

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd August 2018, JMI Findhorn

Present: A Skene (Chair), J O'Hagan (Mins), B James, S Urquhart, M Hyde, S Dominey (Findhorn Park Eco Village),

Attendance: Cllr Feaver, 3 members of public

Item 1 Apologies: H Grigor, L Fraser, D Anderson, Cllr Alexander, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks)

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 Police input – S Urquhart gave an overview of the Police report. There have been a few low-level incidents of noise complaints and neighbour disputes, however, a more serious incident in the Forres area; a burglar armed with a knife; he was apprehended and charged. The Police gave a reminder regarding water safety, particularly at this time of year and with the warm weather.

2.2 Road survey – S Urquhart advised that the results of the road survey report a good level of compliance, thereby, no further action. All agreed without any further context, the figures are meaningless. K Major is happy to meet to discuss. A member of the public in attendance, is very concerned regarding the speeding traffic. There was discussion regarding the 30 mph sign being moved and a suggestion to reduce this to 20 mph now that there are houses on both sides of the road in one particular area. Following this discussion, 2 members of the public thereafter, left the meeting.

Action: Cllr Feaver to meet with K Major

2.3 FVCC update – M Hyde advised that FVCC hosted a party to express thanks to everyone for the work done on the Armstrong garages; this was a great success. Money was raised during this event for the David Urquhart path. M Hyde advised that the voluntary arrangements for the car parking and over-night stays in the car park are helping raise funds and this will go towards maintenance in that area.

2.4 C Hunt (public member), raised the issue of the toilets on the back shore being closed by the Council, with no consultation. Discussion followed and clarity gained over which toilet block was attracting a possible Community Asset Transfer (CAT).

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 28th May 2018:

3.1 The minutes of 28th June 2018 were ratified; proposed by B James and seconded by S Urquhart.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

a. (2.4) Contact Moray Council regarding parking concerns in Findhorn **AS** – AS wrote a letter; the response advised this was passed to another party. There has been no further response to date.

b. (2.1) Contact with North East Road Safety Partnership. Update **SU** – SU has emailed but had no further response.

c. (8.2) Partnership working with FVCC - discussion with Cathy Low. Update **LF** – no update. AS has had a letter – will read out under correspondence. In minutes of 31st May 2018, LF had spoken to C Low to consider partnership working and C Low advised she was happy to arrange a meeting. On 7th June, LF contacted C Low; there has been no response to date.

d. (7.1) Consult with others about controlling Hogweed. Update **LF** – no update.

Liaison with Jennie Martin at Wild Things about piece in Gazette - **BJ** poster produced and put up.

Cllr Feaver to set up meeting with MP with regards to Network Rail & Hogweed – Network Rail contacted and this was progressed by Cllr Feaver and D Ross MP. Wild Things, B Laughton and SNH have also been contacted. SNH have overall ownership of the species. There are priority locations for Network Rail.

Findhorn Fair poster to recruit volunteers for eradication of Hogweed **BJ** - complete

e. (8.1) Speeding vehicle data analysis. Update **SU** – discussed.

f. (10.1) Proposed attendance at JCCM on 9th August - DA and AS completed.

g. (13.1) Kinloss Golf Club planning application – representations to M Hyde - ALL completed, but no reply yet.

h. (8.1) FKCC response to support David Urquhart path **AS SU** – completed AS wrote to F Allan.

i (11.1) Southside private road agreement to be sent to Cllr Feaver – **J O'H**

- j. (13.1/2) Comments to M Hyde re planning applications - **ALL** – The planning application was resubmitted and changed by 1 meter (yoga shed)
- k. (14.1) Moray Council clarification on toilet closure **DA** – Council made decision to keep 1 toilet open in each area.

Item 5 Declaration of Interest:

5.1 Nothing declared.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 No report.

Item 7 Chair's Report:

7.1 Nothing to report over the summer. AS attended local events e.g. Beating of the Retreat at Kinloss Barracks. AS attended last JCC.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 S Urquhart advised of correspondence regarding the poor condition of sea wall steps; there was a query whether this should be under the Council auspices in regards to preservation. Much of the low fencing in beach car parks have broken metal and safety concerns were raised. It was suggested the latter issue would be a matter for FVCC; M Hyde advised FVCC are already looking at this issue.

Action: S Urquhart to write to Stephen Cooper at Moray Council

Action: S Urquhart to write to FVCC to confirm they are dealing with the matter above

8.2 A member of the public had raised concerns regarding a Jetski used in the bay. A Skene has replied.

8.3 Correspondence from FVCC – They are disappointed regarding the comment in the last CC minutes that suggests the FVCC acted unilaterally regarding parking in the village. They are disappointed that the CC did not speak to them before speaking to others. They outlined the efforts they have made to date. A Skene had spoken to the press whom had approached her. The CC are still keen to work in partnership and a further attempt to set up a meeting will be made.

