

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2016 IN KINLOSS CHURCH

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

**Attendance:** Lt Col T Marsden, Mrs Ruth Douglas BSO Kinloss Barracks, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Creswell, Cllr McLean, T McLaren (Forres Gazette), 4 members of the public.

**Public Session**

**Item 1 Apologies:** J O'Hagan, Cllr Skene, Sgt A McCarthy (moved out of area). Chairman reported that the prospective candidate to fill the Kinloss seat vacated by J Devlin, Mrs Emma Malone, had hoped to be present but had tendered apologies.

**Item 2 Police report and public business:**

**2.1 Police Report.** Sgt Brian Ferry has taken over from Sgt McCarthy and the following report was submitted after this meeting:

During the period from 28 Jan to 25 Feb, there have been 5 reports of crime being committed within the Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council area. To date 3 offenders have been identified with a further suspect to be traced and dealt with. On 30 Jan 2 females were involved in a disturbance within licensed premises in Kinloss and were both later dealt with by means of an Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed penalty notice being issued. On 31 Jan a parked car on a private driveway at 3 Council Houses, Kinloss was damaged by a large stone which had been thrown at the car. On 7 Feb a male was assaulted within a caravan at Kinloss caravan park. A suspect has been identified and efforts are ongoing to trace and deal with him. Between 12 and 17 Feb 2 pedal cycles were stolen from within Findhorn Foundation and a male was later traced in possession of them and appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court from custody on 22 Feb where he pled guilty to the theft and is to be sentenced at a later date. On 17 Feb a further 2 crimes were reported to Police after it was discovered that two cash tins had been removed from separate areas within Findhorn Foundation and enquiries are still ongoing into these thefts. Officers were involved with or attended 245 incidents across the Local Policing Team area during this reporting period. 30 of these incidents directly related to Findhorn and Kinloss (13 of these were due to extreme weather condition warnings and alerts on 30 January).

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.

**2.2** There was no public business.

**2.3** Findhorn Village Conservation Company Update. F Allan reported that progress is as per last month's report and the land transfer should be complete next month.

**2.4.** Update of Integration of Health + Social Care. At the request of the F+K CC Cllr Creswell gave a short presentation on progress with the integration of Health + Social Care. The Management Board which includes 3 Moray Cllrs and 3 NHS staff is now up and running.

**Council Session**

**Item 3 Ratification of minutes:**

**3.1** The Minutes of the Meeting of 28 Jan 16 were ratified, proposed by P Carroll, seconded by F Allen. Chairman thanked M Hyde for taking the Minutes Notes.

**Item 4 Matters Arising:**

- a. (2.2) Raise suggestion to paint white lines on wide pavement **LM** See AOB
- b. (2.4) Agree our submission to M Council on the wildfowling issue **LM** obtained agreement and forwarded the following to M Council: "At our meeting on 28 Jan 16, it was decided that the Findhorn + Kinloss Community Council should urge the Moray Council to introduce a byelaw to enable the wildfowl shooting in the Findhorn Bay area to be controlled. The present situation is untenable and we believe that Moray Council should hold meetings with representatives of interested parties, chiefly the Findhorn Bay Local Nature Reserve and the Friends of Findhorn Bay, and seek to reach a compromise between the two parties". **LM** Done
- c. (6.4) Forward to M Council e-mail about safety rail at Kinloss Primary School **LM** Done

- d. (13.1) Submit objection to CFPA's application for ship-ship oil transfers **LM Done**
- e. (13.6) Reply to Lynn Charles about roads condition **JoH Done**
- f. (13.6) Speak to Lynn Charles' mother about road condition **PC Done**
- g. (12) Discuss with the owner of Seaview Caravan Park concerns about the current condition of the fenced off area opposite. **LM** contacted the owner who advised that M Council have not approved his planning application and is therefore required to remove the fence etc. The owner is appealing the decision.

#### **Item 5 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

**5.1** Lt Col Marsden reported that the issue of obtaining DIO permission to use Kinloss Pool for Clubs while Forres Pool is out of action is progressing and is he hopeful for a successful outcome. Work has started on erecting a perimeter fence around the MOD site south of the Burghead Road; this is a security requirement for protection of army personnel. He leaves Kinloss shortly and will be relieved by Lt Col Jim Webster (+ wife Helen) who will be in post on 9 May. He has enjoyed working with F+KCC and was grateful for our co-operation. Chairman thanked Col Marsden for his support to F+KCC and gave our best wishes for his future.

