

**FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 31st May 2018, Kinloss Church, Kinloss**

**Present:** A Skene (Chair), L Fraser, H Grigor, B James, S Urquhart, D Anderson, G Taylor, M Hyde

**Attendance:** R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), S Dominey (Findhorn Park Eco Village), 4 members of the public (Mr Eric Bruce, Ms Helen Innes, Mr & Mrs M Lawson.)

**Item 1 Apologies:** J O'Hagan, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Feaver, Cllr MacLean

**1.1** A Skene welcomed Sue Dominey from Findhorn Foundation.

**Item 2 Public Session:**

**a. 2.1** A Skene welcomed Chief Inspector Maggie Miller from Police Scotland. Ch. Insp. Miller informed the meeting about her 25 years in the Force, which covered most areas of policing but especially serious crime, vulnerable people and domestic abuse. Road safety was also a priority as it affects so many people. She also encourages everyone to liaise with their local Inspector and to be aware of local vulnerable people so that the community can support them. The floor was then opened for questions from the public as well as the CC members. M Hyde commented on the proposed development at Kinloss Golf Course. She thought that the Moray Council Planning Dept. should liaise more with the local Police to address potential road safety problems. The road in question is the B9089, which has had several accidents and motorists tend to speed. The number of vehicles potentially using the very small access road to the site could be more than 40, some of whom would be holiday makers who were not aware of the potential dangers. S Dominey enquired about Domestic Abuse and asked if there was work being done with male perpetrators. Ch. Insp. Miller said that there was work being done locally. Mr Bruce, and others raised the questions of speeding to and from Findhorn as the potential for a serious accident, involving children and pets was great. Ch. Insp. Miller advised the CC they could contact the North East Road Safety Partnership. Ch. Insp. Miller is looking forward to working with the community and is happy to be contacted.

**Action: S Urquhart to get local Inspector and Traffic Inspector details and to contact North East Road Safety Partnership**

**b. 2.2** Police Input. There were no reports of criminal or anti-social behavior this month. As of April 1st, there are now only 3 wardens to cover Moray. The public have been advised not to feed the seagulls as they become very aggressive at this time of year. Several speeding tickets have been issued following a speed check on the B9011 Kinloss to Findhorn Road.

**c. 2.3 i.** Member of the public, Ms Innes, addressed the meeting on behalf of the Rowing Club to ask for CC support for their bid for a community asset transfer for the public toilets that are to be closed by Moray Council (MC). The Rowing Club would like to develop it into a facility that could be used by other clubs with a meeting room, changing room and toilets etc. It was felt that the Rowing Club should liaise with other interested groups before the CC would endorse their proposal. It was noted that FVCC own the land the toilets are built on as well as the surrounding land and they have an interest in acquiring the building too.

**ii.** Members of the public, Mr & Mrs Lawson addressed the meeting re concerns about traffic from the proposed Kinloss Golf Course development. As well as the issue of the B9098, they had concerns that the single track, unclassified road where they live, might be used by vehicles as a short cut to the A96. This would increase congestion and potentially gridlock an already busy road with limited passing places. A Skene advised that they should write to the planning department to raise the issue and that the CC would consider their response to the planning proposal.

**d. 2.4** Findhorn Village Conservation Company update – M Hyde had not attended the last meeting but knows that FVCC are looking at the community asset transfer for the toilets as well.

**Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 29th April 2018:**

**3.1** Minutes ratified - proposed by H Grigor and seconded by D Anderson

**Item 4 Matters Arising:**

**a. (2.2)** S Urquhart informed the meeting that she had received a positive response from Ken Major and that the data collecting equipment would be put in place within the next 2 weeks.

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

**c. (8.2)** L Fraser had spoken with Cathy Low re partnership working with the FVCC. Cathy Low was happy to arrange a meeting. **LF update**

- d. **(13.1)** D Anderson updated the CC on the bridge closures and advised that this could go on until July.
- e. **(14.2)** The road surfacing work had been completed, without any issues. The yellow lines cannot be repainted for at least 2 weeks, which could cause greater parking issues.

**Item 5 Declaration of Interest:** - D Anderson advised that she would not comment on planning and Jen O'Hagen advised, by letter, that she would not comment on Southside as a CC member.

**Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

**6.1** Southside - A Skene read a letter from J O'Hagen with expressed her dissatisfaction re the transparency regarding the use of the Julian Hodge Bank Funds for projects that had been very expensive and hadn't, in fact, been to the benefit of Southside Residents. R Douglas responded that the information that she could access had been sketchy, although she would ask the DIO if more information could be provided. It was agreed the Southside residents would not accept the money until there was clear information on how the decisions to spend the money had been reached. Also, the conditions for transferring the funds could not be met as Southside was not a charity. There appears to be very little documentation and records of meetings etc. A Skene pointed out that this had all happened before R Douglas had been in her post and that she was just the messenger. G Taylor concurred. It was hoped that there could be better integration between Civilians and the Military, which was the purpose of the Fund. Everyone hopes for a resolution. On a brighter note, R Douglas said the Sapper Games were being held at Kinloss Barracks this coming week. It would bring 1,000 personnel to the area and local Highland Games officials would be judging some of the events. R Douglas said that they were laying on trips to local attractions to highlight the benefits of being posted to Morayshire. R Douglas was still to look at the Resilience Plan online.

