

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31 March 2016, James Milnes Institute, Findhorn

Present: L Morgan Chair, J O'Hagan Minutes, F Rietberg, T Brown, H Morton, P Carroll.

Attendance: Cllr Creswell, T McLaren (Forres Gazette) 3 members of the public

Item 1: Apologies S Finnegan, F Allan, M Hyde, E Malone, Mrs Ruth Douglas BSO Kinloss Barracks, Cllr Alexander, Cllr McLean, Cllr Skene

Public Session

K Henderson and G Templeton from Moray Council gave a presentation on the review of Findhorn Conservation Area Character Appraisal (Draft). Questions were posed from the floor that led to interesting discussion. There is currently ongoing consultation until 9th May on the draft, that can be accessed at www.moray.gov.uk/currentconsultations

As this is very specific to Findhorn, the draft will be shared with Findhorn members following consultation. Thanks were given to the gentlemen for their valuable input at the meeting.

Item 2: Police report and public business

2.1 The following information was passed to the F & K CC after the meeting. During the period 26/02/16 – 31/03/16, there was 6 reports of crime being committed within the F & K CC area. To date 2 offenders have been identified with a further suspect to be traced and dealt with. On 4th March, there was a cash box within a premise in Findhorn forced open and the contents stolen. Enquiries identified a suspect who was interviewed and denied being involved. Enquiries are still ongoing. On 13th March, a report was received regarding fly tipping in Roseisle. Enquiries are ongoing and extra patrols have been carried out. On 16th March, a driver was found driving whilst under the influence of alcohol in the Roseisle area. A report is being submitted to the PF. On 17th March, a report was received regarding a communications offence in the Findhorn area. Enquires are ongoing. On the same date, a report was received regarding a stolen bicycle in the Kinloss area. Enquiries are ongoing. On 19th March, a report was received of a stolen bicycle in the Findhorn area. Enquiries are ongoing.

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 A member of the public raised the issue of speeding traffic on the Findhorn Road Kinloss near the Church. The member of the public is looking for some kind of obstruction/raised crossing and feels strongly that the Moray Council should act upon this to safeguard pedestrians, especially children who cross this area to go to and from school. Whilst the Moray Council has previously advised that they were unable to do this work, the member of the public highlighted that calming measures have been put in other areas such as Mosstodloch and Lossiemouth. The member of the public asked that the F & K CC address this issue with the Moray Council.

Action: It was agreed that **L Morgan** should contact the Moray Council re traffic calming measures on the Findhorn Road.

2.3 A member of the public raised the issue of the deep potholes on the road to the beach car park by the toilet block. The member of public advised that, although this had been known to be Novar Estates land, that previously Gary Morrison from the Moray Council had agreed that the Moray Council would maintain the road surface up until the turn into the dunes area. The meeting heard that the Moray Council had smoothed out the surface in the beach car park and it is desirable that the road leading to it is also repaired. As the land is now owned by the FVCC the repairs may be a suitable project for the application of funding from the Money for Moray scheme. Mr R Walker volunteered to obtain and provide to the Chairman an estimate for repairs.

Action: **L Morgan** to liaise with FVCC on submitting an application to Money for Moray.

2.4 Findhorn Village Conservation Company Update. The two representatives have given their apologies for tonight's meeting, however, L Morgan advised that there had been an article in the Northern Scot advising that the transfer of Novar Estate land west of the Beach Road is now complete and is now owned by the FVCC.

Item 3: Ratification of minutes

3.1 The spelling of F Allan's surname was corrected. The Minutes of the meeting of 25th February 2016 were ratified, proposed by H Morton and seconded by P Carroll.

Item 4: Matters Arising

- a. (6.5) Submit CCTV funding application to Berry Burn - 23rd May next deadline for application - ongoing
- b. (7.f) K Henderson to present at meeting - completed
- c. (13.1) Submit co-option form for E Malone - completed
- d. (13.4) Discuss Findhorn pavement when pavement ownership is established – **Action:** carry forward to next meeting.

Item 5: Declaration of Conflicts of interest

5.1 F Rietberg – is a Director of a company called Ecopia.

Item 6: Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 Ruth Douglas was unable to attend the meeting, however, her prepared report was read out.

