

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 , Kinloss Church, Kinloss

**Present:** Anne Skene (Chair), J O'Hagan (Mins), Leah Fraser, Hamish Grigor, Geoff Taylor, Bob James, Sheila Urquhart, Mo Hyde

**Attendance:** Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Officer), Cllr Alexander, Cllr McLean

**Item 1 Apologies:** Diane Anderson, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Feaver, Ruth Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks)

**Item 2 Public Session:**

**2.1** A Skene advised that a pre-meeting had taken place prior to the formal F & K CC meeting, in order to clarify that all members had the necessary information about the history of the DIO decision making, on the monies provided by Julian Hodge Bank, for the benefit of the Kinloss community. A Skene had requested that all members consider the latest MOD proposal about the management of the remaining funds. Further opportunities for discussion and recording of decisions discussed are under correspondence in the main meeting minutes.

**2.2** A Skene welcomed all to the first meeting of this Community Council (CC); she thanked J Martin for her attendance at the Inaugural meeting last month and for her support this month. Sheila Urquhart was welcomed to the CC.

**2.3** Police Report – No report present. J Martin reminded that she sends out the Community Safety report in time for the meetings. J Martin advised that the new Chief Inspector is Maggie Miller; it was agreed that the CC would invite her to a future meeting for introduction. J Martin also advised of the local contact for Police; his details are on the Community Safety report.

**Action:** A Skene to contact Police

**2.4** A Skene advised of the alternative venues from hereon in. The meeting venues planned, take into consideration a planned event at JMI in Findhorn.

**Item 3 Ratification of Minutes of Inaugural meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018:**

**3.1** Under apologies - should read 'Cllr Aaron McLean' and not 'Ryan'. Correction to spelling of 'Urquhart'. Thereafter, the minutes were proposed by B James and seconded by H Grigor.

**Item 4 Matters Arising:**

**4.1** S Urquhart is now confirmed as correspondence secretary.

**4.2** The Moray Council full grant has now been processed.

**Item 5 Declaration of Interest:**

**5.1** J O'Hagan reminded those present that she is currently the Chair of the Southside Residents Association; this was declared given the agenda item of the potential funds for Southside.

**Item 6 Correspondence Received:**

**6.1** A Skene advised of correspondence received from Ruth Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), with a proposal for the remaining funds given by Julian Hodge Bank, following the sale of Southside Estate. A Skene gave an overview of how the funds had been spent to date and the suggestion by R Douglas that the CC take on the responsibility to manage the rest of the funds. A Skene asked for comments from the CC members. H Grigor opened the discussion and advised it was his view that the funds are transferred to Southside Residents Association directly. He explained that given where the funds came from in the first place and where the funds had been spent, it made sense that the remaining is managed by the RA, who could liaise with Kinloss Park. It was suggested that this proposal is discussed with

R Douglas. There was full agreement from the meeting, that this should be the way forward. B James and M Hyde considered that this should be with 'no strings attached'.

**Action:** A Skene to write to R Douglas

**6.2** A Skene advised that S Finnegan (on CC last term) and Cllr Feaver, have been communicating in regard to parking within Findhorn, specifically on the double yellow lines near the slip way. A Skene advised of some research she had undertaken regarding parking. She outlined a couple of helpful notes from the 'Parking Bill' that she had read. M Hyde advised of the issue of the bus being delayed due to problem parking in Findhorn. Following discussion, it was agreed that a possible way forward would be for signage to be erected pointing to the appropriate parking facility in Findhorn. Given the land ownership, it was agreed that Findhorn Village Conservation Company (FVCC) should be approached.

**Action:** M Hyde to speak to FVCC regarding the possibility of the signage on their land

**6.3** A Skene advised that Cllr Creswell had forwarded on some information. Cllr Creswell asked whether the CC would be interested in raising awareness and supporting the 100 year celebration of the Suffragettes. There is an event in Forres Town Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> May and other CCs in the Ward are supporting it in some way, for example, by raising a flag, or wearing the Suffragettes colours. All agreed to participate in some way.

