

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 25 Aug 16 JMI Findhorn

Present: L Morgan (Chair + Minutes) F Rietberg, T Brown, P Carroll, M Hyde, E Malone, S Finnegan

Attendance: R Douglas BSO Kinloss Barracks, T McLaren Forres Gazette

Item 1: Apologies. F Allan, J O'Hagan, H Morton, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Skene.

Item 2: Police Report and Public Business

Police Report

2.1 The Chairman reported that Sgt Ferry had advised the CC that written and verbal monthly Police Reports would no longer be provided. When available there would be a Police presence at our meetings but would only be available to answer questions. Exchanges of e-mails between the Chairman and Sgt Ferry had been forwarded to the CC.

2.2 There was no Police presence at this meeting and the Chairman undertook to feedback to Sgt Ferry matters of interest to the Police as follows:

a. Due to cars parking on the double yellow lines just south of the left fork down to the slipway in Findhorn, the Stagecoach bus could not pass and a build up of traffic resulted. It was suggested that a few Police "no parking cones" be placed on the road in this area to discourage illegal parking. A more radical suggestion was to install a dummy camera and signage indicating that cars parked illegally will be clamped.

b. Problems continue with cars parking on the pavement in Findhorn in such a way that they prevent the passage of disabled wheelchairs.

Public Business

2.3 D Hammond from the ParkEcoVillage gave a presentation on the plans which had to be submitted to the Moray Council at short notice for a new build Welcome Centre within the Findhorn Foundation. Mr Hammond answered questions and was thanked for his presentation which was well received by members of the CC.

2.4 F Rietberg had been requested to raise a complaint about low flying in the vicinity of Heathneuk. The Chairman had been sent the relevant e-mails including the response from Moray Flying Club (MFC) last May and the latest statement from the resident that the situation had got worse. It was decided that the resident should be advised to take up the MFC's offer of further dialogue, to send the e-mail he sent to F Rietberg direct to MFC, and to document the date/time of further occurrences over the next month. After this has been done and further reply received from MFC, the CC may be in position to take action. **ACTIONS: F Rietberg** to inform the resident. **L Morgan** to send the e-mails to P Carroll and R Douglas.

2.5 Findhorn Village Conservation Company. Nothing to report.

Item 3: Ratification of Minutes of the meeting on 30 Jun 16

3.1 Corrections: G Alexander had submitted Apologies. The spelling of Rietberg was corrected. Delete Susie Jenner, insert Susie Gentle. The minutes of the meeting In June were then ratified, proposed by P Carroll, seconded by F Rietberg.

Item 4: Matters Arising

- a. (4.1) Feedback to member of public re double yellow lines at Kimberley Inn. **F Allen Done**
- b. (4.2) Liaise with 39 Eng Regt re Nature Trail. **T Brown Done** and ongoing
- c. (4.4) Progress issue of road sign near Kinloss Railway Crossing. **L Morgan Done**, due to objections by M Council Traffic and Planning depts, a sign will not be erected.
- d. (4.4) Progress coloured slabs on Findhorn Rd Kinloss. **L Morgan** Discussions in progress
- e. (13.4) Site visit Woodside Farm. Not undertaken but not essential.
- f. (13.5) Provide plans to FBLNR. **T Brown** Work in progress with FBLNR, final plans not yet available.
- g. (14.2) Progress leaflet drop in Findhorn **JoH and SF** Work in progress
- h. (14.6) Info on "visitfindhorn" **F Rietberg** Will invite M Anderson to give a short presentation and answer questions at our Sep meeting. **ACTION: F Rietberg**

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

Item 6: Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 R Douglas reported that WO Robert Williamson, the new RSM is in post. There was nothing more to add about the well-reported news that Kinloss Barracks is one of many MOD assets under review for possible closure. In response to a query on Kinloss Barracks involvement in local activities for the next Remembrance Sunday it was confirmed that in Forres the event will be on 6 Nov whereas in Findhorn and Kinloss it will be on 13 Nov. There was some discussion and disquiet about two dates but the Chairman pointed out that we are only concerned with our events in Findhorn and Kinloss and sought assurance that they will be supported in the same way as in previous years.

