

Minutes of Meeting

Minute of Meeting of Findochty Community Council

Date: Tuesday 5th December 2017
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Findochty Town Hall

Chair: John Oliver (Vice Chair)

Attendees: Henry Marshall, Gayle Calder, Stephen Tucker, Louise Marshall (Assoc.). Cllr Gordon Cowie, Cllr Tim Eagle, Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO))

Apologies: No apologies received

[note the discussion and action, by whom and by when

1. Police Update

A community safety report is emailed routinely. Chief Inspector Maggie Millar will arrange representation at meetings when required. Crime related issues were discussed and Cllr Eagle will raise incident of suspicious behaviour highlighted by GC to Inspector Mowat.

2. Minutes of last meeting

None as closed meeting to discuss office bearers, which were agreed as follows –

Chairperson - Andy Slater (Proposed by ST, Seconded by JM)

Vice Chairperson - John Oliver (Proposed by GC, Seconded by HM).
The Committee noted that Gayle would deputise where work commitments meant the Chair was absent from meetings)

Secretary - Louise Marshall (associate) (Proposed by JO, Seconded by GC)

Treasurer - Henry Marshall (Proposed by GC, Seconded by JO) (Signatories – GC, JO, HM)

3. Matters Arising

Office bearers will be reviewed in 3 months to ensure above arrangements are providing consistency and are effective. LM to include as agenda item.

Meetings will take place on first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will focus Budget 2018 and be held on Tuesday 9th January to coincide with public drop in on Budget Proposals. Book Town Hall and advertise when the budget response form is made available,

Actions

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4. Correspondence

Establish Community Council email account.

Discussion on the Council's Budget Consultation and how best to get community involvement. Email community groups, posters in public locations. Particular issues that directly affect the community relate to Town Halls and Regeneration Funding.

CCLO issued correspondence on Community Safety Report and Funding Paths for All information.

5. Treasurers Report

Balance in account £769.31 with deposits in hand. Bank account to be moved from Clydesdale in Keith to TSB in Buckie for ease of access. Appointment arranged for signatories to attend bank.

6. Community Feedback

GC gave update on Harbours Meeting –

- Around £107k being spent repairing pontoons with work between January and March 2018, dredger scheduled to remove around 3 tonnes, focussing on pontoon area.
- Harbour fees are increasing by 3% inflation next season.
- Signs have been removed and placed in more appropriate locations as requested.
- Next Harbours meeting will be in March 2018.

Report submitted to meet Money for Moray reporting requirements. Anchor and information plaque to be put in place next year. Peoples Choices Fund funding opportunities around March-April 2018.

Church lighting in place funded by Buckie Regeneration Group.

7. Reports

a. Local Councillors

Budget 2018/19 – elected members keen to meet members of the community to discuss issues. Community Council agreed this would be best done as an informal drop on the evening of Tuesday 14th January. Cllr Cowie suggested a tear off slip would be advantageous to give an idea of discussion points.

Cllr Eagle advised that the Children's and Young People's Services Committee as part of the across Moray review of Associated School Groups is due to receive a report on Buckie Area Schools, a consultation process is due to undertaken between February-April 2018. GC asked if lessons learned from previous consultations will be implemented with transparency and honesty key. Cllr Eagle confirmed that improvements will be made to the forthcoming consultations.

Actions

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b. Community Council Sub-Group(s)

None

c. A N Other(s)

None

8. Planning Issues

Weekly planning list is circulated and GC checking planning online for issues that may be of interest to this area.

Local Planning Events will be held in February as part of the Local Development Plan preparations. The importance of attendance by businesses / shops / communities was reinforced.

9. The Joint Community Councils of Moray

There was good representation with 84 attendees at the last Joint Community Council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 8th February 2018 at Elgin Town Hall. Potential agenda items include Clashgower Community Ownership of Windfarm (Forres) and the CCLO from Orkney on how their Community Councils have successfully taken on the role of service providers of some council services.

Training topics next year will include Data Protection, Complaints, Governance and Roles and Responsibilities.

10. AOCB

- Street lights to LED being carried out on a rotation. JO passed on street light complaint from resident of St Peters Road and GC on 'orange lights' on steps to Nethertone Terrace to Cllr Cowie.
- Pot hole on Road past Mains of Findochty Farm on Buckie Road to be progressed by Cllr Cowie. Community Council members encouraged to use Moray Council 'Report it' online tool.
- Town Hall Cellar has been considered for storage of strimmer / mower / wheelbarrow. On inspection it's not ideal due to step drop from street level and standing room. Discussion on potential for shed, Cllr Cowie to establish planning permission requirements if any.

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11. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2018, 7pm (Budget drop-in until 8.30pm and short meeting thereafter).