**Action:** A Skene to feedback to Cllr Creswell

**6.4** A Skene advised that CLAN (cancer support), have a new drop in service starting on 6<sup>th</sup> April and then fortnightly after that, this will be in Forres Health Service.

**Item 7 Kinloss Barracks Report:** No report given.

**Item 8 Chair's Report:**

**8.1** A Skene advised that she had attended an event at Moray College regarding tackling poverty and building a fairer Moray. She spoke about the poverty within Moray and the challenges in this area. A Skene also reflected on 'Care Day' last Friday; this is an annual event raising awareness of children and young people looked after in Moray. Some young people attended and had designed a flag, which was raised over Council HQ. They later went on to an event in Fort George.

**Item 9 Secretary's Report:** Reporting will begin next month given S Urquhart taking up this position.

**Item 10 Treasurer's Report:**

**10.1** B James gave thanks to the previous Treasurer – Francine Rietberg. A thorough handover has taken place. B James is currently trying to sort out changing names on the Bank Account, although there may be some difficulty and time delay. B James will continue to follow this up and it was agreed to revisit in 4 weeks.

**Action:** B James to continue to pursue updating Bank signature

**Item 11 JCCM Report:**

**11.1** The JCC was on 8<sup>th</sup> February; there was no attendance from F & K CC on this occasion. J Martin gave an update. She advised the attendance was very good. J Martin advised of a presentation by Local Energy Scotland. The JCC are looking at the feasibility to set up a trust to purchase a wind turbine. Further meetings will take place with licencing and Force 9 to discuss. If this did go ahead, it is a long-term project in the region of 10 years away. There is consideration of a steering group being set up including Moray Council Economic Development representation. The next date for the JCC is 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m.

**Item 12 Moray Councillor's Report:**

**12.1** Cllr Alexander advised it has been a busy time with the budget meeting held recently. He will be attending a COSLA meeting tomorrow and arguing for a fairer budget for Moray. Cllr Alexander advised he is looking forward to continuing the good work with F & K CC and will attend the meetings when is can.

**12.2** Cllr McLean advised he is looking forward to working with the F & K CC, reflecting on the previous CC being organised in areas such as planning. Cllr McLean advised that he is the Chair of Audit and Scrutiny and had adopted the previous plan; his work now will concentrate on developing the next plan to focus on generating income. The 'Main Issues Report' road shows are continuing; this is in regards to Planning across Moray. There is an event in Forres Town Hall on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; this is open to the public. Cllr Alexander also advised that if this is not convenient, there is roadshow in Elgin on 17<sup>th</sup> March. They are also looking at core paths. Reports can be accessed on the Moray Council website.

**Item 13 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:**

**13.1** There is no current representation on the CC from Findhorn Park Eco-village. B James has approached Francine Rietberg (previously on CC) asking about who is responsible for public relations. He will follow this up with F Rietberg. A Skene asked the CC if they considered it beneficial to have a rep on the CC and all agreed it was.

**Item 14 Planning:**

**14.1** M Hyde has had an overview of planning over the last couple of weeks, as has A Skene. Those present were informed that the email named 'weekly wards', contains the planning information for Ward 8 which pertains to our CC area. The CC has 7 days to ask for an extension to consider an application. G Taylor agreed to liaise with M Hyde regarding planning in Kinloss.

**14.2** Cllr McLean raised an issue regarding 17/01906/APP. Given the position of the CC at this time, it was agreed that M Hyde will contact Planning Dept. and ask for an extension to enable the CC to consider this.

**Action:** M Hyde to contact Planning

**Item 15 AOCB:**

**15.1** A Skene advised of handovers from the previous CC. J O'Hagan will speak to S Urquhart out with the meeting and have a hand over. S Finnegan has supplied an excellent hand over in regard to Remembrance Sunday and all that this entails. H Grigor agreed to take on this responsibility.

