

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 25th May 2017, JMI, FINDHORN

Present: L Morgan (Chair), J O'Hagan (Minutes), S Finnegan, H Morton, P Carroll, F Allan, M Hyde, F Rietberg,

Attendance: Cllr Alexander, Cllr Creswell, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), 2 residents.

Item 1 Apologies: E Malone, T Brown, Cllr Feaver

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 Police Report – No report.

2.2 L Morgan advised that he has spoken with Community Warden, David Haytack regarding the concerns of dog fouling. Unfortunately Mr Haytack was unable to attend tonight's meeting. It was therefore decided that L Morgan would offer another couple of dates and CCllrs advised they would be happy to meet outwith the monthly meeting to discuss possible solutions.

Action L Morgan to contact Mr Haytack to agree a suitable date for a meeting.

2.3 Findhorn Village Conservation Company update. F Allan advised they are preparing for the AGM on 14th June 7.30 p.m. Prior to the AGM at 7 p.m., there will be a presentation on the development of the coastal path (David Urquhart path). P Carroll raised the issue of camper vans being parked in the beach area, despite signs saying no overnight parking. F Allan advised the company will be looking at land zones in the future.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes of Meeting on 27th April 2017:

3.1 The Minutes were ratified by P Carroll and seconded by F Rietberg.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4.1 4.3 Progress procurement of new notice board for Kinloss (LM) – ongoing.

4.2 4.8 Kinloss traffic lights. LM chased up response from Moray Council. Elaine Penny from Moray Council advised 'no fault found.'

4.3 14.1 Copy of H Morton's Woodland Strategy letter to go to I Douglas at Moray Access Forum. H Morton advised the original letter went to Gary Templeton at Moray Council. H Morton received a response thanking H Morton for letter and advising that the comments would be reported to the Planning Regulatory Service Committee and would be taken into consideration. H Morton also forwarded the letter to I Douglas and he received a reply advising they were very aware. Completed. P Carroll asked R Douglas if the military would be moving the MOD fence backwards, given coastal erosion, as this had been discussed previously. R Douglas agreed to report back at a later date.

4.4 14.2 Reply to the resident (My Simpson) and send his letter to S Cooper at Moray Council. JO'H – completed.

14.5 14.11 E-mail D Haytack about dog fouling in Findhorn. PC/LM – completed. R Douglas is also happy to attend the meeting with D Haytack, given the issues of dog fouling on military land in Kinloss. R Douglas will email Moray Council as a separate organization re this issue.

Item 5 Declarations of Conflict of Interests:

5.1 None disclosed.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 R Douglas outlined the effects of the latest rise in security status. R Douglas thereafter, left the meeting.

Item 7 Chairman's Report:

7.1 L Morgan advised that T Brown now has the defibrillator for Kinloss. The defibrillator needs electricity for the external cabinet to keep it frost free and T Brown will organise the mounting of it. L Morgan will thereafter arrange the registration of it. F Rietberg reminded of the stipulations within the Berryburn contract and L Morgan advised that these will be met. L Morgan will also arrange publicity as appropriate. **Action: LM**

7.2 L Morgan advised that he sits on a sub-group of the JCC. The sub-group is working to increase number of nominations to be Cllrs in the next term. The sub-group agreed that all CCs should be approached asking for a small amount of money from each, for the cost of advertising for candidates.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 J O'Hagan gave a brief update on the g-mail account. There was an email from Moray Council acknowledging the issue of dog fouling in Findhorn. Moray Council School Parental Survey is open until 16th June. The April minutes of Environmental Services - 'Keep Moray Beautiful' are available. APRS bulletin is in. Moray Parent and Carer Support Group provided a 'drop in flyer' - they received money from 'Money for Money' to support this venture. This is a resource for parents/carers of children who have health and/or learning difficulties/disabilities. H Morton has a ticket for the Moray Leader Presentation at Morayvia. The Global Ecovillage Network in collaboration with Findhorn Foundation are hosting an informal open event on 3rd June 4.30 pm to mark a project which has developed a learning journey and resource pack to encourage sustainable social enterprises. RSPV for catering purposes.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 F Rietberg advised there are no changes on the account, therefore, Moray Council grant remains at £935.42 and other grants £1,227.14 totalling £2,162.56. F Rietberg handed P Carroll the hard copy of APRS. F Rietberg has a hard copy of the contract re Berryburn. J O'Hagan passed the BACs letter confirming the grant from Moray Council to F Rietberg.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 L Morgan advised he had attended the meeting on 11th May. There is a public meeting on 8th June at Forres Academy, on the future of Health and Social Care services across Forres area including Leancoil hospital; this is a public meeting. L Morgan advised the JCC about our defibrillator and the issue of the buses.

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:

11.1 On behalf of the CC, L Morgan congratulated Cllrs Creswell and Alexander on their re-election and also their new appointments, particularly Cllr Alexander's appointment as Leader.

