

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Present: L Morgan (Chair), F Rietberg, T Brown, H Morton, P Carroll, F Allan, S Finnegan, M Hyde, J O'Hagan (Minutes)

Attendance: Cllr Creswell, T McLaren (Forres Gazette), Capt S Buckley (Kinloss Barracks), Constable Ritchie (Police Scotland), G McAlpine (Moray Car Share), 2 members of public

Item 1 Apologies: Cllr Skene, Cllr Alexander, Cllr McLean, Sgt A McCarthy, J Devlin

Item 2 Police report and public business:

2.1 During the reporting period, there have been 3 reports of crime in the F & K CC area. To date 2 offenders have been identified. On 4.9.15 a male conducted himself in a threatening and an abusive manner during a sporting event. A report has been submitted to the PF. On 11.9.15 Roads Policing witnessed a male driving in a careless and inconsiderate manner in relation to the road lay out on the B9089. A report has been submitted along with another road traffic offence. On 14.9.15, 3 males appeared from custody in relation to the theft of boating equipment in Findhorn in August 2015. Enquiries ongoing include the theft of a gents pedal cycle stolen from The Park, Findhorn between 25.8.15 and 15.9.15. Usual request for information on Police Scotland 101, Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or call into the local Police office. 300 incidents were created across the Local Policing Team area, 13 of these related to F+KCC area. With regards to a previous issue raised (parking on pavement opposite the PO in Findhorn), Officers will give this attention whilst on patrol. Moray Council (MC) Roads Dept. has been contacted re possibility of additional signage or parking restrictions. Police advice sought regarding children cycling on the pavements in Findhorn. Whilst not best practice, due to traffic flow, they may be safer on the pavements. Chairman informed Police that F+KCC investigating procurement of CCTV at the entrance to Findhorn village. Following a complaint re speeding in Findhorn, Officers have been monitoring the area and will continue to deploy Muniquip at this location.

2.2 C Hunt reported events on the Campaign for Wild Spaces and the removal of the beach huts site land from the Local Nature Reserve (LNR). The CaWS petition has been acknowledged by the MC and returned with comments; much the same as the comments made at the beginning. In their replies however, they do not refer to the area as being within the local nature reserve. C Hunt reported that a change to the agreement between MC and Novar Estate (NE) meant that NE had the opportunity to give MC 3 months notice to exclude any land in the nature reserve. In 2013 MC removed the beach huts site land from the nature reserve without any consultation with the LNR Committee or the F+KCC. NE was then free to sell the land for development. Cllr Creswell agreed to enquire to the MC as to why consultation was not sought.

2.3 G McAlpine (Moray Car Share) wished to highlight further aspects of the MCS scheme, a social enterprise for community benefit which allows people to access cars in an affordable way and the profit made goes back into the scheme. There are currently 14 members, it is environmentally friendly with 3 electric cars with low emissions and an electric bike. Sharing lifts is available online to book and open to all. The benefits are for local residents and the scheme is hoping to build on benefits to tourists also. Mr McAlpine is available for questions or ideas on how to cooperate for the benefit of the community. Mr McAlpine was thanked for his presentation.

2.4 M Hyde gave an update on the Findhorn Village Conservation Company (FVCC). The FVCC had a meeting in September. FVCC is adopting the Planning for Real model and will be helped by MC. The FVCC part of Findhorn will be painted on a map, and there will be consultation allowing people and groups to contribute their thoughts and feelings about what should be planned for the area.

Item 3 Ratification of minutes

3.1 The Minutes of the 27 August Meeting were ratified, proposed F Allan, seconded by M Hyde.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4.1 (2.2) **CCTV** – L Morgan contacted MC who gave details of the sub contractor. The sub contractor will telephone L Morgan when they are going to undertake a site survey of a suitable lamp post in Findhorn. Once it is clear whether it is feasible, decisions can be made about sourcing funding. There was discussion regarding the position of the CCTV and it was suggested that if sited in Kinloss it would be equally effective.

4.2 (5.3) **Allotment site.** Discussed under Item 6 below.

4.3 (5.3) **Public Liability cover and payment issues at Kinloss Pool.** L Morgan has made enquiries and this is proving to be more difficult than first thought. Companies explored do not provide this cover, given private household policies have public liability cover. The Amateur Swimming Association provide this cover, but only for clubs with constitutions. On payment issues, a membership scheme was thought to be feasible, but as the Army do not have people employed to check membership cards on entry, nor personnel to cover lifeguard duties, this is not workable. One way round this for clubs would be for them to supply their own lifeguards, however, this does not meet the public access issue that was wanted.