#### **Item 6 Chairman's Report:**

**6.1** On 8 Feb met the new BSO at Kinloss Barracks and had other short meetings with senior officers regarding the Allotment funds. CO can approve the release the funds to us for suitable costed projects mainly for Southside.

**6.2** Meeting with Adam MacLeod and rep from McPhersons to discuss speeding lorries on Station Rd.

**6.3** Attended JCC meeting with P Carroll, report at Item 9.

**6.4** Progressed the issue of safety rails at Kinloss Primary School and was advised by M Council that the footway opposite the school has now been completed and the School Crossing Patroller has moved to the location that the Parent Council are asking for the barrier. The barrier would prevent this safe location being used for the Patroller. I suggested to the Chair of the Parent Council that the other two school exits be closed leaving only the one which has the Crossing Controller; this suggestion will be considered by the Parent Council.

**6.5** On 15 Feb conducted a site survey with Tower Security of suitable locations for CCTV on the Findhorn Rd. Site beside Yellowsands identified and CCTV project discussed with owner who has given permission in principle. It was agreed that on receipt of cost estimates an application for funding should be submitted to Berry Burn. **ACTION: FR** to prepare and submit the bid.

**6.6** Identified a prospective candidate to fill J Devlin's vacant Kinloss seat on F+K CC: Mrs Emma Malone. Discussion with Mrs Malone who is eligible and willing to be co-opted. Topic will be raised under AOB.

**6.7** This morning, attended first meeting of reps from Moray community groups planning meeting to progress a Scottish Government pilot project on Participatory Budgets whereby Moray community groups (excluding those from Elgin, Keith, Buckie, Lossiemouth and Forres) can bid for funding totalling £60,000 from the Scottish Government for local projects with an economic development theme. Information and application forms will be publicised within the next few weeks and the deadline for applications in 15 Apr.

#### **Item 7 Secretary's Report:** Jen o'Hagan e-mailed the following, mostly info from our Gmail in box:

- a. Several emails from Craig Fraser on ship to ship transfers situation, worth reading.
- b. Climate Challenge Fund for community led organisations for grants up to £150,000 per project. The deadline is end of Feb.
- c. Consultation on school re zoning, inputs by 24 March.
- d. Consultation on school admission policy, inputs by 24 March.
- e. Paths Grant Fund 2016, funds available, check our Gmail for info.
- f. Important email from Keith Henderson, Planning Officer, 10 Feb, regarding M Council's draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal. He is looking at Findhorn and is keen to attend a future F+KCC meeting. There is also a short consultation on windows and doors on listed buildings. **Action:** H Morton to invite K Henderson to our next meeting.
- g. A resident raised the possibility of rare lichens being damaged during construction of the beach huts. We have been copied into Mr McCook's response to the issue. Please read the email trail for info.
- h. Moray Arts sent us their most recent newsletter.
- i. Draft CC complaint procedure received for comment.
- j. Information in an email from Vicky McDonald re consultation and updates from Health.
- k. Patient Participation Group Network meeting at Dr Grays on 10 March 10 - 4. See Gmail.
- l. APRS newsletter on Gmail.

Other items:

m. Southside have their AGM on 16 March and following this, we will have some firm ideas noted and costed for discussion re projects in lieu of allotments.

n. I followed up the issue of Insurance for fireworks and passed on the outcome.

o. I am delighted Emma Malone is willing to join the CC and she has my vote.

**Item 8 – Treasurer’s Report:** F Rietberg reported that there is no change from the last report: the M Council Grant balance is £1245.78 and the balance in the Other Grants fund is £2121.71. Total funds £3367.49.

**Item 9 - JCCM Report:**

L Morgan and P Carroll attended the meeting on 11 Feb. There was a presentation by the M Council digital communications team on their work to expand the Council’s website to allow the payment of bills and suchlike. It is already possible to report matters like potholes and broken street lamps but this and other reporting will be made easier. The team requests comments and suggested inclusions via an on-line survey available at [www.moraycouncil.gov.uk/connected](http://www.moraycouncil.gov.uk/connected). L Morgan is part of a JCC sub group for a pilot project on Participatory Budgeting. The F+K CC input to the Info Sharing session covered: a judicial review decided in favour of the Beach Huts in Findhorn; our request that M Council introduce a bylaw to control wildfowling; our support for Cromarty Community Council’s objection to the Cromarty Firth Port Authority’s licence application to conduct ship to ship oil transfers on a large scale; our gratitude to 39 Engr Regt Kinloss for repairs to the Beach Rd in Findhorn; appeal to 39 Engr Regt to allow some use of the Kinloss Pool for Clubs when Forres Swimming Pool is out of action for refurbishment.

