

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 27 August 2015 - JMI Findhorn

Present: L Morgan (Chair, Minutes), F Allan, S Finnegan, P Carroll, T Brown, H Morton, F Rietberg, M Hyde (Minutes Notes)

Attendance: Constable C Page (Police Scotland), Cllr Skene, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, 1 member of public

Item 1 Apologies: J O'Hagan, J Devlin, CO Kinloss Barracks

Item 2 Police report and public business:

2.1 During the extended period from 25 June until 25 August 2015, there have been 12 reports of crime being committed within the Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council area. To date 6 offenders has been identified. These crimes relate to Theft by Housebreaking, Theft of Pedal Cycles, Vandalism, Road Traffic Offences, Threatening Behaviour and Assault. On 3 August 2015, a male appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court having been stopped driving on the B9010 Kinloss to Roseisle Road under the influence of alcohol. Enquiries are meantime ongoing into the following crimes:

During the month of July and August, three unattended and insecure pedal cycles were stolen from Findhorn.

During the early hours of 24 August 2015, garages and a shed were entered within Findhorn. Several items of boat related equipment were stolen. Enquiries are ongoing.

Most thefts from homes are committed by 'opportunist thieves' who will target a house that looks unoccupied or has little or no obvious security. Residents are thanked for their recent vigilance and encouraged to continue to report any suspicious incidents at an early stage. Anyone with any information on the crimes mentioned above and any crimes in the Forres Community Policing Area should contact the Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Forres Police Office. During this reporting period 594 incidents were created for enquiries across the Forres Local Policing Team area. 41 of these incidents related to Findhorn and Kinloss area.

2.2 S Finnegan reported that cars were parking on the pavement opposite the village shop and some pedestrians were forced to walk on the road. C Page said that common sense should prevail and where there is a very wide pavement cars could park on the pavement but cars should not park where the pavement is narrow, forcing pedestrians on to the road. M Hyde reported that cyclists are cycling fast on the pavement the wrong way on the one way system. H Morton reported that a caravan van had parked on the beach road and was using a motorised vehicle on the dunes and when possible police should attend at the time to nip this in the bud to discourage others. S Finnegan expressed concern that vehicles were exceeding the 20mph past the Kimberley area and this was a danger to young children running on to the road from passageways. H Morton said that vehicles regularly exceed the 20mph all the way down from the war memorial. Mo Hyde reported that she was burgled and suggested that a CCTV should be installed in the village to monitor traffic in and out.

ACTION: L Morgan will enquire about this.

2.3. F Allan gave an update on the FVCC. The conveyancing process is ongoing with solicitors going through title deeds. The FVCC will hold a consultation open day to gather views from the public. Reps from the FVCC intend to visit, and receive advice from, other organisations which have been through a similar process.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes:

3.1 Previous minutes, June 2015, were ratified, proposed by P Carroll and seconded by H Morton.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

- a. (4.2) Contact Moray Council re arrow at junction. **LM** Done
- b. (4.3) Provide Moray Council with lamppost info **SF** Done
- c. (4.5) Discuss need for Allotments **LM** Covered under Item 5
- d. (4.6) Discuss with Moray Council emergency SSE supply location, Findhorn **LM** Done, SSE still to survey locations.
- e. (4.8) Facebook page for Scottish CCs **MH** Done, not useful for us

- f. (4.11) Write to Access Forum about stryplies **PC** Done
- g. (4.12) Hogweed. Contact F Gazette **PC** Done. T Brown had received a report about hogweed in Kinloss and Cllr Alexander advised there will be a big effort next year to eradicate hogweed.
- h. (6.2) Include in Agenda: Volunteers for Emergency Plan. **LM** Done
- i. (6.3) Attend FACT Meeting on 2 July **JD** Done

Item 5 Kinloss Barracks Report:

5.1 An email from CO Kinloss Barracks was read out. His concerns re the allotments are three fold: firstly cost; how much will they cost and how do mil/civ pay DIO, secondly; demand, is there one and if not are we potentially wasting money, time and effort for something that is not required. Finally, maintenance, once we the mil/civ community own them DIO will hand over to us and we will need to ensure the grounds are maintained and managed, particularly those allotments that remain unoccupied. On the swimming pool, he is currently investigating the membership options and mechanism for clubs/individuals to acquire a licence from DIO to use the pool. As the DIO now own and maintain the pool, in the same way they do all other facilities, there is a need for a licence with them for use, this will be the same for the gym in due course. Whilst I understand the frustrations of the community I need to ensure that the correct liability controls are in place, otherwise I am personally liable should anyone have an accident. He asked the council to decide on the requirement/demand for allotments.

5.2 The Chairman reported that CO Kinloss Barracks had advised that he would not be able to assist with repairs to the Beach Rd in the near term, if at all.

5.3 Allotments, the swimming pool and the Beach Rd repairs were discussed at length. Regarding the allotments, issues which need to be resolved include: identifying the demand, admin of rent and management. It was decided that these issues should be considered and initial thoughts presented to Kinloss Barracks at the site meeting on 10 Sep. **ACTION: L Morgan and T Brown** to attend on 10 Sep. Regarding civilian use of the pool, issues to be resolved include public liability cover and payment procedures. **ACTION: L Morgan.** Regarding the Beach Rd it was decided to obtain 3 quotes from civilian contractors for repairs and apply to Berry Burn for funding. **ACTION: T Brown**

Item 6 Chairman's Report:

6.1 Attended 3 meetings, in Forres Elgin and Lossie, of a JCC sub group to formulate a Moray CC response to the Scottish Rural Parliament on CC matters. The report is available on our gmail.

6.2 Attended with P Carroll a meeting with the Findhorn Foundation on their plans for a large new Welcome Centre and shop on the site of the existing Phoenix Store. The plan looks fine and the FF would like to present it to the CC just before the planning application comes to us for formal consideration.

6.3 Attended JCC meeting, see Item 9 below.

6.4 Attended a meeting with D McLean (Moray Council Emergency Planning Officer) to refine the mechanism for activation of our Emergency Plan in conjunction with Moray Council. See Item 13 b.

Item 7 Secretary's Report: (Sec was not present but provided the following)

7.1 For travel advice for attending health and social care appointments, contact 01224 665568 or travel@thinc-hub.org. This is for advice only and is not a booking system. There is a Public Consultation out until 22/10/15 on the new proposals for Ward boundaries across all LAs in Scotland. www.consultation.lgbc-Scotland.gov.uk Marjorie Barber (TFVCC) advised that at their July Board meeting, changes by the Reporter to the Local Plan in Findhorn were discussed. The Reporter has made modifications to the Plan changing the status of 124 and 135 lighting in the lane. The FVCC stated that lighting was within the remit of F+KCC. The final version of the Community Empowerment (S) Bill is now published. The Land Reform (S) Bill is also now published.

E-mail from Brian Porteous, President of the International Orienteering Federation thanking local communities for helping to make the world orienteering event such a success.

E-mail from a lady saying that she regularly comes to Findhorn and is concerned about the state of the potholes near the parking area and the walk up to the marina. She was advised that we knew about the condition of the road, however it was unlikely that we could rectify this at present.

29 Sep. 10am-4pm at Moray College. Foundation Scotland training in using community benefit funds from renewable energy. L Morgan has signed up to attend but others can too.

Item 8 Treasurer's Report:

8.1 F Rietberg reported that funds have been received for the path by the yacht club. P Carroll advised that the final bill for the safety rail was under budget so the two agencies which provided grants are each entitled to £115 rebate. **ACTION: P Carroll** to explain the situation to the agencies. S Finnegan to be reimbursed £50 for purchase of two Remembrance Day wreaths. L Morgan encouraged all to submit claims to Treasurer for allowable expenditure against the MC grant, including fees for Minutes writing, for the current financial year which expires 30 Sep **ACTION: AII.** F Allan recommended that a standard claim form be used and offered to create one. **ACTION F Allan.** Fund balances are as follows: MC Grant £1456.21, Other grants £2381.15, Total £3837.36.

