

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

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

Attendance: Cllr Alexander, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Skene, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), L Shaw (Forres Gazette)

Item 1 Apologies: E Malone

Item 2 Public Session:

**2.1** Police Report – As Police report could not be located prior to meeting, it was agreed that the contents would be inserted in retrospect. On 8<sup>th</sup> March about 00:35, a 25 year old man from the Glasgow area was assaulted outside a licensed premises in Kinloss. He was attacked by a group of men, but did not suffer any serious injury. Between 26<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> March, a beach hut at Findhorn was vandalised. Words and symbols were etched into its fabric. On 21<sup>st</sup> March, a Café premises at The Park, Findhorn, was broken into and a small amount of money was stolen. On 25<sup>th</sup> March, a small amount of money was stolen from a tips jar at a restaurant in Findhorn. A 24 year old local man has been charged.

**Action: S Finnegan** to email Jane Martin asking for the Police report earlier if possible.

**2.2** Findhorn Village Conservation Company update – F Allan advised there is to be an AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 p.m in JMI, Findhorn (open to public). It is hoped that a presentation on the David Urquhart path will take place at 7pm prior to the AGM, however, this needs to be confirmed.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes of Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017:

**3.1** Present: Remove Cllr Alexander. 7.3 (b) Insert word 'said' after 'consultant'. The minutes were thereafter ratified by M Hyde and seconded by P Carroll.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

**4.1** 2.4 Pass comments on bus timescale to Moray Council. Completed.

**4.2** 14.1 Pass comments on CCllr residency requirement to Moray Council. Completed.

**4.3** 14.2 Change gmail password. Completed.

**4.4** 14.3 Agree expenditure on new Kinloss notice board. F Rietberg approved approx. £400 + VAT.

**Action: L Morgan** to progress.

**4.5** 14.4 Act as focal points for drainage problems. M Hyde emailed the whole of the email list for the Village Centre and asked them to send on. S Finnegan has also spoken to a local resident (Jeremy Ward), who was to contact Cllr Skene. Cllr Skene has had 2 emails from residents and agreed to contact Jeremy Ward, who appears to have local knowledge of what is under ground. L Morgan advised that the CC will take on the issue and contact Scottish Water, should the data suggest there is an issue. Ongoing to next meeting.

**4.6** Report issues with Kinloss traffic lights. L Morgan contacted Moray Council and is awaiting a response.

**Action: L Morgan** to chase up a response.

Item 5 Declarations of Conflict of Interests:

**5.1** None disclosed

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

**6.1** No report, however, R Douglas would also like to find bus timetables. R Douglas thereafter, left the meeting.

Item 7 Chairman's Report:

**7.1** L Morgan advised this has been a quiet month. He was asked to assist the CCLO with a complaint, which he did. As regards the defibrillator, Sandra McKandie will deliver to L Morgan. L Shaw will do an article on this. Thanks to all for their contributions. E Malone informed L Morgan that

she would be happy to provide a free archaeological watching brief, during the relocation of the anti-tank blocks (and record it), if they need to be moved. E Malone also advised that she supports H Morton's draft response on the Woodland Strategy (see 14.1 below).

**Item 8 Secretary's Report:**

**8.1** Funding options – 'Tesco Bags of Help'; 'Paths for All'; Tsi. Consultations – Scottish Government 'Improving Parking in Scotland' is open until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Email from Steve Christie re 'Clean Up Poster'; 'The Great Get Together' between 16-18<sup>th</sup> June – to mark the 1 year anniversary of the death of Jo Cox (MP). The idea is to get people together for street parties/picnics, BBQs, Bake offs etc.

**Item 9 Treasurer's Report:**

**9.1** F Rietberg advised that there has been an agreement from Berryburn. The £25 DD for APRS has been paid. L Morgan submitted mileage and other claims for a total of £105 for the last 6 months. F Rietberg has submitted a claim for £7.50 for Treasurer services. Moray Council grant - £935.42 and other grants £1,227.14 totalling £2,162.56.

