

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th MAY 2016, at JAMES MILNE INSTITUTE, FINDHORN

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

Attendance: R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), T McLaren (Forres Gazette), Cllr Creswell, Cllr Skene, D Malpas (Moray Council), 21 members of public

Item 1: Apologies Cllr Alexander, Sgt Ferry (Police Scotland), E Malone, M Hyde

Public Session

L Morgan opened the meeting by offering condolences from the F & K CC to the family of the late Frank Whyte who had sadly died in a sailing accident last weekend in Findhorn.

Item 2: Police report and public business

2.1 During the period from 28/04/16, there have been 4 reports of crime being committed within the Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council area. On 28/04/16, a male was reported in respect of controlled drugs offences following the execution of a search warrant. On 06/05/16, a wall in South Side, Kinloss, was vandalised. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this. During the period, there were a further two thefts of bicycles in the area.

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. In relation to reports of antisocial behaviour by children in South Side, Kinloss, high visibility patrols have been carried out. It is requested that these incidents are reported at the time in order to trace the culprits. Following reports of vehicles speeding on the Kinloss to Findhorn Road, high visibility patrols have been carried out between local and Roads Policing officers. S Finnegan raised the issue of speed checks between the war memorial and the Kimberley Inn in Findhorn. **Action:** S Finnegan to email Sgt Ferry to make further enquiries

Two members of the public had an issue with the Police report re: speed checks in Kinloss, advising that they have not witnessed high visibility patrols in the area.

Public business

2.2 Presentation by Mr Dave Malpas, Senior Traffic Manager, Moray Council. He began his presentation acknowledging that what he had to say might not be very popular. He continued with a presentation on speeding issues in Kinloss. He handed out information on survey data on the level crossing site to begin with, before moving on to discuss data collected near Kinloss Church. He explained the data giving context to the findings. Several members of the public questioned the reliability of the data and were unhappy with the report. D Malpas referred to guidance by the Scottish Government and explained several times that this is what he had to adhere to. In short, physical traffic calming measures will not be put in place on Station Rd or on Findhorn Rd. He answered many questions raised by the public before pointing out that although it was their right to start a petition, should a petition go to committee, given the Scot Gov guidance and the data available, his recommendation on the speed limit on Station Rd would be to increase it from 30 to 40mph. The whole issue of speeding within Kinloss was discussed at length before a local resident offered to pay up to £10,000 for physical traffic calming measures on the Findhorn Rd. D Malpas advised that he would need to make enquiries about this, but if the member of public was serious about this offer, he would look into it. The member of public confirmed that his offer was a serious one. Following this presentation, almost all members of the public left the meeting.

2.3 A letter was read out from a local resident, Margaret Ogilvie, suggesting double yellow lines near the Kimberley Inn in Findhorn. F Allan agreed to research this issue. **Action: F Allan** to lead on our response to this.

2.4 F Rietberg raised the issue on behalf of a resident re: over hanging branches, grass and glass on the cycle path between Findhorn and Kinloss. Members of the committee highlighted that they cut back areas and picked up glass etc themselves when this was raised before. They expressed the need for members of the public to be resourceful and lend a hand as the Moray Council's funds for this had run out.

2.5 S Finnegan advised that she took part in the litter pick with the Army this week. This seemed to have been a successful event and thanks were given to the many Army personnel for turning up. It was acknowledged the personnel were volunteers and had given up their time. It is hoped that this event will be repeated in the future and it would be hoped more members of the public would get involved.

2.6 F Allan gave an update of the FVCC. He advised that the AGM would be held on 8th June 7.30 pm at James Milne Institute. He referred to the discussion at our last meeting with regards to 'conflict of interest'. This had been discussed at the FVCC meeting and it was agreed that in line with how we are dealing with this matter, this will be a standing item on their agenda and it would be up to the individual to declare any conflict of interest.

Item 3: Ratification of minutes

3.1 Item 6.1 spelling of surname – Wester should read Webster. The minutes were thereafter ratified - proposed by S Finnegan and seconded by P Carroll.

Item 4: Matters Arising

4.1 (a) (14.3) Provide calendar dates for FRA - LM/JOH/SF – L Morgan - completed.

4.2 (b) (14.4) J O'Hagan to photocopy and S Finnegan to do leaflet drop – part complete and underway.

4.3 (c) (14.5) P Carroll to give FB info to E Malone to populate – P Carroll advised that there are currently 2 F&KCC FB pages and he will liaise with E Malone. **Action: P Carroll** to contact E Malone

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

Item 6: Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 R Douglas advised that the new CO has arrived in Kinloss. R Douglas said that Lt Col Webster is delighted to be here with his family and is settling in the area. His programme has already been very busy with visits nationally and overseas. L Morgan reminded R Douglas that Lt Col Webster is most welcome to introduce himself at our meeting. **Action: R Douglas** will speak to the CO and arrange something that is mutually convenient.

