

## **FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on 29 Sep 16 at Kinloss Church Culbin Room**

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

**Attendance:** R Douglas BSO Kinloss Barracks, Cllr Creswell and 3 members of public.

**Item 1: Apologies.** J O'Hagan, E Malone, Cllr Skene, Cllr Alexander, T McLaren Forres Gazette

### **Item 2: Police Report and Public Business**

#### **Police Report**

**2.1** Sgt Carmichael and PC Ross from Police Scotland attended and reported vandalism to a car in Seaforth Place Findhorn and to another in Wester Rd Kinloss. T Brown informed the Police of damage to a stained glass window at Kinloss Church and was advised to report it through formal channels. A resident had complained to the LNR that he was harassed by wildfowl shooters; Police had attended and indicated that the location of the shooting was not illegal. The Police also said hare coursing is illegal and in the event of wildlife crime the Police and the wildlife officer, Constable Darling should be informed. Instances of harassment and abuse whether it be related to wildlife or not should be reported and the Police will take action if a crime has been committed. S Finnegan requested feedback on the traffic survey being conducted near the Findhorn War Memorial. The Chairman undertook to request this, and also detailed speed survey data from previous surveys, from M Council. **ACTION L Morgan.** S Finnegan also requested the Police take action against cars parked in the vicinity of the Kimberley which could block the passage of the bus. M Hyde reported that the Police are not taking any action against speeding cyclists on the pavement in Findhorn and she believed this to be illegal. The Police undertook to check that. The Chairman thanked the Police for attending and they then departed.

#### **Public Business**

**2.3** D Hammond and M Anderson from the ParkEcoVillage gave a presentation on the website [www.visitfindhorn.uk](http://www.visitfindhorn.uk). M Hyde had raised concerns about the title of the website and stated that she was aware of some disquiet in Findhorn village about the title "visitfindhorn", contending that it would be more accurate to call it "visitfindhornfoundation" or something similar. She said the Findhorn Foundation/Park is not in Findhorn village and expressed concern about the blurring of the difference between them. There was a short discussion and there was general agreement that it was a good website which did cover both the FF/Park and the village but there was some public opinion that it was biased towards the FF/Park. Notwithstanding the criticisms, there were acknowledgements that it is a very good, comprehensive website. D Hammond and M Anderson took on board the comments and M Anderson, who created the website, stated he was amenable to improving the website and would look at all suggestions posted via the website. The Chairman thanked them for their attendance and presentation and they then departed.

F Allan proposed changing para 2.4 by deleting "the Armstrong Garage site" and inserting "the garage site". Also replacing "Negotiations are underway on whether responsibility for the Findhorn Bay standing water could be transferred from Crown Estate to the FVCC." with "A Sub group of FVCC formed to look at acquiring water area in the bay currently owned by The Crown Estate." The Minutes of the meeting In Sep were then ratified, proposed by P Carroll, seconded by F Allan.

**2.4** Findhorn Village Conservation Company Update. F Allan reported that it is now 6 months since the land from Novar Estates was bought by the company and it is still developing. The company has a sub group looking at the feasibility of buying the garage site. The company will be looking at the various means to create revenue streams for the company. Members of the company had taken part in training sessions. A Sub group of FVCC formed to look at acquiring water area in the bay currently owned by The Crown Estate. P Carroll suggested that following the upcoming meeting on this between the FVCC, the LNR and the Fairways Committee, the CC needs to be kept informed of progress. The Chairman intimated that the best way of doing this was via the monthly reports under the FVCC Update item.

### **Item 3: Ratification of Minutes of the meeting on 25 Aug 16**

**3.1** The Minutes of the meeting on 25 Aug were ratified, proposed by P Carroll, seconded by M Hyde.

### **Item 4: Matters Arising**

- a. (2.4) Advise resident who complained of low flying over Heathneuk **FR** Done
- b. (2.4) Forward e-mails on low flying to PC and Ruth Douglas **LM** Done

- c. (4.d) Progress coloured slabs on Findhorn Rd Kinloss. **LM** Done. Mr Malpas advised that the pavement has been lowered but insertion of coloured slabs would be expensive and there are no funds available in the short term.
- d. (4.h) Invite M Anderson to give presentation on "visitfindhorn" **FR** Done.
- e. (7.1) Progress procuring a defibrillator for Kinloss **LM** Done, see 7.f below.
- f. (7.2) Progress procuring CCTV at a location on the Findhorn Rd **LM** . The Police have advised that it is not permissible to install CCTV on private land to gather data on traffic on the public road. Project terminated.
- g. (14.1) Submit a report on suitable projects in Southside **JoH** Done, see Secretary's report below.
- h. (14.3) Provide M Hyde with the tel number for Stagecoach **LM** Done.
- i. (14.4) Investigate whether responsibility for the Findhorn Bay standing water could be transferred from Crown Estate to the FVCC. **FA** and **MH** Done, work in progress.
- j. (14.5) Invite T Negus to lay the Findhorn Wreath in place of D Willing. **SF** Done, T Negus agreed.

