

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 26th April 2018, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

Present: A Skene (Chair), J O'Hagan (Mins), L Fraser, H Grigor, B James, S Urquhart, D Anderson

Attendance: Cllr Creswell, Cllr Feaver, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), F Rietberg (Findhorn Park Eco Village), 1 member of public (Mr Bruce)

Item 1 Apologies: G Taylor, Cllr Alexander

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 Police – S Urquhart to cover under Secretary's report.

2.2 Member of the public, Mr Bruce, raised the issue of speeding on the B0911 (road to Findhorn). Mr Bruce advised he has previously raised this issue, however, the problem remains. Mr Bruce has spoken with the Police and has advised them of the best times to catch the offenders. It is Mr Bruce's opinion that the residents of Findhorn are the main culprits, with usual working hours of morning and tea time being the worst times for speeding traffic. Mr Bruce also notes that delivery vehicles and buses also regularly speed, and he is concerned for the welfare of pedestrians using this route. A Skene acknowledged this has been an ongoing problem, as it is in Kinloss also. Following discussion regarding potential solutions and previous attempts to install traffic calming measures, it was decided that a letter be sent to Ken Major at Moray Council, to ask for a traffic survey, so that data can be collected.

Action: S Urquhart to write to Mr Major

2.3 Findhorn Village Conservation Company update – No update.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 29th April 2018:

3.1 Minutes ratified - proposed by B James and seconded by D Anderson

Item 4 Matters Arising:

a. (2.3) Make contact with Police to invite new CI - Maggie Miller **AS** – Completed. CI Miller will attend the next meeting to give a short presentation.

b. (6.1) Handover of Julian Hodge Bank Funds **AS** - Update to be given under Barracks Report.

c. (6.2) Findhorn parking and signage – response to letter from FVCC **AS** - Completed.

d. (10.1) Progress of bank updates. **BJ** – Completed.

e. (14.2) Planning application 17/01906/APP- site visit and response **MH GT AS**. Site visit undertaken; M Hyde has completed the consultation.

f. (15.1) Handover information: secretarial duties **JOH SU AS** – Completed.

g. (15.2) Defibrillator fund raising event - update **LF** – The event is taking place on Saturday. L Fraser advised everything is in hand. Raffle prizes have kindly been donated. Sandra McKandie will attend to present a short video regarding the charity.

h. (15.7) Streamlining Resilience Plan work group **HG DA GT** – D Anderson and H Grigor have started to make some changes; it will be a slow process given the length and complexity of the plan. H Grigor suggested that the plan be broken down into the main smaller communities within the plan and this was agreed as a way forward.

m. (7.1) FKCC response submission to dualling of A96 **AS** – Completed.

n. (13.1) Planning site visits and responses **MH** – S Urquhart advised the plans have been withdrawn for Elderslie.

Item 5 Declaration of Interest: - Nothing declared

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 Resilience Plan – R Douglas offered to support the review of the plan given the experience of 39 Engineers. H Grigor advised of where to access the plan online. R Douglas advised that further discussion regarding Cumming Hall has decided that a hall committee is needed; this will hopefully be up and running by the end of May. R Douglas advised that the letter regarding Southside funds is almost complete. It was highlighted from R Douglas that approximately £1500 of work was completed on the playing field opposite Southside; she advised that some of the ground has been dug up and wondered whether this was at the

result of dogs. Cllr Feaver highlighted the damage that badgers can do and thought this might be a consideration. R Douglas also mentioned the issue of dog fouling on that area and no bins. Following discussion, R Douglas agreed to write to Moray Council to ask for a dog poo bin.

Item 7 Chair's Report:

7.1 A Skene advised it has been a quiet month. A Skene advised that 3 CC members had attended GDPR training and this had been very worthwhile. Notes from the training are on the Gmail. There is a possibility of a resident in Findhorn Foundation being co-opted onto the CC and this would be welcomed. A Skene advised of a Public Exhibition in Forres Town Hall 3rd May 4-7.30 p.m. regarding Clash Gour Wind Farm. A Skene advised that FVCC are holding drop in workshops to discuss the village and beach parking 3rd May 3.30 – 6 p.m. and 5th May 11 – 1 p.m. posters will be put up to advertise.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 S Urquhart advised she has been tidying up the Gmail account and handed everyone a helpful sheet of where things are filed. A letter has been received from Mr Fresson re: parking in Findhorn; this was emailed to all CC members for discussion. S Urquhart gave a brief overview of the Police report, highlighting several abandoned vehicles, 2 neighbours disputes and 4 noise complaints. There was further advice about avoiding feeding the seagulls and two scams were mentioned; 2 bank scams in Forres and in Aberlour, a company called Homeaway, purporting to be from TripAdvisor; individuals were conned out of money. S Urquhart advised that Cllr Creswell has organised a showing of the Suffragette movie in Forres Town Hall on 6th May at 2 p.m. Further events will be advertised. S Urquhart highlighted other areas of interest including A96 dualling, a Joint Warrior exercise from 22nd April to 4th May. Funding sources are highlighted on the Gmail from Jane Martin also, including one for Armed Forces. M Hyde and S Urquhart attended the Community Empowerment seminar and notes are included in Gmail. There was a discussion regarding partnership working with others e.g. FVCC on tackling the parking issue in Findhorn, particularly in respect of the Planning for Real. There was some thought to requesting a CC rep on the FVCC to pursue matters. L Fraser expressed an interest in partnership working and agreed to speak to Cathy Low.