**Item 10 – Moray Councillors’ Reports:**

**10.1** Cllr Alexander reported that M Council officials were pleased to receive thanks for the street lighting improvements in Findhorn. Budget was passed but concern about the future as the capital budget will have to be trimmed. Volunteers required for the Forres Fire Service, particularly during normal working hours.

**10.2** Cllr McLean reported that he was busy with the budget vote. Along with other Cllrs he has been surveying the Forres area schools as part of the pilot project assessing needs and capacities. ED+I committee will meet at 9.30 on 8 Mar and the wildfowling petition and other inputs on that topic will be discussed.

**10.3** Cllr Creswell reported being busy with the integration of Health + Social Care. Attended an Age Scotland meeting. Attends Kinloss school Parent Council meetings, pleased the safety issue at exits is being addressed. Attended Waste Busters AGM.

**Item 11 – Findhorn Foundation Report:** The New Findhorn Association will hold the AGM on 4 Apr. The Good Gig Guide for the Universal Hall was distributed.

**Item 12 – Planning:**

Notices received since last meeting.

16/00169 Green House by ‘Living Machine’ The Foundation.

15/02114 Portacabin East Whins The Foundation.

16/00275 APP Renew application 15/01641 133 Findhorn

16/00276 CONS Demolish 133 Findhorn.

Noted from MC Planning website

16/00286 R3 Kinloss renewal of 10/01588. 6 houses.

Previous notices decided since last meeting

15/02086 Newton Struther Farm anaerobic digester. Approved.

15/02188 Seaview Caravan Park Compound. Refused.

Outstanding Applications.

16/00042 34 Findhorn.

15/02155 64 Findhorn

15/01605 Seapark House

16/00045 Bundon

Additional items.

Review MC paper ‘Rural Groupings’

Review MC paper Findhorn Village Conservation Area guidelines.

**Item 13 AOB:**

**13.1** Co-option to fill J Devlin’s vacant Kinloss Seat. Mrs Emma Malone meets the requirements and is willing to serve. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt E Malone to fill the vacant seat. **Action: LM JoH and EM** Complete co-option paperwork and forward to M Council.

**13.2** Keith Community Radio. John Calder KCR has offered to do a presentation on KCR to CCs with a view to encouraging CCs to provide KCR with CC news. Following discussion it was decided not to request he does a presentation to F+K CC.

**13.3** JCC Model Complaints Procedure. The first draft was circulated to CCs and our comments and suggestions will be passed to CCLO. **ACTION: LM** to agree with **FA** revisions to the draft and forward to CCLO.

**13.4** White Lines on wide Findhorn pavement. The suggestion to paint white lines on wide Findhorn pavements to allow parking was put on hold pending receipt of information on the ownership of the relevant pavement. **ACTION:** Ongoing

**13.5** M Hyde discussed arrangements for the Rapid Departure performance on 3 Mar.

**13.6** P Carroll suggestion to mount a plaque of historical interest (WW1 memorial of names of fallen former school pupils) in the FVC was agreed.

**13.7** F Allen floated the idea of having a standing Agenda Item "Declaration of Conflict of Interests" – Agreed.

**13.8** S Finnegan reported that the Findhorn Hinterland Trust is holding a Drop – In session on 31 March in the FVC to gather community views on plans for the future of the Trust's land, 10am to 12pm and 4pm to 8pm. Members of the public and this Council are encouraged to drop in and provide ideas and comments.

#### **Item 14 Forthcoming Events:**

**14.1** Rapid Departure drama production, JMI 7.30pm, 3 March.

**14.2** Scottish Tea at FVC 5 March.

**14.3** The Military Wives Choir will be performing at a Scottish Tea event in the FVC from 2pm on 2 Apr.

**14.4** Attention was drawn to several events listed in the Good Gig Guide.

**14.5** A Night with the Profs, Falconer Museum 2 Mar at 6.30pm

**Date of Next Meeting: 31 March 2016, JMI Findhorn, 7pm** (Apologies: S Finnegan, M Hyde)