

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th APRIL 2016, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

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

Attendance: R Douglas BSO Kinloss Barracks, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Skene, Sgt Ferry (Police Scotland), T McLaren (Forres Gazette), 5 members of public,

Item 1: Apologies: F Rietberg

Public Session

Item 2: Police report and public business

2.1 During the period 31.03.16 to 19.04.16, there have been 5 reports of crime being committed within the F & K CC area. On 03.04.16 a driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol in the Findhorn area. A report is being submitted to the PF. On 07.04.16 a report was received of Theft in the Kinloss area. Enquiries are still ongoing. On 07.04.16 a driver was found to be committing Road Traffic Offences in the Kinloss area. A report is being submitted to the PF. On 12.04.16, a male in the Roseisle area was found to be in possession of a controlled drug. The matter has been dealt with. Between 01.04.16 to 14.04.16 a report of an attempted theft in Findhorn area was reported. Enquiries are still ongoing. Officers were involved with, or attended, 299 incidents across the Local Policing Team area during this reporting period. 12 of these incidents directly related to Findhorn and Kinloss. In the last week, there have been reports of vandalism to a sign at Findhorn beach and also fire raisings at the toilets at Findhorn beach and Roseisle beach toilets. Investigations are ongoing and regular patrols are being carried out in these areas.

Anyone with any information on the crimes mentioned above and any crimes in the Forres Community Policing Area should contact Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Forres Police Office.

Given the number of bicycles that go missing, Sgt Ferry repeated previous Police advice, to lock up your bikes and if possible garage them overnight.

L Morgan raised the issue about speeding traffic with Sgt Ferry. S Finnegan asked whether it would be possible to undertake some speed checks between the war memorial and the Kimberly pub. Sgt Ferry took note of this. L Morgan advised that the senior traffic engineer from the Moray Council, Dave Malpas will be attending the next F & K CC meeting to give a presentation regarding traffic issues in the area.

J O'Hagan raised an issue with Sgt Ferry about a group of children/young people on the Southside estate causing a general nuisance and a more worrying incident whereby they had followed and intimidated an older woman. She had already contacted the Community Warden, D Haytack, however, he is currently on leave. Sgt Ferry will discuss with D Haytack on his return to work. J O'Hagan will forward to Sgt Ferry details that have been passed to her by a resident.

L Morgan advised that the developer of the beach huts had contacted him regarding the vandalism of the beach huts sign. L Morgan advised that he was pleased that the developer had contacted the Police and that L Morgan would raise the issue at this meeting. L Morgan advised the developer that the CC are unhappy about people taking the law into their own hands and dealing with vandalism is a matter for the Police; we would encourage anyone with any information to contact the Police using their confidential line if necessary. The best way to put a stop to this is publicity, requesting that the public provide the Police with intelligence, so that the Police can apprehend the perpetrator/s.

There was no further Police issues, therefore Sgt Ferry left the meeting.

2.2 Other public business. The owners of the caravan park in Findhorn advised that they now have a defibrillator on their site. There had been training last night on the use of the defibrillator and approximately 16 people from the Coastal Rowing club and MIRO attended. It will be there 365 days a year and has a 5 year life battery on it. Public access will be available shortly along with the necessary publicity.

2.3 A member of the public who works for the Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Fisheries Trust, advised that they have secured funding this year for Hogweed and Knotweed control, and are looking for the support of volunteers to undertake this work. P Carroll expressed that he wished to continue to be a volunteer and therefore, he will be added to those requiring training.

2.4 Findhorn Village Conservation Company update. F Allan confirmed that FVCC own all the residual land holdings previously owned by Novar. The final map has been produced and agreed with the Land Registry of Scotland. The

secretary M Barber currently holds the maps and anyone can contact her to view them. It is hoped that in time, the maps would be on public display. F Allan was grateful to all those who helped in achieving this. F Allan advised they had held a celebration evening which was very well attended. The FVCC AGM will be on Thu 9 June at 7.30. F Allan advised it is hoped to run a Planning for Real project, but this is in its infancy.

Item 3: Ratification of minutes

3.1 Under the Para 5 Conflict of Interest for F Rietberg, the spelling of 'Ecopia' should read 'Ekopia'. In 2.3 'cark park' should read 'car park'. 9.1 £56.69 was changed to £56.09 and £132.40 was changed to £133.00. The JMI AGM was held in April. After these, the minutes of the meeting of 30 March 2016 were ratified, proposed by P Carroll and seconded by S Finnegan.

Item 4: Matters Arising

- a. (2.2) Contact the Moray Council re: traffic calming on Findhorn Rd. L Morgan sent an email to MC and they have responded stating that Mr Dave Malpas will present at our next meeting.
- b. (2.3) Contact FVCC re application for Money for Moray funds for road repairs. L Morgan advised that the estimate was over the £5000 limit for this fund, therefore no further action.
- c. (13.4) Submit consultation response re Inyanga. H Morton sent the Consultation which was accepted. H Morton advised that the Local Review Board took place today and it is his understanding that the appeal was rejected.