Item 9 JCCM Report:

9.1 L Morgan attended the JCC meeting on 13 Aug. The full text of our contribution to the info sharing item is on our gmail but the main points were:

- a. When considering whether or not to approve the application for beach huts in Findhorn, F+KCC was very disappointed to see that Moray Councillors from elsewhere in the province did not vote in line with the wishes of the local CC and local Councillors, especially when the application had no impact on their area or their constituents.
- b. In May the CO of Kinloss Barracks reported that the Kinloss Swimming Pool will be reopening – but only to military. Given the complex history of civilian involvement, including financial support, this decision is regrettable. (Overtaken by events, see Item 5)
- c. F+KCC intends to start claiming for things to which we are entitled, for example, travel expenses to JCC meetings.
- d. The Morayvia aviation heritage group's Seaking helicopter has arrived at the former Abbeylands primary school in Kinloss. It will be open for public viewing in due course.

Item 10 Moray Councillors' Report:

10.1 A Skene. Impressed with the set up at Morayvia, well worth a visit when it opens. Attended an education provision meeting at Kinloss Barracks to discuss the problem of changing from English to Scottish back to English school two years later. The problem of the mis-match between the two national systems needs to be solved for the good of the children. We have created a draft policy laying down criteria for assessing the sustainability of schools in future. Forres area schools will be assessed under this policy. Like the rest of north Scotland, Moray still suffering from a shortage of teachers. NE Scotland problem will be addressed at a major summit of stakeholders. A local firm has an initiative to give 16/17 year olds work experience hoping this will lead to youngsters joining them on an apprenticeship. Advocacy North East Moray celebrated 10th anniversary; worthwhile organisation offering help to people with problems. There will be an Open Meeting in Forres in 14 Oct hosted by Network Rail presenting plans for the new Forres Rail Station.

10.2 L Creswell. Visited the Atlantic Gig. Consider putting someone forward for this year's community awards. Attended roll-out of the Community Empowerment Bill which has lots of potential for Community Asset Transfers. Attended gathering in Edinburgh of Chairs/Vice Chairs of the integrated Health and Social Care partnership. Good response to Directory for 50+ which has been widely distributed. Working on achieving better integration of various Trust minibuses, including Osprey bus; the fact that volunteer drivers have to be under 70 not helping recruitment. Forres may adopt the Planning for Real model created in Dufftown. Remember the Military Covenant as a source of funding where applicable. Culture Day in Forres imminent. "Out of Darkness" is a success in Elgin. Dyke CC floated the idea of holding meetings between them, Forres CC and us. Chairman asked if there were any volunteers from this CC to attend such a meeting; there were none. It was suggested that reps from each of the three CCs could attend the others' monthly meetings, and each CC could specifically invite another if there was business likely to be of interest to them. **Action: L Morgan** to contact Forres and also Dyke CC.

10.3 G Alexander. Attended function hosted by Hub North Scotland, agency involved in the provision of facilities such as health centres and schools. Dial-a-bus and no.31 bus appear to be well used. Schools need to amalgamate otherwise unaffordable in future. Presented and requested feedback on a proposal from M Council for location of replacement lamppost in Findhorn. Proposal not acceptable to F+KCC who have already stated that the replacement should be sited where the original one was.

Item 11 Findhorn Foundation Report:

11.1 F Rietberg reported FHG now FHT which is a SCIO. New Gig Flyers distributed. Joint project with M Council training adults with learning difficulties is successful; about 6 adults will continue once weekly sessions. Next month there will be a

big conference "We do not die" featuring speakers who have had a near-death experience. Hub meeting to discuss organisational change system developed by MIT.

