

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 29th March 2018, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

Present: Anne Skene (AS) (Chair), J O'Hagan (JOH) (Mins), Leah Fraser (LF), Hamish Grigor (HG), Geoff Taylor (GT), Bob James (BJ), Sheila Urquhart (SU), Mo Hyde (MH), Diane Anderson (DA)

Attendance: Cllr McLean, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Feaver, Ruth Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), F Allan (FA), J Harris (JH), M Fresson (MF), (members of public presenting), Pete Finch (PF) (Findhorn Park Eco Village), 2 members of public

Item 1 Apologies: Cllr Alexander

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 Police – No report

2.2 AS invited FA and JH to give a brief presentation to the CC. FA gave a brief overview of land ownership in Findhorn village and highlighted the major problem with parking. He gave some insight into the difficulties of the narrow road system, increased car ownership, camper vans parking overnight etc. FA advised that a feasibility study has been conducted and a large area north of the caravan site owned by FVCC was identified for parking. FA acknowledged there is a degree of overlap with Planning For Real. A certain amount of land in this area is leased to Moray Council; FA outlined some of the conditions of the lease. FA outlined the options of how this area could be used to generate revenue by implementing parking charges. FVCC are meeting Moray Council (MC) on 11th April, to discuss how the parking could be taken forward and that an implementation plan would be required. Signage, spaces, charges and monitoring are all issues for consideration; it is hoped that a meter could be in place by May in time for the summer period. There is a potential for annual permits as detailed in the feasibility study. Following questions from the CC, it was understood that the charges would be on a voluntary basis, with donations going towards upkeep of that land.

AS raised concerns that should signage be put up directing traffic to the north beach and parking charges are in place, it may result in vehicles coming back into the village to park. AS expressed that residents in Findhorn are already having problems parking near their homes and whilst parking charges at the north beach might be one way forward, the issue of parking in Findhorn is much wider. AS suggested that parking permits in the village would be another thing to consider. FA advised this would involve a much wider discussion with MC. LF asked whether there had been consultation with the wider village; JH advised not, but this was the beginning. There was some discussion regarding the legality of signage stating no overnight parking. Following the presentation, FA and JH left the meeting.

2.3 MF was invited to speak about the Elderslie planning application 18/00260/APP. MF explained that this application is for 3 additional houses adjacent to Elderslie and that he is a neighbour of that property. He acknowledged planning applications can be emotive, however, he wished to raise 2 main issues; policy and road safety. MF explained that the site is within ENV6 green corridor; E5 applies as an open space. MF advised that the area's character should be preserved. MF went on to highlight road safety issues in that specific area and voiced concerns should there be an accident in the vicinity, that access to the village could be blocked. Following MF's representation, he left the meeting.

2.4 Findhorn Village Conservation Company update – MH advised that she was going to raise the parking issue, but this has now been covered. MH advised that as part of the Planning for Real, there had been thought to pointing the public to the parking at the north beach area; this could now be picked up by another group, e.g. Findhorn Bay Nature Reserve. MH advised that there have been applications for leases for the Armstrong site garages.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 22nd February 2018:

3.1 HG would like further clarity under 15.2 of the previous minute. JOH to insert 'Sandra McKandie of the charity 'Kieran's Legacy' will arrange free training' (for the Public Access Defibrillator - PAD) and also that 'the fundraiser proceeds will be split between the JMI Management Committee to go towards the PAD and Kieran's Legacy. Thereafter, the minutes were proposed by HG and SU.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

A. (2.3) Make contact with Police to invite new CI - Maggie Miller **AS**. AS has written to M Miller; she awaits a response as MM is on holiday.

Action: AA ongoing

B. (6.1) Handover of Julian Hodge Bank Funds **AS**. AS has met with RD, who advised she has not been able to pick this up yet. RD advised she will get this actioned asap. The outcome of the suggestion of the letter is not yet known.

Action: AS/RD

C. (6.2) Findhorn parking and signage. **MH.** AS advised that FVCC have asked the CC to support the parking suggestion; AS asked for the CC's view. AS reiterated the earlier discussion, expressing that parking is a much bigger picture across Findhorn. It is understood that FVCC need to create revenue and there is acknowledgement of the condition of the road. SU raised the issue of asking people to pay for parking when the condition of the road is so poor. MH reminded the CC that work has been undertaken on this road over recent years, however, it has quickly deteriorated. DA raised concern that charging for parking may push people to park on the side of beach road and cause more rutting. HG expressed support in theory, but this is not in isolation of other issues of parking in the village. MH advised she would not vote on this matter, given her role in FVCC and a potential conflict of interest. A member of the public reminded the CC that FVCC own the land and therefore, are within their rights to stop access in that area should they wish. It was then highlighted that the public may pursue a claim, should they damage their cars on the road. Following this discussion, it was agreed AS would write a letter of support but highlighting that this action might displace parking to other areas.