6.2 T Brown raised the issue of the proposed nature trail and enquired with R Douglas whether the Army would be able to give some assistance with this project. T Brown will confirm the details with R Douglas by email and they will liaise between themselves to see if this is possible. **Action: T Brown** to contact R Douglas re: nature trail.

6.3 R Douglas reiterated the point that it would be beneficial if future litter picks were seen to be conducted by both army personnel and local civilians.

Item 7: Chairman's Report

7.1 L Morgan handed out copies of the letter from D Malpas for notice boards in Findhorn and Kinloss.

7.2 L Morgan attended 5 Money for Moray Working Group meetings over the month. He advised that due to very large numbers of applications from community groups, there will now be 2 public events to vote on the applications: the first on 28th May in Grant Hall in Rothes 10 am – 3pm and the second on 26 Jun from 2pm. L Morgan advised that voters will be required to remain for the duration of the meeting to ensure an equitable voting system and give each group an equal opportunity.

7.3 L Morgan and P Carroll attended the JCC meeting in May.

7.4 L Morgan advised that the cost estimate for introducing CCTV on the Findhorn Road is still awaited.

Item 8: Secretary's Report

8.1 J O'Hagan advised that there had been various emails from Craig Fraser regarding the Cromarty Firth. Adrian Hutchins contacted F & K CC re: a litter pick at Findhorn bay – he is hoping to make this a regular event in partnership with the Army and community. An email was received re: a licence variation for the Captains Table in Findhorn. There is an invitation to the Highland launch of Emergency Planning Toolkit for carers to be held on 30th May 10am – 12.30pm at Lhanbryde Community Hall. Moray Art Centre provided their May newsletter detailing classes and workshops etc. Jonathan Caddy sent an email newsletter with photographs on re: the Woodland Festival in Wilkies Wood. An email was received re: 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' – Young Reporters Newsletter. The March report was received re: Grampian Patient Participation Group. Cllr Creswell advised about the Tesco project – the idea is to use surplus food from Tesco in July. There will be kitchens in each village hall and possibly in churches and schools. An invitation was received to one of the open days at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Therapeutic Roof Garden – up until Sunday 29th June – booking is essential. Jane Martin advised about the 'engagement and community participation campaign'; there is a survey available to comment on the 10 year plan. Forres CC sent their up to date poster re: their members and roles. The Moray Council are preparing 'Moray Woodland Strategy' and there is an invitation to the following events: Tuesday 21st June - Moray Woodlands public stakeholder exhibition 6pm – 8pm and also Thursday 30th June, Forest businesses stakeholder workshop 2pm – 4pm.

L Morgan suggested J O'Hagan contact C Fraser to remove us from his mailing list.

Item 9: Treasurer's Report

9.1 F Rietberg has written 2 cheques – one for the Rapid Departure hall hire £36.75 and one for printer costs of £4.40. The Moray Council grant stands at £1,108.88 and the other grants stand at £2,217.96, bringing the total to £3,326.84. F Rietberg reminded everyone that the next meeting will be the third quarter for claiming any expenses. The APRS annual report has been received and they are celebrating 90 years.

Item 10: JCCM Report

10.1 L Morgan gave an update from the last meeting. He advised there was a short presentation by the Regional Community Team Manger for Scottish Water. P Carroll pointed out that the metal doors on two emergency relief vents from Findhorn village into the bay appeared to be inoperative due to rust. This will be investigated. M Palmer from the Moray Council gave a presentation on community engagement and encouraged feedback on the Moray Community Planning Partnership draft plan for the next ten years, particularly the survey on the six core questions which is available online at www.yourmoray.org.uk or at local public offices of partners.

10.2 L Morgan gave the JCC an update on the Money for Moray Working Group.

10.3 L Morgan advised that there had been a discussion on the draft CC Complaints Procedure and the latest version will be circulated for comment. It was agreed that the complainants should be allowed months to submit a complaint because the problem may not be detected for some time. One person from each CC is encouraged to attend 3 sessions of mediation training at the end of August/early September. **Action: J O'Hagan** to liaise with M Hyde to see if she is interested in attending.

10.4 L Morgan advised that at the Information Sharing session at the JCC, the Forres Community Council displayed two free-standing banners which they had purchased to promote the CC. L Morgan asked whether F & K CC would be interested in getting a banner. It was not felt we needed any.

10.5 L Morgan had advised the JCC that F&KCC is now back to full strength. He advised that civilian access to the Kinloss Pool was denied, that resolving the wildfowling issue is work-in-progress, as is the speeding in Kinloss issue. P Carroll gave an update to the JCC on renovations to the Findhorn Village Hostel.