**Item 10 JCCM Report:**

No report

**Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:**

**11.1** Cllr Alexander advised that it has been a quiet month. He has attended an appeals committee and a licencing committee. There are no main committees due to purdah. Cllr Alexander thanked everyone for the positive and effective working relationships and wished everyone well. Cllr Alexander reflected on the progress in the Forres area in the last 5 years such as: huge spends on the school estate, house building, work on the swimming pool, flood alleviation etc.

**11.2** Cllr Creswell advised that work on the Integrated Board continues. She visited Inverurie recently to meet the Head of Health and Social Care. There is a suggested date of 8<sup>th</sup> June for the starting debate re: Leancoil. The new worker for older people (1-year post) has started and will be working on developing a befriending scheme. There are now link workers based in GP surgeries, to help address issues such as isolation, debt, loneliness etc. GPs have to refer. There is work underway on the 'Directory' of services. The new complex in Forres still has vacancies on the ground floor and they are keen for the community to use it. Cllr Creswell attended a meeting about the mortuary and the state of mortuaries. There is new housing near Birdshaugh and new signage for the road is being progressed. She also attended the Falconer Museum AGM last night. Cllr Creswell advised that she had an interesting conversation with a GP and that there are difficulties discharging people from hospital, given they have not set up their Guardianship and Power of Attorney. An interesting discussion followed re: this issue.

**11.2** Cllr Skene – chaired her last Corporate Parenting Group and this will take on a whole new direction following the Integrated Children's Services inspection. Cllr Skene has continued with supporting job interviews. Cllr Skene once again reflected on the staffing shortages in schools. As previously reported, Cllr Skene is not standing for election again and she passed on her thanks, especially to L Morgan for how he has chaired this CC and managed some difficult situations.

**11.3** L Morgan gave thanks to Cllrs for their commitment in attending the F & K CC meetings and relayed that the F & K CC has been lucky in this regard. He thanked the Cllrs for picking up on actions and for working with us. He wished them all well. Good wishes passed to all the Cllrs from F & K CC.

**Item 13 Findhorn Park Eco Village Report:**

**13.1** F Rietberg pointed out that the middle wind turbine is now in operation again. The Park Eco Village Trust is undertaking a carbon footprint study to see what their footprint is. The Findhorn Foundation is looking at renewing the economic impact study given they are somewhat concerned in the light of Brexit and the international character of the charity. As F Rietberg was not present at the last Meeting she could not offer a correction under Item 3 above; however para 7.1 of the last Minutes said that .net and .com were not used. **.com** is actually a landing page that leads visitors to

either Findhorn Foundation, or the New Findhorn Association. Should other organisations want to appear on the landing page (once/if, a village site was produced), the opportunity is there.

## **Item 12 Planning:**

### **12.1**

Decided since last meeting:

- 17/00345 131 Findhorn - permitted 13/4
- 17/00298 125 Findhorn - permitted 18/4
- 17/00357 Kinloss nature trail – permitted 21/4

New since last meeting:

- 17/00569 Plot 8 West Whins
- 17/00489 171 Findhorn

Outstanding:

- 17/00333 Plot 2 Sylvan Heath
- 17/00458 Plot 7 West Whins
- 15/01605 Seapark 6 plots

H Morton raised the issue of 'Developer Contributions' and this led to an interesting discussion, as this applies to single builds also.

## **Item 14 AOCB:**

**14.1** H Morton reminded that the CC was asked for input on the Moray Council 'Woodland and Forest Strategy'. H Morton highlighted issues with the erosion of the Moray coastal trail and previous discussions with MOD and the Forestry Commission. H Morton advised that the coastal trail is well used and has therefore, drafted a letter to Moray Council on F & K CC's behalf; he read this letter out to the meeting. P Carroll advised that he raised this at the Access Forum approx. 12 months ago. He recalls that Access Forum agreed to contact the MOD, which he believes they did. In addition to this, P Carroll raised this issue at the CC meeting. He recalls that the MOD were happy to move their fence, although this has not yet happened. P Carroll suggested that a copy of the letter go to Mr I Douglas at Moray Access Forum.