Action: AS to respond to letter from JH

D. (6.3) Participation in supporting the centenary of Suffragettes. **AS.** AS wrote to Cllr Creswell. Cllr Creswell reminded the CC of the theme day on 6th May in the Town Hall, with a film being shown. Cllr Creswell will keep the CC informed.

E. (10.1) Progress of bank updates. **BJ.** BJ has made some progress regarding changing the banking over and also in relation to internet banking.

Action: BJ ongoing

F. (14.2) Request M Council for extension of planning application 17/01906/APP. **MH.** MH outlined the application details. DA helpfully highlighted the change noted in the application. It was decided that MH, GT and AS (if she is available), would undertake a site visit in Kinloss.

Action: MH, GT and AS site visit

G. (15.1) Handover information: secretarial duties and Remembrance Sunday **JOH, AS.** HG now has Remembrance Sunday file. The previous Chair of the CC and current Chair have had a handover. RD requested diary confirmations asap, due to a significant changeover in the team organising Remembrance. JOH and SU have had a handover over the phone; they will arrange to meet.

H. (15.2) Defibrillator fund raising event. **LF.** LF advised that the JMI is booked for 28th April for a Race Night. LF suggested purchasing a race kit for £30, however, following discussion, there may be an opportunity to loan a kit. The name was passed to LF. LF made a plea for raffle prizes for the event..)

Action: LF to continue with plans – raffle prizes welcomed

I. (15.3) Update notice boards in Findhorn and Kinloss . **HG, AS.** Completed.

J. (15.4) Contract: Kids club and Cumming Hall **GT.** GT advised that he has spoken with C Brenton in Kinloss. GT highlighted that CB has experienced difficulty working with the military in relation to Cumming Hall (CH). GT raised concern that the military always ask for precedence for military children and this has added to difficulties. RD explained that military will ask for precedence given it is on their land and their risk; this would be perfectly normal. RD complimented the kids club service and that with some serving personnel being single parents, that the best possible childcare has to be on offer for their families. RD also highlighted the issues within the (CH); with heating and sewerage problems. RD explained that as CH was previously a shop, the sewerage system in particular was not meant for use by numbers of people and therefore, struggles when CH is hired out for any number of people. The 39 Regiment are not responsible for CH; this is the responsibility of DIO. In view of this, it was appropriate for the kids club to move to a more appropriate facility. RD accepts the frustrations and limitations of the building. Whilst CH will continue to be hired out, DIO have to manage the consequence of this. RD stressed that 39 Regiment do not gain from the rent of CH. Whilst AS expressed that she did not wish to harp back to the set up of CH, she questioned why the issues of heating and sewerage were not thought about back then. JOH reiterated AS's points and expressed disappointment that considerable community funds were put into CH and she was surprised that professionals involved had not taken these issues into account satisfactorily. JOH advised that she feels no one has been held to account for the poor decision-making regarding the spending of funds that have not benefitted the community, especially Southside, Kinloss.

K. (15.6) Re-subscriptions **BJ.** BJ advised of 3 current subscriptions he has noted, each for £20 pa. When the banking issues are in place, he will confirm arrangements.

L. (15.7) Liaison with Donna McLean re Resilience Plan **HG, AS.** HG and AS have spoken with Donna McLean from MC. They have looked at the plan and come to the conclusion that this was a good piece of work, however, the profile needs to be lifted and the volunteer forms mailshotted. Whilst not wishing to lose

the background information, it was felt the plan needs to be streamlined and therefore, a small sub-committee was agreed; DA, GT and HG.

Action: DA, GT and HG to progress streamlining of plan and actions associated

M. (15.8) Replacement of Findhorn street lighting AS. AS has written to MC; she read the response letter out. MC explained that some of the columns are old and need replacing, as does some of the underground cables. There have been discussions with Historic Environment Scotland in relation to suitable street lighting. MC is regarding considerations for replacing street lighting in line with standards and uniformity.

Item 5 Declaration of Interest:

5.1 MH had previously expressed a declaration of interest regarding parking in Findhorn and FVCC. SU advised a declaration of interest in regard to the future discussion on planning. DA will not be included in the joint response under 7.1, given her work context.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 RD gave a short update, highlighting the significant pressures on military families within the area. The pace of change is set until 2020 with no let up. RD was thanked for her input and she left the meeting.

Item 7 Chair's Report:

7.1 AS advised that it has been a busy month. She attended the A96 dualling event in Forres; she distributed plans with the 4 main route options. AS was invited to a forum where consultants advised that a detailed options assessment will be available by the end of the year. The Transport Scotland consultant team will consider all responses and undertake their route assessment in terms of engineering, environment, traffic and economic performance; these areas will be categorised and a further consultation will take place. Local representations are being made from businesses, landowners, etc. Responses to the plan are welcomed. MH advised that different stakeholders will have different views e.g. the issue of bird migration was raised at the Local Nature Reserve last week. DA advised that a huge team are working on this project and they will take on board all considerations. She explained it is an intense process and will be done thoroughly. AS asked whether the CC would wish to put in a joint response. DA declared that due to her work context, she will not be included in the joint response. AS asked the CC to read over the information and email responses directly to her. April 13th is the cut off for a response. AS will then distribute the collection of views and formulate a response.