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

### **Item 6: Kinloss Barracks Report**

**6.1** R Douglas reported that 39 Eng Regt will be contacting T Brown about the nature trail. TB stated that SNH was keen to receive asap detailed information and this required input from 39 Eng Regt. R Douglas stated that the Regiment was off on a long weekend holiday and would respond asap. TB said SNH would be advised that the info would be forthcoming. R Douglas said 38 Eng Regt will be supporting the Forres Rotary's fireworks/bonfire event on 5 Nov and coinciding with the Regiment's big anniversary, they will have a display stand in Grant park on that day. There will be a Military Covenant signing with Moray Council, RAF Lossiemouth and 39 Eng Regt Kinloss Barracks. Chairman requested confirmation of the details of the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Kinloss Abbey as Moray Council need to know so as to arrange a Deputy Lt and a Moray Councillor for wreath laying. In the past the ceremony was at 0945, with the base padre officiating and CO laying the Kinloss Barracks wreath. **ACTION: R Douglas** to advise Chairman.

### **Item 7: Chairman's Report**

**7.1** Meetings attended or in the diary:

- a. Attended two further meetings of the Moray Economic Partnership (MEP) to consider the economic implications if the MOD decides to close Kinloss Barracks, on 6 and 23 Sep. Press releases, issued after the meetings, were received coverage in the press. The MOD has stated that further closure announcements will be made between now and the end of the year.
- b. Attended a meeting on 21 Sep to evaluate the recent Money for Moray PB events and discuss options for the future. There is potential for Moray Council to allocate more funds to future PB events. A further meeting will be held in due course.
- c. Attended a JCC sub-group meeting on 22 Sep to review the Community Councillor's Handbook which is due for updating. Moray Council requires a copy of our final Minutes which are not stamped "Draft". **ACTION LM and JoH**
- d. F Rietberg has volunteered to attend C Cllr training sessions in Elgin on 19 Oct and 3 Nov. **ACTION FR**
- e. E-mail received from Mr G MacCallum via Moray Council. It complained about F+K CC's handling of his planning app. Complaint will be investigated by F+KCC in accordance with Moray Council CC Complaints Procedure and a response will be sent to Mr MacCallum. This will be discussed at an EGM, to be held in private, immediately after this meeting.
- f. The British Heart Foundation has no more funds at the moment to subsidise procurement of a defibrillator. The provider they deal with has quoted a rough estimate of £1400. There was discussion on whether to procure using F+KCC funds and whether a grant from BerryBurn is a possibility. The Berryburn application period has just ended and there is time before the next period. T Brown suggested that it would be best if we demonstrate that we raise some funds for this purpose and volunteered to organize a fund-raising event in Kinloss Church. M Hyde is willing to assist. Chairman thanked T Brown and it was decided that the first step should be to raise funds as suggested and thereafter proceed as required. **ACTION T Brown**

### **Item 8: Secretary's Report**

**8.1** J O'Hagan was unable to attend the meeting and provided the following report:

- a. On F+KCC Gmail:

A media statement from the Moray Economic Partnership Sept 16 with agreed actions from MEP Group convened to consider the economic impact of Kinloss Barracks.

Moray Council Planning now has a facebook page and is encouraging people to sign-up.

An email from Jim Grant, Head of Development Services, regarding Public Engagement for Wind Turbine Proposals and a committee report from June 2016.

An invitation from Carmen Gillies, Development Officer for Social Micro Enterprise, promoting a Forres Vintage Tea Party, free to over 60s, being held on 6 Oct from 2.15 to 4pm in Forres Town Hall. All welcome.

b. Other matters:

I have spoken with a member of the public who called me. This was in relation to a memorial bench in Findhorn on the sea front. I dealt with this, because it was just about a replacement, not a new one. The member of the public was looking for a more durable seat and was approaching Moray Council parks for their advice and possibly commissioning them to do it.

I copied the leaflets and dropped them in for S Finnegan re our Emergency Plan. Let me know if more are needed.

c. A brief outline of initial proposals for Southside Projects has been circulated to CC members. There are 5 proposals:

- 1) 2 x Championship goal modules.
- 2) A 2.4 mtr 'memory swing' to seat both baby and carer.
- 3) A Shamwari Pavilion - termed an outdoor classroom. A roofed wooden structure, with open side panels and seating within.

4) Material to build 12 large scale flower boxes.

5) Funds to purchase a container for storage of equipment on the estate, however, we need to seek permission for this from the Moray Council before we pursue this.

d. CC discussion on the proposals. Comments from E Malone and S Finnegan were provided. The Chairman's initial response to the Sec on the proposals did not favour flower boxes and residents were very disappointed, however, flower boxes received support from most others in the CC and all the proposals above were discussed. Following discussion on all of the proposals it was decided to support them and the Secretary should progress them, prioritising the 5 options. **ACTION JoHagan.**

### **Item 9: Treasurer's Report**

**9.1** F Rietberg advised that after payment of bills and expenses the total remaining from the Moray Council grants is £1144.90; other grants total £2217.96, making a grand total of £3362.86. The CC accounts for the year ending 30 Sep will be prepared, independently checked and presented at our next meeting then submitted to M Council. The rules on expenses state that the person who independently checks the accounts is entitled to an honorarium. It was agreed to pay the independent checker an honorarium if he so wishes. **ACTION F Rietberg**

### **Item 10: JCCM Report**

**10.1** There will be a Special JCC meeting on 13 Oct at which senior police officers will be speaking. There are likely to be questions on the ending of police reports for CCs and on the level of police manpower in Moray. L Morgan will attend. The next regular JCC meeting is on 10 Nov.