**Action: H Morton** to forward letter to Mr I Douglas, Moray Council.

**Action: L Morgan** to draw R Douglas' attention to this part of minute.

**14.2** T Brown highlighted the letter from a Kinloss resident raising a number of issues including: drains in Glebe Road, Grass cutting at Glebe Road and dog faeces. A discussion followed and it was agreed that J O'Hagan would reply to the resident and the letter would be passed to Mr S Cooper at Moray Council.

**Action: J O'Hagan** to forward letter to Moray Council.

**Action: J O'Hagan** to reply to resident.

**14.3** P Carroll raised the issue of Hogweed. He asked that apart from the Bird Hide (which he is aware of), should anyone spot Hogweed plants, to get in touch with him.

**14.4** P Carroll reminded the CC that he has been a Trustee for approx. 1 year on the Hinterland Trust for approx. 1 year. The Hinterland Trust held their AGM last night and P Carroll commented that the Trust still does not have membership of the wider community, although the membership has grown. To make the Trust worthwhile, they must have land to manage and there are problems there. There is an agreement with those involved with the turbines, and they manage one hectare of land associated with green burial sites, however, this is fairly minimal. P Carroll hopes that the Trust can eventually solve the management agreement problem that they have. P Carroll has advised the Trust that he will stand down as Trustee in the autumn at the end of CC term. He suggests that the new CC should consider signing someone to the Trust.

**14.5** M Hyde advised that she had attended the FAWN meeting. M Hyde feels there is a need for a 'Directory' and that the CC would be able to contribute to this and people would know where to go to access services.

**14.6** M Hyde advised that the Findhorn village Planning for Real mapping exercise is nearly finished. There will be 3 events, first will centre on the over 60s. The Planning for Real event is open to all.

**14.7** H Morton raised the issue of insurance. Community organisations within the F & K CC area should confirm that they are not insured through the Highland Region, because from end of March 2018, they will need to find an alternative.

**14.8** T Brown advised that the planning for the pavilion has been approved; the Army are going to level the path in May.

**14.9** F Allan wished to update on the David Urquhart coastal path along from the Kimberley and along past the Captains Table. He explained the complexities of undertaking this work and that surveys are now complete. It is hoped that a half hour presentation just prior to the FVCC AGM will take place (if agreed). The next steps would be to go through the tendering process and to source funding. F Allan would be happy to hear about further funding sources.

**14.10** S Finnegan would like to pass on thanks to David Johnson. He has moved lots of surplus stones to the area in front of the Kimberley, where a bench was unstable due to erosion.

**14.11** S Finnegan wished to commend all the work re: Planning for Real. S Finnegan also highlighted an article in the Forres Gazette re: dog faeces. S Finnegan advised that people are getting upset with the issue of dog faeces and dog poo bags being littered in the area and she referenced projects in Hopeman and Nairn to help tackle this issue; there is a restriction on dogs. S Finnegan hopes that people attending the Planning for Real event will put forward good ideas. It was suggested that the Community Warden (David Haytack) is contacted, to ask if he would spend some time on patrol. It is a problem that he has a very big area to cover. P Carroll agreed to liaise with David Haytack.

**Action: L Morgan/P Carroll** to liaise with David Haytack.

**Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:**

**15.1** 6<sup>th</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Scottish Teas – 2pm FVC

**15.2** Quiz night for Christian Aid at Kinloss Church (29<sup>th</sup> April) – cancelled due to lack of interest

**Item 16 Date of Next Meeting:**

**16.1** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7pm – JMI Findhorn.