Swimming pool – They have explored civilian access at length, but issues around corporate liabilities and the staffing/resource implications make civilian access a prohibitive venture for the foreseeable future. They have concluded, reluctantly, that they cannot make it work. It was noted that they would very much like to help and do understand the value to the community and goodwill it would generate. However, they must ensure any access is properly done, not only to protect the public, but also to ensure that the Regiment is not exposed in the event of injury or death. They thought they had found a potential avenue with opening to clubs, but the liability and resourcing issues do not fall away with this option. BSO Ruth Douglas will revisit in future if things change.

Item 7: Chairman's Report

7.1 Rapid Departure Production. This event on 3rd March in the JMI was very popular, all tickets were sold and L Morgan understands the F & K CC broke even. Thanks were given to M Hyde for her work setting things up, to H Morton for setting up the hall, and to all those who helped or contributed in any way.

7.2 The petition to ban wildfowling was discussed at the Moray Council E D & I Committee meeting on 8th March. Cllr Skene favored a voluntary solution and her proposal that interested parties meet under the Moray Council chairmanship to discuss a compromise solution was accepted. The meeting will be on 11th April and L Morgan has accepted an invitation to attend representing F+K CC. P Carroll will also be in attendance.

7.3 Participatory Budget/"Money for Moray" - As part of the working group to administer the scheme to hand out Scottish Government funds to Moray community organizations, L Morgan attended three events to take forward the scheme, in Llanbryde, Nairn and Rothes. The scheme and Application Forms are being publicised and the deadline for applications is 22nd April. The public event to vote on the distribution of the funds will be held in Grant Hall, Rothes, on 28th May. Organizations can bid for projects from £200 to £5000 which have an economic benefit to Moray. L Morgan asked that this is communicated widely to organizations.

7.4 L Morgan attended the Findhorn Hinterland Trust drop-in consultation event earlier today. He advised there was an impressive display for all to see. P Carroll represents the F & K CC on the Hinterland Trust and feels they could put in a report to circulate information. This was agreed and P Carroll will forward on to L Morgan. For further information, please contact: Claire.ross10@btinternet.com or go to www.findhornhinterland.org to complete an online survey, deadline 14 Apr.

7.5 L Morgan received correspondence from R Lochhead on the wildfowling issue. In addition to his views, he passed on the views of the Moray Council Legal and Democratic Services, Scottish Government Minister for Environment and SNH. R Lochhead takes the view that a Moray Council byelaw is the appropriate approach; the Moray Council reported that previous requests to introduce a byelaw were refused on cost grounds and a public enquiry would be anticipated; Minister for Environment has asked that the Moray Council and the FBLNR facilitate a mutually agreeable outcome; and SNH signposted other areas in Scotland, where byelaws to regulate wildfowl shooting have been introduced.

7.6 The cost estimate for introducing CCTV on the Findhorn Road is still awaited.

Item 8: Secretary's Report

8.1 1) Several emails have been received from Craig Fraser regarding Cromarty Firth. 2) There was an invitation to the Findhorn Hinterland 'Developing a Vision' – drop in consultation for today. 3) The Scottish Rural Parliament Newsletter is in on gmail. 4) Several emails relating to funding streams are on the gmail for perusal. 5) An email was received from Adrian Hutchins regarding litter around the crash gates at Kinloss; this has been forwarded to Ruth Douglas. 6) There was an email from Michael Hilferty – customer relationship manager for Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution in the area. He is offering their support with any community initiatives or projects/issues in the area with regards to electricity supply. L Morgan has contacted Donna McLean at the Moray Council about this in respect of the Emergency Plan. 7) E Malone's co-option has now been confirmed by the Moray Council.

Item 9: Treasurer's Report

9.1 F Rietberg reminded those present that outstanding expenses should be claimed for this period. She then gave an overview of the accounts to date: Rapid Departure – brought in £689.09 and after expenses of £500 for company and 56.69 for refreshments, left £132.40. The Hall expenses still need to come out of this. A cheque has been written for £75 for use of hall for our meetings in Kinloss. The current balance stands at £3,425.49 of which £2254.71 is for other grants and the Moray Council grant stands at £1170.78.