Item 5: Declaration of Conflicts of interest There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Item 6: Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 R Douglas advised that on 9 May Lt Col Jim Wester arrives to take command of Kinloss Barracks. He will be very busy at first but will be in touch. Community engagement is ramping up e.g. Piping Hot Forres, Findhorn Bay Arts Society, litter picking. R Douglas will look at how to use the 2017 resources best. If there are things that the Army could be engaging in, then please contact her. S Finnegan asked about Armed Forces day and understood that future events would only happen where the military is based. R Douglas advised that there will not be a big event this year, given that they are too thin on the ground, but would imagine this will change next year. L Morgan will await R Douglas arranging a time to meet with Lt Col Wester in due course. R Douglas then left the meeting.

Item 7: Chairman's Report

7.1 CCTV on Findhorn Road. Tower Security is still waiting for an estimate for the provision of an electricity supply to the site chosen for the camera.

7.2 Wild Fowling – L Morgan attended the MC meeting on 11th April to discuss the way forward re: controlling wildfowling in the Findhorn Bay. P Carroll also attended primarily as Chairman of the FBLNR. Cllr Skene's starter proposal for voluntary restrictions on wildfowling was discussed and stakeholders were invited to put their view and comments forward. Although there was some support for a voluntary system, most considered it would be ineffective and many favoured the introduction of a byelaw. L Morgan reiterated our long-held view that the contents of the byelaw should be decided by the Moray Council and be based on a compromise between the anti and pro shooting spokespersons. The Moray Council officials at the meeting seemed to be persuaded that a byelaw is necessary and there will be further meetings to agree the compromise. Since then, L Morgan has replied to a written request from the Moray Council, requesting views on three points: Restrictions for shooters to include area and times; Management of the site and use; and Implementation of any agreement. The response included the comment that the role of this CC should be to assist the Moray Council in achieving a compromise position between the opposing parties. More information is available on our gmail for CC Cllrs.

7.3 Money for Moray – L Morgan attended a meeting of the working group for this project this morning. The response from groups for a share of the £60K pot has been enormous and the total of the applications is over £300K. Work is in progress on the format for the public assessment on 28th May in Rothes. All the applicants will receive a letter as soon as possible.

7.4 L Morgan has had dealings with SSE on wiring for emergency generators. The church has been surveyed by electrical people and in the event of the emergency plan coming into effect (if there is a power outage), SSE will be able to come along and plug in an emergency generator. The Findhorn Village Hostel has been surveyed and the building is being modified to be able to accept an SSE standby generator.

In relation to 7.2 above, H Morton advised that there was an article in the Apr Scottish Field re: Wildfowling and in Caerlaverock there is a working relationship with everybody involved and a permit system.

Item 8: Secretary's Report

8.1 There have been various emails from Craig Fraser regarding the Cromarty Firth.

8.2 There is an invitation for 1 member (plus partner) of the CC, to attend the naming ceremony in Buckie of the new dredger to service Moray's harbours. This is on May 6th at 12 noon. H Morton will be attending.

8.3 There was an advertisement for the Woodland Festival on 30th April 11–5pm at The Shelter, Wilkies Wood, Findhorn. A VIP Invitation for 2 has been sent to our Gmail. RSVP by end of today.

8.4 There is CC Training on 4th May 1–3pm at Elgin Youth Café, and on 18th May 7-9 pm at Elgin Academy Conference Room. E Malone expressed an interest in attending one of the sessions.

8.5 There has been a couple of 'e newsletters' – view on gmail.

8.6 There is a Community Capacity Building Training Calendar which is worth a look at on the Gmail.

8.7 There is a Moray Fundraising seminar on 12th May at Elgin Town Hall.

Item 9: Treasurer's Report

9.1 The APRS £25 annual fee has been paid. £7.50 has been paid out for the treasurer's expenses and £25 for the minutes. This brings the total to £3,367.99 of which £1,113.28 is the Moray Council grant and £2254.71 for other grants.

Item 10: JCCM Report

10.1 Nothing to report – the next meeting is on 12th May. P Carroll will attend with L Morgan.

Item 11: Moray Councillors' Reports

11.1 Cllr Creswell advised that since the go live date of the integration joint board, she has been going round different groups looking at wellbeing; looking at mental health, carers, etc.; there is a conservation café held in Dr Gray's once a month. There was a presentation re: the new Hanover and about home care will be delivered in the future. Cllr Creswell attended 'Dementia Friendly' awards presentation and has attended various other meetings. Cllr Creswell attends the area forum and other CC meetings too. She reminded everyone that it is 'Volunteers week' at the beginning of June.