**Item 7 Chair's Report:**

**7.1** A Skene advised that there was not much to report. She had received information about a FOI request from a gentleman in Forres asking about what could be claimed from MC regarding expenses as a CC. Through this, A Skene discovered that the cost of hiring the halls is a legitimate expense to MC. A Skene had also received a letter from Richard Somers Cocks, who was worried about the increased amount of Giant Hogweed invading the village. There were plants growing in public places which constitute a real hazard to people and dogs. It was acknowledged that Pat Carol had kept on top of this for many years but was no longer able to continue.

**Action: A Skene to contact Jennie Martin of Wild Things for advice on spraying. H Grigor to put a poster on the notice board to advise of the hazard. L Fraser to ask a contact that she knows, who might be willing to help, to talk to Pat Carol.**

**Item 8 Secretary's Report:**

**8.1** S Urquhart advised that Ken Major had agreed to put the data collecting equipment in place within the next 2 weeks. There had been an email from John McEwan regarding cyclists going against the flow of traffic in Kinloss, with video footage that he can supply. It was agreed that cycling offences were on the increase and the CC needed more information on what was legal and what was not. Parking on the pavement was also mentioned. S Urquhart will email her report to all members as it lists upcoming events and items of interest.

**Action: S Urquhart to contact Ken Major at MC and Ch. Insp. Maggie Miller to clarify the position.**

**Item 9 Treasurer's Report:**

**9.1** B James has emailed a list of mileage and subsistence rates to all members of the CC. B James informed the meeting that The Race Night for funds for the Defibrillator had been very successful and the proceeds, £322, were split between the JMI for their defibrillator and Kieran's Legacy. The members expressed their gratitude to L Fraser for organising the event. The bank balance stood at £2990.75.

**Item 10 JCCM Report:**

**10.1** D Anderson and S Urquhart attended the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m. in MC HQ Chambers. D Anderson said it been very interesting and enlightening and thought that it would be useful for FKCC to contact other active CCs to pool ideas. D Anderson gave an overview of the first presentation on Clash Gour, in which information was given about the proposed site, reasons for the scale and turbine height (potential up to 175m), consultation to date, and community ownership. Local Energy Scotland has information on support available to communities, potential sources of funding/loans and successful examples of Community Ownership. Community ownership is an investment in a legal right to a share of profits, rather than a share of

a physical asset. The JCC will investigate this further. Community Ownership would not be a requirement for communities to still benefit from grants as per the other wind farms. S Urquhart gave an overview of the 2nd presentation on the Licensing Presentation, outlining the role that Community Councils have with the Licensing Board and the Council. Further details of this have been circulated to members in the Secretary's report. The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Action: A Skene and D Anderson to attend JCCM.**

**Item 11 Moray Councillor's Report:**

11.1 There were no Councillors in attendance.

**Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:**

12.1 There was nothing to report as there was no co-opted member. This was rectified later in the meeting.

**Item 13 Planning:**

13.1 M Hyde advised that there were no new planning applications in our area. M Hyde, A Skene, H Grigor and G Taylor attended the consultation on the proposed development at Kinloss Club. This raised several issues, most of which were discussed in the Public Session. It was felt there was an ethical problem re the planning decision to not uphold the conditions of the previous planning consent. These conditions required expansion of the Golf Course facilities. Now there was going to be a reduction on the number of holes. Although there is a replanting clause for any de-forestation, it was felt that it would take a very long time for hard wood to grow and what would be necessary to replace the existing trees. It was also noted that the home owners would be required to contribute to the management of the communal woodland. A Skene asked the members to submit their points to M Hyde, who would collate them. The points would be discussed at the next meeting and M Hyde would then make representation to MC before the deadline of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Representations can be seen online at [moray.gov.uk/current-consultations](http://moray.gov.uk/current-consultations).

**Action: if anyone has points to be raised, please send them to M Hyde – ALL.**

**Item 14 AOCB:**

14.1 Co-option of representative from Findhorn Foundation - Sue Dominey was pleased to accept the invitation to be co-opted on to the KFCC. This was proposed by H Grigor and seconded by B James. The CC look forward to hearing about the Findhorn Park Eco-village next month.

14.2 Proactive suggestion for the current FKCC term of office. B James advised that Debbie Heron from FACT would give a talk at the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> June. It was noted that Kirsty Williams could be funded to help give older person support. H Grigor mentioned a successful scheme that runs in England called Village Link. It was felt that it was important that we forge ahead to find a way to support the local community.

14.3 The West Car Park toilet closure and the opportunity for a Community Asset Transfer - this was discussed at great length in the Public Session. **Action: M Hyde to discuss with FVCC.**

14.4 Defibrillator Fund Raising Event. L Fraser said she was pleased how the night went and happy with the proceeds, £322. Everyone expressed their thanks for her hard work in organising it.

14.5 Streamlining the Resilience Plan Workgroup - H Grigor advised that it was ongoing, but that other CCs were keen to get information on the process from FKCC.

14.6 There will be no meeting in July. The August meeting – due to absences - will now be the 23<sup>rd</sup> August at JMI, Findhorn, not the 30<sup>th</sup> as previously intimated.

**Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:**

15.1 Scottish Week 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June

15.2 Scottish Teas at FVC - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month during season – 2 p.m.

15.2 Litter Pick at Carse, Kinloss – 9<sup>th</sup> June from 11.00am onwards.

15.3 FVCC AGM – JMI, 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm.

15.5 Fly Cup – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month during season – 2pm.

15.6 RFYC, Cadet Week 9<sup>th</sup> July - Monday to Friday.

15.7 RFYC, Findhorn Regatta 14<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday and Sunday.

15.8 RFYC, Findhorn Week 16<sup>th</sup> July – Monday to Friday.

**Item 16. Date of Next Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7 p.m. at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church**