Action: All CC (except DA) to email response to AS

AS gave thanks to the success of the quiz night in Findhorn. The Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club had organised this year's event. HG had attended the event on the Local Main Issues Report; he found this interesting and the public had been well informed. AS met with RD regarding the Southside funds. AS received an invitation from MC asking if the FKCC would provide feedback on how the last wild fowling season worked; she asked for responses which she will collate. AS has a copy of the Findhorn 'Planning for Real' and looking at the 4 main themes, it is considered that the CC have a big part in moving this forward; this will go on next month's agenda. Residents in Findhorn will receive a copy and CC members from Kinloss will receive a copy from MH in due course.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 SU advised there is currently nothing to report. SU, AS and JOH will meet to discuss the role in more depth and agree tasks.

Action: SU, AS and JOH to meet

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 BJ handed out expense claim forms. Until such time as the banking issues are transferred, there is nothing more to report.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 The next JCC meeting will be held on 10th May at 7pm in HQ Chambers. DA and SU will attend.

Action: SU and DA to attend JCCM

Item 11 Moray Councillor's Report:

11.1 Cllr Feaver advised of the committees she covers: Integrated Joint Board that covers Health and Social Care and is challenging; Planning, which she really enjoys and also Economic Development and Infrastructure which is a positive and quite progressive group of people. Cllr Feaver is also the rep for Findhorn Local Nature Reserve Committee, UHI Foundation and Moray College.

11.2 Cllr McLean advised that although he did not attend, the Main Issues Report event, he had heard this was well attended. He advised that he is Chair of Audit and Scrutiny Committee. He informed that £14,400 of the 'Pupil Equity Fund' (PEF) is for Kinloss Primary. Schools have spent 47% of the money so far and are

expected to spend the rest soon. They will get another round of funding next year. Cllr McLean advised he has also been busy with interviews for senior management school staff.

11.3 Cllr Creswell informed that she was a Community Councillor before being an Elected Member. She is Chair of Communities Committee that is mainly responsible for housing. Cllr Creswell advised that Laurence Findlay (Director of Education and Social Care) has joined the Northern Alliance; a group of Local Authorities addressing educational issues. Cllr Creswell is on the Children and Young Peoples Committee which has a huge agenda. She also sits on other groups such as COSLA and a group regarding domestic violence.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

12.1 PF gave a brief report, advising that he will be attending for this meeting only. There may be someone willing to be co-opted onto the CC once she is eligible. PF reported that there is now a defibrillator outside the Phoenix building. He handed out the 'Good Gig Guide' for spring. PF advised of an Easter event for those that are interested.

Item 13 Planning:

13.1 MH outlined 3 planning applications this month, 2 for Kinloss and 1 for Findhorn. MH will look at these with reps from the CC. MH will respond as necessary following the visits.

Action: MH to undertake site visits with reps from CC

Item 14 AOCB:

14.1 BJ paid compliment to the last CC being proactive and suggested this CC come up with ideas for their term, that they would wish to progress. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting, whereby ideas could be put forward.

Action: AS to add to next agenda

14.2 HG commented on a vehicle going around Findhorn carrying out some road repairs; he considered this to be a waste of time given the quality of the workmanship and some bits being left out. This will be carried forward to the next meeting. He enquired about recording the meetings and it was decided not to take this forward at this time. HG raised the issue of non-ratified minutes being put up on the notice boards. The status quo will remain at this time.

Action: AS to add to next agenda

14.3 LF suggested getting a number of 'poo bags' for a raffle prize for the 'Race Night'. Colin Bell from Findhorn Local Nature Reserve has kindly offered to supply bin bags for a litter pick up.

14.4 GT has met with Morayvia which is going from strength to strength. Whilst this is good news for them, JOH commented on the numbers of vehicles accessing North Road in Kinloss; as this is a private road and the repairs are met by Southside residents, this is an issue that will need to be discussed again.

14.5 SU wishes for speeding vehicles on B0911 and traffic calming in Findhorn to be on the next agenda.

Action: AS to add to next agenda

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

15.1 Scottish Teas at FVC. 1st Saturday of the month during season 2pm – 7th April made £107 for defibrillator.

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

15.3 Race Night fundraiser JMI 28th April.

15.4 Race Night - Rotary Club 21st April at Masonic in Forres.

15.5 Glen Moray Male Voice Choir - St Giles Church, 21st April 7.30pm for the benefit of MIRO and Abbey's Sparkle Foundation.

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26th April 7pm at Kinloss Church.