11.2 Cllr Alexander advised that he has chaired the Public Protection Partnership. Cllr Alexander also attended the wildfowling meeting. Cllr Alexander advised that there has been a consultation re: 'developer contributions' and what is the best way to fix the contributions. Cllr Alexander has also been involved in workforce culture; he advised that bullying at work is a serious issue and the Moray Council has also had the results of the survey on this matter from school pupils. He went on to say that this is a fascinating subject. Cllr Alexander has also been to quite a few school placement appeals.

11.3 Cllr Skene thought that the wildfowling meeting was a success and broke the ice and the result is that there will be another meeting at the end of May on a much smaller scale. There has to be very real and purposeful discussion, and move to a process/system that is agreeable and she is pleased to get to this point. Cllr Skene advised that Committee yesterday approved to go out to consultation on the rezoning of 8 primary schools that feed into Forres Academy; Kinloss Primary School is part of this. Cllr Skene also advised that she is now back on the resurrected 'Leisure Review Steering Group'. The Group will be looking at different schemes, trusts, how other local authorities do it etc. Cllr Skene advised that Cllr Alexander and her met with D Malpas from the Moray Council. She advised that there have been lots of speeding checks and lots of research into the regulations in rural settlements; he will discuss everything at our next CC meeting. T Brown advised as before, that he feels the speed checks are carried out at the wrong time. Cllr Skene advised that lots of teachers and head teachers are retiring this summer and this staffing is an ongoing problem. Cllr Skene advised that there is scaffolding on Kinloss Abbey tower and this is to make it safe. Cllr Skene reminded everyone that the Auchernack Trust fund is due for applications again; they meet again in May.

Item 12: Findhorn Foundation Report

12.1 Items are noted under future events.

Item 13: Planning

13.1 P Carroll commented on 16/00436 citing of 3 static caravans at Findhorn Sands. He reminded everyone that this had been discussed and that the general comments made were summarised and put in the planning consultation response to the Moray Council. F & K CC objected to the application and he outlined the reasons why and he also advised that we had asked for further information on various points. The owners of the caravan park were present at the meeting and they advised that they were extremely disappointed at the outcome and comments noted; they would have hoped that the F & K CCllr's had approached them for clarity prior to putting in their response to their planning

application. This led to a lengthy discussion and L Morgan sought thoughts on whether the F & K CC should reconsider their response. Following more debate, L Morgan asked the Findhorn Cllrs to vote on this matter, however, the caravan owners then asked the CC to consider any conflict of interest. This led to further discussion in regards to those involved with the FVCC. The decision was to leave things as they stand. Cllr Alexander gave some clarity on how the Moray Council deals with conflicts of interest.

13.2 H Morton – new application 129 Findhorn, 00575 extension - in today.

13.3 16/00460 4 houses Newton of Struthers –

13.4 For info – 16/00286 Findhorn Road – update – no outstanding planning applications for this site.

13.5 Seapark Caravan Park appeal – as seen on webcam from the Moray Council committee – appeal refused

Item 14: AOCB

14.1 Painting on pavement in Findhorn for parking. All F & K Cllrs agreed no painting.

14.2 Southside Projects – J O'Hagan gave a very brief update on the ideas for the projects that are currently being discussed in more depth in sub groups within the Southside Residents Association. J O'Hagan will update as and when proposals are finalised.

14.3 FRA publicity. S Finnegan confirmed that the only input required is for F & K CC meeting dates to be included. Therefore, it was decided to take forward.

ACTION: L Morgan, S Finnegan and J O'Hagan to discuss and provide dates to FRA

14.4 Leaflet drop. **ACTION: J O'Hagan** to organise photocopying of the flyer and pass to **S Finnegan** for distribution.

14.5 L Morgan advised that an email arrived today re: a CC national website. He felt that F & K CC should have a website. L Morgan then asked whether E Malone would take on our existing 'Facebook' page on our behalf and she agreed. **ACTION: P Carroll and E Malone** to liaise re: passwords etc for this page.

14.6 E Malone introduced herself to the CC and gave a brief resume of her life and work.

14.7 P Carroll commented on his role on the Hinterland Trust Board – a report will be shared on gmail. It is his opinion that they need to widen their community base further.

14.8 P Carroll gave a brief update on the FVC and hostel – the first phase is very near complete and will accommodate 24 – 26 people. An open evening is being arranged. The next phase will be further community space for a further 6 people.

Item 15: Forthcoming Events

15.1

a. Heritage Centre opens during weekends in May.

b. FVCC AGM Thursday 9 June at 7.30pm

Date of Next Meeting: 26th May 2016, 7pm at James Milne Institute, Findhorn