Item 12 Planning:

12.1 H Morton reported:

West Whins, Plots 1-6 Approved by MC. 185 Findhorn, New Windows, Approved by MC. Linksvie, OPP Replacement of garages with houses, Approved by MC. 182 Findhorn, New sun lounge/windows, Approved MC. Pending: Bunty- signage change, Beauty Salon- signage change, Kinloss Garage- extension of office/workshop, Gilday Findhorn- alteration and extension, Bunty- alterations and re-roof.

Item 13 AOCB

13.1 Emergency Plan. Agreed with Moray Council that we should consider activating our Emergency Plan when we are advised by MC that they are activating theirs. With regard to compiling a list of people liable to need help in an emergency, to get round the Data Protection issue, it should be possible to publicise the existence of the plan requesting that those who feel they are likely to need help in situations such as flooding, heavy snow etc, should register with us. D McLean MC is checking if this is OK. At the same time we should include a request more volunteers and copies of the Volunteer Register blank forms should be readily available. It was agreed we request RightLines production company repeats their performance of "Rapid Departure" in Findhorn next Spring. **ACTION: L Morgan**

13.3 Memorial Bench. Ms Obee requested she fund a memorial bench in Findhorn. The FRA has agreed to liaise with Ms Obee on this project.

13.4 Remembrance Sunday (8 Nov). Thanks to S Finnegan for obtaining 2 x wreaths. She will make arrangements for Findhorn as per last year. The Findhorn wreath will be laid by H Morton and the Kinloss one by L Morgan.

13.5 Moray Car Share (MCS) Parking. There was much discussion on whether or not the F+K CC should support allocation of dedicated parking spaces in Findhorn for MCS. L Morgan reported that M Council has put on hold any marking of spaces in Findhorn pending comments from this CC. Issues included the location of keyboxes and the fact that there are no disabled or residents parking allocations in Findhorn. It was decided that MCS should not have any dedicated slots in the village and the F+K CC supports the MCS manager's suggestion to position one slot at the church car park opposite the FVC (serving the south) and another in the Culbin Sands apartments car park (serving the north). However, the former slot should not have a dedicated marking because it is a public car park and the marking of the latter slot would be a matter for negotiation between MCS and the Culbin Sands residents. The MCS vehicles have been parked on an ad hoc basis in the village for some years now and the F+K CC feel this is the fairest use of the available on-street parking.

ACTION: L Morgan to advise MCS manager and M Council.

13.6 Financial Assistance for Beach Rd. A Forres lady complained about the state of the Beach Rd and was willing to donate £500 if that would help to improve the road. Chairman thanked her for her generous offer and said he would be in touch as required.

13.7 FHT Letter of Support. The FHT draft letter of support for FHT was considered and the FKCC was not willing to sign the FHT text but was willing to sign the following statement: The F+KCC supports the FHT in its responsibilities for conservation and education over the lands for which they have agreements with the landowners concerned.

ACTION: L Morgan to advise J Caddy FHT

13.8 Defibrillator. The SSE fund does not cover defibrillators however the BHF will provide one for our Emergency Centre at a cost of £400. A member of the public has very kindly offered to fund this if an alternative funding source is not available. **ACTION: L Morgan** to progress procurement with BHF

13.9 Activity reported on land opposite the Stables Caravan Park, Kinloss. **Action: P Carroll** will enquire.

13.10 Letter of thanks has been received from a member of the public for providing the safety rail on the steps.

14. Forthcoming events:

13 Sep. Car Boot Sale in aid of www.campaignforwildspaces.com by the toilets on the back shore Findhorn. 11am, £8 per car, contact Mo Hyde on 01309 692311 or FVC 01309 892339.

17/18 Oct 250th anniversary of Kinloss Church, details to be announced.

15. Date of Next Meeting: 24 Sep 15 in the Kinloss Church Culbin Room at 7pm.