing on garage in James Street near Marine Park - PC Munro will investigate.</p> <p>CR – asked about illegal parking at junction of Queen St and Clifton Road.</p> <p>JC – highlighted the spray painting event at the War Memorial – he will visit Elgin Police HQ to discuss – he asked about 101 and told should calls are put through to local police office.</p> <p>JC - noted there are 8 CCTV cameras in the town – four are currently out of action and were reported two months ago and nothing yet done about them – he will speak to Moray police commander in Elgin – noted that cameras at the Steamboat and Blossoms would have covered war memorial.</p> <p>JJ – Asked about Operation Avon, informed next Operation to begin again shortly (local station will</p>	<p>JJ, SC</p>

		notify her and the secretary of date).	
2.	<b>Local Community Attendees</b>	<p><b>Robbie Stewart</b> – Highlighted to members that on Tuesday, October 4 following exceptionally high tides that raw sewage was being pumped into the river at the canal on upstream side outflow pipe.</p> <p>He explained that had been there for years and used to serve as an overflow. On 4<sup>th</sup> he checked water because sea was high at the bottom of the Brae and there was a 2ft deep cover of brown foam – caused in his opinion by raw sewage being pumped out. He Phoned Scottish Water and still awaiting a reply.</p> <p>Mr Stewart then went to Sepa and highlighted issue – believes sewage pumped in at canal and depositing on high water mark – he checked following morning and it was ‘disgusting’ alongside the caravan park. He phoned Environmental Health who referred him to Sepa – he was also aware that Scottish Water has consented to pumping of raw sewage into canal if water is high.</p> <p>He would like to know the volume of sewage that is being pumped out at this point and why Sepa has given Scottish Water permission to do this.</p> <p>Agreed that SC would raise this matter at the regular meeting with Veolia and Scottish Water on November 4.</p> <p>He will then write to Mr Stewart with the result of that meeting.</p> <p>JC would raise the matter with Environmental Health.</p>	SC, JC
3.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	Noted that Cllr Tuke was in attendance and that SC had passed his apologies - minutes to be altered accordingly.	MM
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Chair</b> - Don Toonen was contacted by chair and apology given – since then Anna Mary has attended meeting so we have had representation on Designing Better Streets.</p> <p>New Water Bowsers now received but not yet used (season is over anyway) - one of the lances snapped on delivery and replacement will be sent.</p> <p>Green Fingers – one maintenance left for this year (Treasurer - they have not yet submitted a bill for August/September @ £90 per month).</p> <p>Letter of thanks to be sent to shops involved in watering plants.</p> <p>New Bins in place by end of March 2015.</p>	Chair, SC

		Flytipping grant – chair will look into that.	
5.	<b>Correspondence</b>	New correspondence was noted - no immediate action required or is already in hand.	SC
6.	<b>Matters from Community Councillors</b>	<p>TS - Co-op closed for fortnight during which area was clear of litter, concern that will not be case after schools return – CR will raise at High School parent association meeting.</p> <p>TS – also highlighted issue with derelict premises in Queen Street 'falling apart and dangerous' as frontage is dropping down - JJ will take that in hand and sort out.</p>	CR, JJ
7.	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	No change from last month.	
8.	<b>Individual Reports</b>	<p>Item A - Chair - LBA updates – Hoped that new Lossiemouth Community Development Trust (LCDT) will take over responsibility of Four Towns funding.</p> <p>JC - met with LBA Chairman – confirmation that CC would agree £10k grant for Marine Park to match FLAG £10k match funding – LBA agreed to that proposal. Added that £5k for coastal path not used, £8k still remains to be spent by March 2015 – LBA Chair insists was agreed to purchase one telescope – if that agree if there is Four Towns money again next year, would coastal path have first call?</p> <p>LBA have been asked to take up two places at LCDDT who will then decide disbursement in future.</p> <p><b>Members agreed</b> that £10k should be allocated from Four Town funding to Marine Park project matching Flag funding – and – if Four Town continues next year disbursement should be through LCDDT.</p> <p>JC added that a formal expression of interest has been expressed on Marine Park and the group are in discussions with officer on proposals to upgrade Tennis Courts. As a result application is being considered for Community Asset Transfer and no legal barriers have been identified. CAT application has been submitted and lease will be £1500 pa but covered by grant, CAT will be complete in 18 to 24 months (so removing any issues over grant funding to Marine Park).</p> <p>Landfill Tax Grant – LCDDT will register for this so issue will taken over by them.</p> <p>JC said that the Ponderosa sub lease now cleared – has been open the last few weeks and public toilets facility at west beach again available.</p> <p>JC and MM attended meeting with Wing Commander Tony Brown re use of all weather pitch at RAF Lossiemouth, this would be important while</p>	

		<p>new facilities are being built at a new Lossiemouth High School.</p> <p>DM - Trust report - LCDT had a presentation from Rory Dutton from Scottish Trusts Association - legal structures were outlined – Trust agreed it will follow a model constitution expected to be ratified at November meeting. Also advice received on how Trust might progress with the Bridge. Sports &amp; Recreation sub-group of Trust has established a framework for Lossiemouth Sports Hub – funding is available to hubs in Moray.</p> <p>SC - reported that the first meeting of the Laich Coast Joint Tourism group had been held, this was formed after discussions SC had with members of the Burghead &amp; Cummington CC. The initial meeting was very constructive with the two CC reps being joined by Hopeman Community Association and interested groups and individual reps. Second meeting will be held in November at which it is hoped to formalise the group.</p> <p>CR - Widespread concern expressed in the town over condition of breakwater at East Beach, adding that action had to be taken as quickly as possible on this as it had become a dangerous situation for residents and businesses along the sea front. Noted that the situation at the West Beach was also becoming critical.</p> <p><b>SC will write</b> to Moray Council formally expressing our concerns and seeking a meeting between Council officials, local councillors and community councillors to discuss situation.</p> <p>CR - Cemetery – increasing traffic and expansion has led to the question on if the 'in/out' gate system should be reinstated. Also toilet at cemetery – swallows nesting there, but now been scrubbed clean – asked if there was money available to clean it on regular basis – <b>JC</b> will look into the situation while <b>CR</b> will contact criminal justice service team to see if they can assist.</p> <p>Chair - Noted that our community warden Tim Betts was not attending meetings, <b>chair to speak to him</b> and ensure that there are no problems..</p>	
9	<b>Planning Issues</b>	Bad Access Group update: There will be no updates on this for at least six months as issue is currently with the Scottish Reporter.	
11	<b>Any other business</b>	<p>Chair - RAF updates from AB should in future be included on agenda as a specific item.</p> <p>AB - report from the base is that Joint Warrior went well – lots of people still away in Cyprus, Typhoons coming up to speed and on-base building progressing.</p>	SC, AB

		Chair - proposed John Wood should be co-opted onto the Community Council as an associate member, seconded by JC and agreed by members.	
		<b>The next meeting of the community council will be held on 18 November 2014, 7pm, in the Community Centre.</b>	