8.4 S Urquhart advised that she is no longer able to attend the Rural Transport convention in Inverness.

8.5 The Tsi newsletter is now available on Gmail monthly and is worth a look at for training events and notices.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 – B James advised no movement on the account. There is £1217.41 in the admin account and £1577.14 in capital, totalling £2794.55.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 A Skene and D Anderson attended the last JCCM. There was a presentation regarding public toilets. There are no legal requirements for the LA to open public toilets. It was interesting to hear how some communities have set up working groups to manage their toilets and been quite creative in their initiatives. 2 groups locally have expressed an interest in a CAT for the toilets at the beach car park. As discussed earlier, there was concern regarding lack of consultation regarding the toilet closures in Findhorn and a concern that the wrong toilets were closed. Important points were raised with regards to the impact of people with disabilities, the impact on local businesses etc. In Elgin local businesses are joining the 'comfort scheme' and advertising this with a sticker; they are offering use of their toilet facilities. It was suggested this would be good to progress in Findhorn. It was considered that discussion with FVCC would be helpful and to explore disabled access and a comfort scheme. On 25th September, there is a meeting in the supper room at Elgin Town Hall at 7 pm; the topic is 'Democracy Matters' and is all about devolved responsibility to communities. The next JCC meeting is in the same room on 8th November; A Skene and J O'Hagan to attend.

Action: A Skene to liaise with Cathy Low

Action: A Skene and J O'Hagan to attend JCC

Item 11 Moray Councillor's Report:

11.1 Cllr Feaver gave a brief report, as it has been quieter over the summer period. There has been a Council press release regarding wildfowling; mediation facilitation is in place for those with vested interests in Findhorn Bay, the future of Findhorn Bay and for its future management. Cllr Feaver advised that Colin Bell

from Moray Council is heading up the notice regarding seal disturbance. Disturbing the seals can be very detrimental to them, so if anyone sees them being disturbed, they can phone 101.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

12.1. S Dominey advised it had been a busy summer, with lots of great gigs in the Universal Hall. The Good Gig Guide was distributed. Other events in the Park Eco Village are already attracting lots of participants, which is great news. S Dominey reminded everyone of the Findhorn Bay Arts Festival next month, whereby various gigs, performances and displays are on offer.

Item 13 Planning:

13.1 No planning to report.

Item 14 AOCB:

14.1 The Findhorn and Kinloss Resilience Plan is being streamlined by the sub group. This is ongoing.

14.2 B James is hopeful that a new CC member might come forward from Kinloss.

14.3 B James (on behalf of H Grigor), advised that there is an ongoing problem with seagulls in the area. Advice will be sought on how best to tackle the problem.

Action: H Grigor to contact Cllr Alexander for advice

14.4 The issue of road markings at the end of the stryplies was raised. A Skene agreed to contact Moray Council to enquire about this and also B James thought signage might be available; he will look into this.

Action: A Skene to contact Moray Council re road markings

Action: B James to explore signage

14.5 M Hyde raised the issue of parking on pavements, which is a reoccurring theme. Buses find it difficult to navigate the village with the parking situation. M Hyde advised that the bus timetable has changed and she believes there has been an increase in the number of buses through the village, however, if children and young people are travelling on the bus for school journeys, members of the public are not allowed to access the service. M Hyde advised that one of the buses that used to take residents as far as the dentist in Forres, is now alighting before the dentist, making it increasingly difficult for those who are frail or disabled to access the dentist easily. Cllr Feaver advised that D Ross MP and herself, have spoken about the bus situation, as buses are not working for communities. It was suggested that the CC could write a formal letter to D Ross MP and ask him to take this forward on our behalf. M Hyde will compare the timetables for accuracy regarding the bus numbers available to residents and S Urquhart will collate the information on the key points raised. S Urquhart will send all the information to A Skene before sending this on to D Ross MP.

Action: M Hyde to compare timetables

Action: S Urquhart to collate information and send to A Skene

Action: A Skene to contact D Ross MP with collated information

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

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

15.2 Ceilidh – Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club - Universal Hall, Saturday 28th August 2018.

15.3 22nd September, open doors in Forres Toll Booth, Nelsons Tower and Ice House and Heritage Centre.

15.4 Fly Cup at the Church– 2nd Saturday of the month during season – 2pm.

15.5 Good Gig Guide outlining various events.

15.6 Findhorn Bay Arts Festival; last week in September; tickets on sale.

Item 16:

16.1 CHANGE OF VENUE

Thursday 27th September 2018 – 7 p.m. FINDHORN CHURCH