11.2 Cllr Creswell advised there was not too much to report at present. Cllr Creswell reiterated the meeting on 8th June from above. Cllr Creswell is involved in next week's 'Wear Purple' again and hopes this is a success.

11.3 Cllr Alexander gave an overview of the issues in the first few weeks of Council.

11.4 It was reported that Cllr McLean had undergone surgery and "get well" wishes will be sent to him. **Action. LM**

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco Village Report:

12.1 F Rietberg advised that she did not have much to report, other than to say that the busy season is starting on the Findhorn Park Eco Village.

Item 13 Planning:

13.1

Decided since last meeting:

17/00333 - Plot 2 Sylvan Heath – permitted – The CC consulted on this with an objection in December 16 and the original application was withdrawn. It was resubmitted again in January 17 and the CC objected on the same grounds. Moray Council has now permitted this. The F&KCC are disappointed in this decision. Cllr Alexander will enquire whether the CC has a right of appeal.

17/00458 - Plot 7 West Whins – permitted

17/00489 - 171 Findhorn – permitted

New since last meeting:

17/00536LBC and 17/00537APP (Findhorn Church of Scotland)

Outstanding:

15/01605 – 6 plots Seapark House

Item 14 AOCB:

14.1 P Carroll was asked to contact Scottish Water and will do so this week. **Action: PC**

14.2 M Hyde advised that in Findhorn work has commenced digging holes for new lamp-posts. Some of the work appears to be underway on private property. It was drawn to the workers' attention that this was on conservation land. Following enquiries being made, the work has been halted. M Hyde has now been advised that they will not work on the conservation area until after the tourist season, however, she is unaware whether there will be a consultation on this. Work at the beginning of the village near the church will continue. M Hyde advised that should anyone wish to complain, please contact to Paul Sutherland at Moray Council. Further discussion highlighted that the new posts will not necessarily be situated so the light shines up the lanes, but at some points, will be near homes. Concerns were raised as to the cost of such work, especially given the current financial climate. Cllr Alexander has had recent correspondence from Vince Woods in Moray Council. Due to the issues raised, he advises that the technician will take a further look at the street lighting design, thus the work is on hold. Cllr Alexander suggested the CC writes to Mark Atherton, Head of Roads and Lighting in Moray Council (copy in Paul Sutherland and Vince Woods) requesting clarification of the street lighting works planned for Findhorn. **Action L Morgan** to send email.

14.3 P Carroll reminded the CC that approximately 3 years ago, he had volunteered to sit on a committee set up by Moray Council, to look at small roads and to identify failings in the roads. The lack of ramps (low pavements) for wheelchair access was raised by P Carroll, however, when he enquired about possible action, he was advised that there was no money and that all the comments were noted. However, P Carroll advised that in recent weeks, Moray Council teams have been putting in ramps around Findhorn.

14.4 M Hyde advised that there have now been 3 'Planning for REAL' events in Findhorn. There has been a lot of input from individuals and a further event will take place at the Yacht club in July – to be advertised. An event will take place at Kinloss Primary School, whereby teachers will support the children to be involved.

14.5 F Allan advised that the drains at the junction of Fyrish Road and Elvin Place have been dealt with and are in working order.

14.6 H Morton advised that the large waste bin at the end of the Beach Road, near the concrete blocks has been removed. H Morton contacted Moray Council and they have now replaced it with a standard bin.

14.7 A member of the public had sent an email to the CC regarding the excavation and refurbishment of an old wooden staircase down to the beach in Findhorn. He wished to undertake an arts/restoration project on the steps and sought our permission and funding. L Morgan had sent him a holding reply pending discussion at this meeting. Following discussion it was decided that even if permission was obtained from the landowner, the CC was not able to fund the cost of the project. **Action. L Morgan** to reply to him by email.

14.8 L Morgan reminded all that the Emergency Plan is due for review. Any comments should be sent to L Morgan. M Hyde pointed out that the defibrillators and locations should be put on the plan. **Action. All** to review Emergency Plan and pass any comments to L Morgan before the next meeting.

14.9 An email from Mr Johnson expressed concern about dog fouling and suggested a dog free zone and stricter controls. L Morgan forwarded the email to David Haytack and sent a holding reply to Mr Johnson pending a meeting Mr Haytack. Cllr Alexander has spoken with Jim Grant from Moray Council and he has been assured that on occasion, plain clothed patrols do take place.

Actions. (see 2.2 above) L Morgan to send an update to Mr Johnson.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

15.1 Scottish Teas 1st July FVC.

15.2 FVCC AGM 14th June 7.30 p.m., with a presentation prior to meeting at 7p.m re: David Urquhart path.

15.3 24th June Piping At Forres event.

15.4 Archaeological dig week commencing 15th June on Cluny Hill.

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting:

16.1 Thursday 29th June 7pm – Kinloss Church, Kinloss.