**Action:** J O'Hagan and S Urquhart to have handover

**Action:** A Skene to pass info onto H Grigor regarding Remembrance Sunday

**15.2** H Grigor made enquiries regarding a Public Access Defibrillator for JMI in Findhorn. He declared an interest in this issue, given his role in JMI. H Grigor enquired whether the CC would financially support this project. Following discussion, it was agreed the CC would support this through a fund-raising event. Through discussion, it also became apparent that the Fire Brigade would provide free training for the Defibrillator. L Fraser agreed to take on the task of fund raising for this project. J Martin advised that the grant money can be used for promotion material for fundraising events. H Grigor advised that the JMI are looking to raise funds for replacing the flooring; this event could split the proceeds. J Martin advised that Foundation Scotland offer large capital grants to improve schools, village halls etc. J O'Hagan highlighted that a Defibrillator in the Southside area of Kinloss will be pursued and therefore, would also be looking for support with this project. This will be raised when initial discussions have taken place with residents.

**Action:** L Fraser to progress a fundraising event

**15.3** H Grigor asked about the update for the notice boards. It was agreed that he could put up email contacts in Findhorn. A Skene is to do the same in Kinloss. J O'Hagan currently has the notice board keys and will pass to A Skene.

**Action:** H Grigor and A Skene to update notice boards

**Action:** J O'Hagan to pass keys to A Skene

**15.4** G Taylor raised an issue in regard to community access of Cumming Hall. He informed of an issue with an after-school club having to find new premises in Kinloss, after issues raised by the management of the hall. It was suggested by A Skene, that G Taylor raise this

issue again next month when R Douglas is hoped to be present at the CC meeting. G Taylor advised he would be able to get a copy of the previous contract between the kids club and the hall to help evidence the issues.

**Action:** G Taylor to access a copy of the contract

**15.5** A Skene suggested a CC team are put forward for the Findhorn village quiz. A team was agreed. This is a free event on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, doors opening at 7 p.m.

**15.6** J O'Hagan raised the issue of previous subscriptions that were cancelled at the end of last CC term. It was agreed that these should be re-subscribed.

**Action:** B James to re-subscribe to those in the Treasurer's folder

**15.7** J Martin has met with Donna McLean from Moray Council regarding Resilience Plans. F & K CC's will need to be updated. Following discussion about how this plan could be streamlined, it was agreed that it would be useful to have a meeting with D McLean.

**Action:** H Grigor and A Skene to liaise with D McLean

**15.8** M Hyde raised an issue that was carried over from the last CC session. M Hyde relayed the previous issue of an attempt to replace the lighting in Findhorn without any consultation. Moray Council put this on hold until April given the issue being raised. It was agreed that M Hyde raise this again as necessary and, in the meantime, A Skene would speak to the relevant department in the Council for information. H Grigor highlighted a conservation policy for Findhorn and agreed to look into it.

**Action:** A Skene to speak to S Cooper at Moray Council

**Action:** H Grigor to research the conservation policy

#### **Item 16 Forthcoming Events:**

**16.1** 8<sup>th</sup> March – Main Issues Report roadshow at Forres Town Hall (as noted in minute)

**16.2** 1<sup>st</sup> March - Forres Town Hall 12 noon – 7 p.m. - A96 dualling update

**16.3** 21<sup>st</sup> March 7 p.m. FVC - Planning for Real – Flyers handed out by M Hyde

**16.4** 8<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. FVC meeting of T-Exchange with items on view

**16.5** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2 p.m. Scottish Teas – FVC. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month during season

**16.6** Findhorn village quiz 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7 p.m.

**16.7** Universal Hall – various films and a whole programme of events – see their website for further details

**16.8** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2 p.m. - Fly Cup – Fundraising to develop Church Hall – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month during season

#### **Item 17 Date of Next Meeting:**

**17.1** 29<sup>th</sup> March 7 p.m. James Milne Institute – Findhorn