Action: L Fraser speak to Cathy Low re partnership working

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 B James gave figures in the accounts: total in grant account £881.99 (including recent Moray Council grant) and £1577.14 in capital grant account, total: £2459.13. He gave an update on the banking and it was positive to hear B James' success in moving forward online banking.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 The next JCC meeting will be held on 10th May at 7 p.m. in Moray Council HQ Chambers. D Anderson and S Urquhart will attend.

Action: S Urquhart and D Anderson to attend JCCM.

Item 11 Moray Councillor's Report:

11.1 Cllr Feaver advised that she has been to two meetings re: planning. A draft master plan has been passed for Kinloss Golf course, with houses planned; consultation will be out for 8 weeks. As this is a bigger development, it will not be part of the usual Ward list. Cllr Feaver gave an update on Varis Court, advising that it will extend for another 8 months for data to be collected on how it is used. The aim of Varis Court is to prevent people going into hospital. Cllr Feaver highlighted the issue of disturbance of the seals and the impact of for example, taking 'selfies'. Large fines or even time in prison are potential consequences of not behaving responsibly with seals. There was some thought to erecting signs in the Moray Council car park to explain how the seals are resting.

11.2 Cllr Creswell commented on the Suffragette film showing as above. She reminded all of the Auchernach Trust funding that is available. Cllr Creswell reminded all that she sits on the Children and Young Peoples Committee and of the decision to change the schooling in secondary to 33 periods per week, with pupils finishing at 1.30 p.m. on Fridays. Ideas are being put forward of activities for the young people to participate in, taking advantage of the changes in school. Participatory Budgeting was discussed, with some expectation of a proportion of the budget being administered through empowerment of communities by 2020/21. Moray has been held in high regard nationally, because people are supporting these changes, with many small amounts of money being managed through empowerment. Cllr Creswell highlighted a few other

activities that she has been fortunate enough to attend, including: RAF Lossiemouth 'Credit Union – Plane Savers.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

12.1 F Rietberg advised that the Park Eco-village Trust has started a carbon offset scheme; there are a few projects that can be donated to. She spoke about the carbon footprint assessment in the Park and highlighted the findings. With the windmills being out of service for some time, this affected the outcome of the assessment to an extent. Another Youth Empowerment Programme is taking place; this is a collaboration between Action For Children and the Park; this is a great opportunity to support young people back into education or work. There is currently a vacancy for a youth worker for 17.5 hrs per week. There is a picnic in the Park on 30th September. Thanks were given to F Rietberg for standing in for this meeting.

Item 13 Planning:

13.1 In M Hyde's absence, planning was not discussed in much detail. There was a few issues raised from memory, including replacement windows and doors at 47 Findhorn, Heathneuk change of use from a garage to self-catering accommodation and 19 houses at Kinloss. 105 Findhorn is renovating and rebuilding an extension. Bridge closures at Logie and A940 were highlighted.

Action: D Anderson will check on timing of bridge closures for reassurance

Item 14 AOCB:

14.1 The issue of proactive work for the CC in this term was discussed briefly. Working more closely with FVCC regarding parking and seagulls was one idea put forward, as was working with the Church more and looking at supporting older adults to get out and about for appointment/shopping/tea parties etc. It was suggested that a piece could be written for the Forres Gazette. Other ideas such as a talk re: Adult Protection, or other groups would also be welcomed. Debbie Heron has requested a 10 minute slot to talk to the CC in June re: FACT; this would be most welcomed.

14.2 H Grigor contacted traffic department in Moray council, re: random road repairs in Findhorn. He was informed that there will be surface repairs from Findhorn Foundation to bay view and the same from the memorial up the road. The issue of parking and access was raised at the meeting; however, it appears a sign will be erected for a couple of days pre the work commencing, to advise that cars should not park on the road. H Grigor will put a note on Findhorn notice board highlighting the plan. The issues of campervans parking in Findhorn was raised, with advice that a bylaw would be required to enforce any action.

Action: H Grigor to advise of plan re: road surface work in Findhorn

14.3 The west car park toilets are due to close on 1st July. S Urquhart advised this had been spoken about at the empowerment meeting. A Community Asset Transfer could be considered to allow the toilets to remain open; apparently M Hyde is looking into this.

14.4 Thanks were given to S Finnegan for the comprehensive handover for the memorial service. Another piper may need to be found nearer the time.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

15.1 Scottish Teas at FVC - 1st Saturday of the month during season – 2 p.m.

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 Ladies Choir – Cantare - Elgin Town Hall Sunday evening this week.

15.5 Fly Cup - May 12th Findhorn Church

15.6 Coffee morning this Saturday, in aid of – Mortuary for Moray.

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting: 31st May 7 p.m. at JMI, Findhorn