10.6 The Next JCC meeting is 11th August.

Item 11: Moray Councillors' Reports

11.1 Cllr Skene advised that she had attended the inter-school's library quiz on Tuesday evening. 47 primary schools had competed and it was narrowed down to 4; this year Andersons Primary School won the competition. Cllr Skene advised that she had also attended the 'Foster Carer long service awards'. Cllr Skene spoke of the dedication of the carers in this very valued role. Cllr Skene advised that the wildfowl meeting had been postponed because one of the petitioners is offshore and there was no substitute; hopefully this will take place soon. Cllr Skene advised that a full Council meeting was held yesterday and the Council agreed to go ahead with the new Lossie High School, with swimming pool and library. Cllr Skene spoke about the costs involved and raised concern how the Moray Council will manage the budget. She gave an update on the Council's overall budget and the anticipated shortfall and urged the community to engage in consultations and planning for the future. There was discussion on the concern about significant shortfall in funds. Cllr Skene highlighted the challenge for the Moray Council with the new Typhoon Squadron coming to the local area, in terms of housing and school places.

11.2 Cllr Creswell advised she had attended the development day for integration; there is clear evidence that communities are missing from it and Cllr Creswell urged communities to get involved. Cllr Creswell had followed up the issue of adult protection from the last meeting and she has spoken to the appropriate person, who is willing to come to one of our meetings in the future. P Carroll advised that not everyone is fully aware of things like respite care. It was decided we could invite different people to our future meetings and/or leaflets to raise the awareness. Cllr Creswell also highlighted that there is a weekly hub meeting in the Moray Council, where a range of partners discuss any concerns in the community. Cllr Creswell highlighted the recent issues in the press re: drug arrests. She urged people to pass on issues to the relevant authorities, to help agencies tackle these important issues. Cllr Creswell highlighted the discussion she had had with the Champion for Forres Tesco. It is hoped that in July, there will be surplus food distributed that could be passed to community groups to cook in the evening for example. Cllr Creswell will keep us informed. Cllr Creswell advised that she had visited Shetland a couple of days ago with the social enterprise in Moray. This had been an interesting visit and she had seen at first hand how a local community had turned an old school into a community centre. She had found this very inspiring. Cllr Creswell reminded everyone that the next Auchernack Trust deadline is 31st May. Cllr Creswell advised she had also attended the

incredible edible event and this had been interesting. She advised that there are 3 pods left in Forres, at a cost of £25 per year.

Item 12: Findhorn Foundation Report

12.1 F Rietberg stated there is no plan to build a new wind turbine to replace the inoperative one because of the cost; however, panels are being put on private houses and this provides more green energy in the park. The shop in the park has now changed its structure and is a community interest company and the café has been renamed the Phoenix Café. The park is also hosting a big event for people all over the world. F Rietberg highlighted that there are many events in the park and she is happy to answer to any questions.

Item 13: Planning

13.1 P Carroll advised the outcome of the planning application for 'Inyanga'; the MLRB (Board) dismissed the review.

13.2 Findhorn Sands Caravan Park application for 3 caravans; Moray Council have given the go ahead with several conditions imposed. P Carroll outlined these conditions.

Item 14: AOCB

14.1 P Carroll updated on the wildfowling issue. He raised concern that the selection of people to attend the next meeting from the wildfowling side is the petitioner and his professional organisation; however, for the last 20 years the Local Nature Reserve committee has had 2 wildfowling on their board, one of whom is the Scottish representative of BASC (the main wildfowling body in the UK), and neither are invited to attend the meeting. P Carroll expressed dissatisfaction with this and asked relevant parties to reconsider.

14.2 P Carroll advised that the Findhorn Village Hostel is now open and it has already housed visitors. The next phase begins soon and will have separate sleeping and other facilities.

14.3 L Morgan advised that he had spoken to a rep from McPhersons (who attended tonight's meeting as a member of the public) regarding speeding in Station Rd Kinloss. McPhersons had hoped that a local distillery would allow a sign to be positioned at the distillery encouraging lorries to slow down at the railway crossing but this had been declined. L Morgan has been given the sign in the hope that alternative positioning could be found e.g. on farmer's land near the railway crossing. The wording on the sign was not really appropriate for that position, however, L Morgan will liaise with Kinloss CCllrs and agree new wording. It was suggested that L Morgan speak to M Council Roads Dept, Planning and the Police in addition to the farmer of the land before positioning any sign.

Action: L Morgan will discuss with the relevant parties.

14.4 L Morgan gave a brief update on the wildfowling from F&KCC perspective. Although F&KCC had been invited to the first meeting, they were not invited to the second, however, were invited to put in their views. It is our belief that there should be a compromise between the opposing factions and that we would be willing to assist the Moray Council in developing a suitable compromise on the detail of a byelaw.

Item 15: Forthcoming Events

15.1 FVCC AGM Wednesday 8th June 7.30 pm at JMI

15.2 25th June - Piping at Forres

15.3 26th June - Songs of Praise concert 6.30 pm at Findhorn Pier. Music by RAF Lossie voluntary band. Refreshments after in JMI.

Date of Next Meeting: 30th June 2016 in Kinloss Church Culbin Room (No meeting in July)