### **Item 11: Moray Councillors' Reports**

**11.1** Cllr Creswell reported she had a busy month with added voluntary work for the festival. Attended an event with multiple tables and groups considering Moray Council's consultation on the 6 questions for the future. Work continues on the Integrated Health merger and a risk management study is in progress. Attended the Kinloss School PTA and recent LNR meeting. Forres Golf Club meeting soon. Cllr Creswell requested clarification of the date or dates for the Remembrance Day events and Chairman explained that due to heavy anniversary commitments 39 Eng Regt will be supporting Forres Remembrance activities on 6 Nov whereas Findhorn + Kinloss events will be on the national day which is 13 Nov.

## **Item 12: Findhorn Foundation Report**

**12.1** F Rietberg reported that a group of 53 including corporations and private investors held a conference "Unblocking the Future" with the aim of considering obstacles to implementing the Paris climate change agreement. A further youth empowerment programme, done in conjunction with M Council, is underway with 9 youths. Held a "Picnic in the Park" event as part of the Findhorn Bay Arts Festival.

## **Item 13: Planning**

**13.1** P Carroll tabled the following Planning Applications:

16/01322 Monessie Findhorn No objection

16/01412, 16/01419 and 16/01435 Seapark House Kinloss No objection

16/01471 Seaview Caravan Park Kinloss No objection (the Chairman terminated public discussion on this in the Council Session and stated that individuals were free to object if they so wished)

**13.2** H Morton has resumed primary responsibility for Planning. The Chairman thanked P Carroll for his work while H Morton was absent.

## **Item 14: AOCB**

**14.1** S. Finnegan handed out two F+KCC Remembrance Day Wreaths for memorials, one for Findhorn and one for Kinloss. It was agreed the Findhorn one will be laid by H Morton and the Kinloss one by L Morgan **ACTION: HM and LM**

**14.2** M Hyde reported on her discussion with Stagecoach regarding the high step up to the bus on entry. Most buses were of the type which could be lowered and the driver should be requested to lower it if required. On 24 Oct the no. 31 bus will become the no.36 bus which has different destinations.

**14.3** L Morgan pointed out that this Council's term of office expires in one year. The JCC will lead on a publicity drive for new Councillors but it is not too early for us to consider suitable candidates to replace us, especially as several of us will not be standing for the next 4 year term starting in Oct 17.

**14.4** Mr J Cowe, Chair of the Moray Council committee dealing with the wildfowling issue, had previously briefed L Morgan on the current situation and future intentions. These have been well reported in the press.

**14.5** Chairman had circulated the contents of a letter dated 20 Sep from CCLO regarding a complaint, which was not to do with this CC, about malpractice in dealing with planning applications. The letter was read out and the correct procedures were emphasised.

**14.6** P Carroll reported that the flutter valves for emergency release of sewage into the Bay are still rusted shut despite having reported this to Scottish Water earlier this year. He will write to SEPA. **ACTION P Carroll.** He also amplified the current situation with wildfowling saying the aim is to get all parties to agree so that Moray Council can introduce a byelaw which will not be challenged in an expensive public enquiry. P Carroll is now licensed to clear hogweed and will do work in due course.

**14.7** T Brown stated that the Church of Scotland is happy to give up land to enable the narrow pavement by the Kinloss church to be widened. **ACTION L Morgan** will request that M Council widens the pavement.

**14.8** F Rietberg reported that there is a Kinloss resident willing to serve on the LNR committee. P Carroll explained that the LNR constitution called for two from F+K CC and he was one. There were no Kinloss CC volunteers for the other and this should be reported to the LNR **ACTION P Carroll**

**14.9** S Finnegan has resilience leaflets for distribution in Findhorn and will complete this in due course.

**14.10** H Morton informed the meeting that the FRA had fixed the broken swing seat.

**14.11** M Hyde attended the recent Tourism meeting hosted by FACT and highlighted that Moray is a large area. The VisitScotland Expo 2017 in Glasgow will be promoting Moray.

## **Item 15: Forthcoming Events**

A96 Dualling Roadshow 5 Oct, noon – 7pm Ramnee Hotel

Remembrance Sunday 13 Nov

"There was a Lad" (Tribute to Robt Burns) 14 Oct evening JMI

Kinloss Church Open Day with Arts and Crafts 26 Nov

**Item 16: Date of Next Meeting** 27 Oct 16 in the JMI Findhorn at 7pm.