4.4 (5.3) **Beach Rd** repairs. Discussed under Item 6 below.

4.5 (8.1) £115 rebates to funding agencies – P Carroll advised that Auchernack Trust need to be reimbursed, but Awards for All will allow us to retain the grant provided we can find a suitable use for it and give that reason to them. We have time to find a suitable use.

4.6 (8.1) CCllrs expenses. Expenses claims to be in to F Rietberg before 30th Sep.

4.7 (8.1) Produce standard expense form. Thanks to F Allan for designing the expense form, however, L Morgan highlighted the template in our CC handbook. It was decided to use the template from the handbook from 1st October.

4.8 (10.2) Contact Dyke and Forres CC. L Morgan advised they have agreed not to attend each others meetings, but to share minutes. If there is an item in the meeting that is useful, then attendance will be suggested.

4.9 (13.1) 'Rapid Departure'. L Morgan has contacted the theatre group and they have us on their list. They are keen to do it and hopefully this will happen spring 2016.

4.10 (13.9) Activity opposite Stables Caravan Park. P Carroll followed this up and met with the owner. It is clear that this area is for a 'lay down' area only. It was not thought that the fence is intrusive and the owner is committed that this area will never be used for caravans to be lived in or for any other form of building.

Item 5 Kinloss Barracks Report:

5.1 Capt S Buckley gave this report and the meeting heard that DIO advise that the Kinloss swimming pool is for MOD eligible personnel and dependents only. Col. T Marsden is currently looking at the use of the pool for groups, so there remains a possibility of this. There was discussion about repairs to the Beach Rd and options are still under consideration. Capt S Buckley attended a recent meeting in Elgin and Veterans First Point gave a presentation. There was concern that veterans outwith the area of Aberdeen for example, needed to be able to meet like minded people and discuss things. Whilst in the early stages, Kinloss Barracks are considering the possibility of a coffee morning once a month for veterans and ex servicemen. S Finnegan enquired about personnel being available for Remembrance Sunday. **Action: Capt S Buckley** will take forward this action.

Action: L Morgan to request a letter from Novar Estate giving permission for Beach Rd work to be undertaken.

Item 6 Chairman's Report:

6.1 In response to Col. T Marsden's request for an indication of demand for allotments, L Morgan responded with our thoughts on both the swimming pool and the allotments and attended an allotment site survey with T Brown on 10th September. It was agreed that a lot of preparatory work would have to be done to the site and the project should only go ahead if there was sufficient civilian (mainly from Southside) interest and also volunteers to manage the project. Work in progress to establish demand.

Action: J O'Hagan and **T Brown** to publicise flyer

6.2 Preparatory work also in progress regarding Beach Rd repair. There was a discussion re the offer of a donation. Decision to apply to Berryburn and if this is not accepted, then the donation would be accepted.

Action: H Morton to apply for funds from Berryburn

6.3 Work also in progress to procure a CCTV camera for Findhorn, funding to be decided.

Action: L Morgan

6.4 MC taking no further action on dedicated parking allocations in Findhorn. Thanks to H Morton for providing latest photos on erosion of Moray Coastal Path north of the base; Kinloss Barracks will continue to monitor. P Carroll attended the Access Forum meeting and the Army have said they intend to move the fence back and accept the need for this.

6.5 Emergency Plan flyer produced requesting those likely to need assistance to contact us; flyer also includes request for more volunteers.

Action: L Morgan to circulate the flyer for further consideration.

Action: L Morgan to arrange publicising.

6.6 A defibrillator for a nominated emergency centre in Findhorn and Kinloss can be procured for £400 from the British Heart Foundation. Discussion took place on the offer of a donation. It was agreed this would be accepted.

Action: L Morgan and H Morton

Item 7 Secretary's Report:

7.1 TsiMoray have their annual AGM on 28th September 5.30 – 7.30pm, Inkwel, Francis Place, Elgin. All are welcome. They have a number of free training events on. See their website for further details.

7.2 Network Rail – Drop in event in Elgin – 13th October 3 – 7 Elgin Town Hall and 14th October 3 – 7 Forres House. This is to hear about the upgrades of Elgin and the relocation of Forres new station.