Item 7: Chairman's Report

7.1 L Morgan advised that he is still working on procuring a defibrillator for Kinloss Church, our chosen emergency location in Kinloss. Once achieved he will look at one for the Findhorn Village Centre, the chosen emergency location for Findhorn. **ACTION: L Morgan**

7.2 As progress has stalled on procuring CCTV at a location on the Findhorn Rd, another contractor will be found. **ACTION: L Morgan**

7.3 The Chairman had been invited to attend a Moray Council-led special meeting of the Moray Economic Partnership (MEP) to consider the economic implications if the MOD decides to close Kinloss Barracks. As he could not attend, T Brown attended in his place and T Brown was invited to report on the meeting starting with reading the statement the Chairman provided to the MEP meeting. No Minutes will be issued for that meeting so it is not appropriate to provide details here but T Brown said it was a useful meeting which got stakeholders together to discuss implications and possible actions.

7.4 A member of the public, C Hunt, drew our attention to the recent Planning Application to amend the layout of the Beach Huts from one line of 30 to two lines of 15 and this generated e-mail comments within this Council. There was discussion on whether or not a building warrant was required but this is a matter for Moray Council. We need to decide whether or not to object to the application. See under Planning below.

Item 8: Secretary's Report

8.1 J O'Hagan was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments and is working to produce proposals for Southside projects in lieu of allotments.

Item 9: Treasurer's Report

9.1 F Rietberg advised that after costs and expenses totalling £52.50, the total remaining from the Moray Council grants is £1386; other grants total £2217.96, making a total of £3603.96.

Item 10: JCCM Report

10.1 L Morgan attended the last meeting on 11 Aug and the Minutes are available on our gmail. (The JCC Minutes are also available on the Moray Council website).

Item 11: Moray Councillors' Reports

11.1 Cllr Alexander:

- Recently there was a full meeting of the Moray Council.
- This week inspectors from the Care Inspectorate are at Moray Council and as Chair of the Public Protection Partnership I attended a meeting to answer questions.
- There has been a meeting of the Police, Fire and Rescue Committee.
- Concern has been expressed about the dilapidated state of the mortuary at Spynie and it will no longer be used for family identification of the deceased.
- The situation with the wildfowling agreement has been well documented in the press and The Moray Council advised that the cost in officers' time to date is at least £20k. There was discussion and it appears the Moray Council's mediation attempt has failed. The problem is with the law of the land and this can only be changed by the Scottish or UK government, not Moray Council.
- Two consultations in progress, one on school zoning and one requesting suggestions for the M Council.

Item 12: Findhorn Foundation Report

12.1 F Rietberg handed out latest copies of the Good Gig Guide and reported that the annual conference is entitled "Healthy Birth, Healthy Earth" event which starts on 3 Sep for one week.

Item 13: Planning

13.1 Planning Application to amend layout of Beach Huts: no objection

Item 14: AOCB

14.1 T Brown reported that residents in Southside were concerned that they would lose the funds which had been allocated to allotments. Emma Malone confirmed that Southside residents are disillusioned and feel aggrieved that they have received very little: Cumming Hall which they have to pay for, no pool access, no projects in lieu of allotments. The Chairman said it is not the Army which is delaying things; we need to come up with suitable projects and as Chair of the Southside Residents Association, J o'Hagan undertook to identify the projects. It may be that there is no agreement on how to spend the funds. A report from J o'Hagan is awaited. **ACTION: Jo'Hagan**

14.2 E Malone suggested that some of the allotment funds could be used for lowering pavements to make them wheelchair-friendly. Ownership of the roads may be an issue. **ACTION: E Malone** to discuss this suggestion with J o'Hagan.

14.3 M Hyde reported that some elderly Findhorn residents are having trouble boarding the 31 bus because the step is very high and suggested that buses which can lower the step be used. In discussion it was thought that some buses are high and some are low and the best course of action was for M Hyde to contact Stagecoach. **ACTION: L Morgan** to provide **M Hyde** with the tel number for Stagecoach.

14.4 P Carroll reported that the Crown Estate has handed over responsibility for some foreshore to a local community in the Western Isles and suggested that the Findhorn Village Conservation Company may wish to investigate whether responsibility for the Findhorn Bay standing water could be transferred to the FVCC. **ACTION: F Allan** and **M Hyde**

14.3 S Finnegan sought agreement to purchase Remembrance Wreaths as per last year and also to invite T Negus to lay the Findhorn Wreath in place of D Willing. Agreed. **ACTION: S Finnegan**

Item 15: Forthcoming Events

Findhorn Village Centre Scottish Tea 3 Sep 2pm

Forres Tolbooth Photo Exhibition 31 Aug to 3 Sep 10am – 4pm

Item 16: Date of Next Meeting 29 Sep 16 in the Kinloss Church Culbin Room at 7pm.