Item 10: JCCM Report

10.1 Next meeting 12th May 2016.

Item 11: Moray Councillors' Reports

11.1 Cllr Creswell advised that she had been to the 'Join the Dots' event last week for all 3rd sector partners and had been involved in participatory budgets. She commented that this had been interesting. Cllr Creswell advised that the 'go live' date is tomorrow for Health and Social Care integration; Officers in Moray consider we are in a good place in terms of the work that has been completed so far. Cllr Creswell attended Dr Gray's Hospital for a face to face with staff in regards to the integration and to address any queries staff had. The local event at Leancoil and at Forres Health Centre unfortunately, had to be rescheduled and is now on Monday 4th April at 1pm. Cllr Creswell advised that the full Council overturned the new link road in Elgin and there may be implications for this. Cllr Creswell queried about the Participatory Budgeting – if any of the 4 towns groups wanted to do something on our behalf e.g to put on a bus service for our area, could other areas apply for funding. L Morgan advised yes, that could be the case. Applications for the next round of Auchernack Trust is May.

Item 12: Findhorn Foundation Report

12.1 On the topic of wildfowling F Rietberg wished for it to be noted that, despite having read things that suggested that the Findhorn Foundation was against wildfowling, that the Findhorn Foundation as such, has no opinion on the wildfowling issue. F Rietberg wished to make it clear that The Findhorn Foundation is a separation organisation from the Friends of Findhorn Bay.

12.2 On 5th April, Findhorn Foundation is celebrating its 1st year anniversary of Care Form – a programme for people with learning difficulties. She also reported that the 9th Youth Empowerment Programme will start again soon and is for youth who may be at risk of going into negative destinations.

Item 13: Planning

13.1 No planning applications since last meeting.

13.2

- (a) 15/02155 Garden shed 64 Findhorn – approved
- (b) 16/00042 Window 34 Findhorn – approved
- (c) 16/00045 House by Bundon – refused
- (d) 16/00169 Poly Tunnel The Living Machine – approved

13.3 There are outstanding planning applications and these were highlighted by H Morton.

13.4 H Morton highlighted one application in particular that involved ENV6 land as part of a green corridor. Last November a planning application in principle was put in by one of the owners. The F & K CC objected at that time on the grounds that it did not meet the requirements and the Moray Council also objected. An appeal has now been put forward to the review group and H Morton is required to put in the response from the F & K CC before the end of the day. Following discussion, all those on the F & K CC in attendance at tonight's meeting, agreed to stand by their decision last November.

Action: H Morton to submit the response before the end of today.

13.5 H Morton had circulated the papers on Rural Groupings. Comments are due in by 12th April; there were no further comments to be made.

13.6 The consultation on Findhorn Village Conservation guidelines is closing on 9th May.

Item 14: Publicity and Newsletter

14.1 S Finnegan agreed to do a one off newsletter leaflet drop in Findhorn to try to generate volunteers to support the Emergency Plan. L Morgan led on the newsletter production. J O'Hagan agreed to photocopy the leaflets.

Action: J O'Hagan to photocopy the leaflets.

14.2 S Finnegan has spoken with a local resident who does a regular leaflet drop in Findhorn and it was discussed whether we would want to add a line on occasion, to advertise something of interest from the F & K CC. It was decided to defer the decision until S Finnegan can be spoken to. **Action:** Carry forward to next meeting

Item 15: AOCB

15.1 Wildfowling update - Concern was expressed about the feasibility of a voluntary system of control for wildfowling.

15.2 L Morgan highlighted a seminar in Elgin on 2nd June run by Social Investment Scotland, Local Energy Scotland and Community Shares Scotland, supported by HIE. T Brown would like to attend.

15.3 H Morton advised that he will be absent in June, July and August and therefore, planning needs to be covered. P Carroll agreed to cover planning during this time.

15.4 P Carroll advised that the Findhorn Village Centre hostel renovation is going at good pace and on schedule.

Item 16: Forthcoming Events

16.1 29th April 7.30 JMI – Bird Talk by Mr Richard Somers Cocks.

16.2 JMI AGM 18th May.

16.3 30th April 7 – 10pm The Park 'A New Story for Humanity – Change the Story, Change the World'. This is a film showing.

Date of Next Meeting: 28 April 2016, 7pm at Kinloss Church, Culbin Room