7.3 Health and Wellbeing – Engagement workshops – for anyone in Moray (Moray Health and Social Care Partnership) – 8 community engagement workshops are taking place with the aim of giving everyone the opportunity to help identify the H & WB priorities for people living in different parts of Moray and to hear about accessing grant funding to support community initiatives that improve H & WB in their area.

7.4 Festive lighting – Anyone interested in hearing more about festive lighting – there was an email on gmail with further details of who to contact.

7.5 Tracey Rae CCLO is moving to Keith and Buckie area. Thanks to Tracey for her help and support.

Item 8 – Treasurer’s Report:

8.1 F Rietberg advised that 2 expense forms have been received so far. The balance in the account stands at £3,629.76 of which £1,363.61 is MC grant and £2,266.15 in other grants. Cheque for refund to Auchernack Trust of £115 needs signing. Any CC Cllr claiming expenses must do this before the end of 30th September 2015.

Item 9 - JCCM Report:

9.1 Next meeting 12th November.

Item 10 – Moray Councillors’ Report:

10.1 Cllr Creswell is in the middle of the 10 days of integration connection with the communities. This is the first engagement of communities. ‘Canni wee cash’ – small groups are encouraged to come forward for the benefit of their communities. Online service for chronic pain – 140 people are now registered and putting pressure on the NHS to provide a pain clinic in Elgin. Cllr Creswell attended the Refugee meeting on Monday night; looking for a steering group to take this forward. This is the last opportunity to nominate people for an award this year (as we did last year). Culture Day on Saturday in Forres. Forres Heritage Trust are shortlisted for an Angel Award – 6 going to Edinburgh for the results. Elections coming up for Burghead. The Osprey bus still looking for more volunteer drivers.

Item 11 – Findhorn Foundation Report:

11.1 F Rietberg advised of a conference ‘We do not die’ which starts on Saturday. Regrets that this clashes with Culture day, but should be an exciting event. The FF currently have Chinese delegates visiting to explore setting up a community.

Item 12 – Planning:

12.1 – 15/01353 Sign at the Bunty approved; 15/01380 Extension to Kinloss garage refused; 15/01394 Gilray Findhorn approved; 15/01198 182 Findhorn approved. The following are pending 15/01352 Bunty roof; 15/01264 change of use hairdresser Findhorn; 15/01605 Seapark 6 houses – consultation; 15/01641 133 Findhorn – build house consultation; 15/01628 Kinloss Golf Club – House. The Seapark consultation – H Morton will fill in the application on MC website. 133 Findhorn – H Morton will say no comment to make.

Item 13 AOCB:

13.1 L Morgan unable to lay the wreath in Kinloss Abbey. J O’Hagan to undertake this.

Action: J O’Hagan

13.2 Member of public had overheard tourists discussing need for grass cutting at the bay side road. Findhorn Cllr’s to find a volunteer.

13.3 Access Forum – P Carroll raised the issue of the stryplies and they were reluctant to get involved in this. They suggested contact with ‘Rights of Way’. If there is no luck from this and it is a continuing problem, P Carroll can take back to the AF.

13.4 P Carroll elaborated on the earlier discussion regarding the Nature Reserve. The management board have requested that P Carroll writes a comprehensive letter of complaint to the MC Chief Executive and the Convenor and local Cllrs. To SNH - to the Aberdeen and local office and Richard Lochhead MSP. The complaints are focused on the fact that this was land for which the Local Nature Reserve Management Committee had responsibility and that responsibility was not addressed by the MC when something came up.

13.5 P Carroll advised that the FVC hostel will be closing on 3rd October. The building warrant for the renovation project is in place. This may be fairly intrusive and apologies given for this, but will minimise where possible. Plan to reopen March 2016.

13.6 S Finnegan will contact Cllr Alexander re the issue of the lamp post which has been ongoing for about a year now.

Action: S Finnegan

13.7 M Hyde thanked T Brown, the dangerous tree near Kinloss Church is on its way down and no longer a threat.

13.8 -F Rietberg – Ratification of the accounts needed. F Rietberg to source an individual for this.

Action: F Rietberg

Item 14 Forthcoming Events:

14.1 1st Saturday in October afternoon teas at the FVC fundraiser for the Osprey Bus and Wild Spaces, 1pm Trash and Treasure tables.

14.2 17th October Kinloss Church are celebrating 250 years. 17th will be an open day, sales, art exhibition, tea/coffee, the 18th will be a harvest celebration and a commemoration for the church.

Date of Next Meeting 29 October at JMI Findhorn 7pm