

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 27th September 2018 Findhorn Church, Findhorn

Present: A Skene (Chair), Sheila Urquhart (Mins), L Fraser, B James, D Anderson, Mo Hyde, S Dominey (Findhorn Park Eco Village).

Attendance: Cllr Alexander and 5 members of the public.

Item 1 Apologies: J O'Hagan, H Grigor, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Feaver, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks),

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 Police – nothing to report this month.

2.2 A Skene welcomed PC Lesley Morrison of the Road Policing Department to the meeting. She agreed to answer questions from the floor. Mr Fresson asked if there could be a bye-law preventing the parking of campervans and caravans along the Bay front. He quoted several instances whereby people were sleeping overnight. PC Morrison advised that sleeping overnight was breaking the law and that 101 should be called. She said there were plenty police officers in the vicinity, so they should be able to respond. Parking is not prohibited unless it is causing an obstruction. A Skene advised that FKCC and FVCC were working together to try to find a solution and that members of both bodies met with Ken Major and James Smith from the Moray Council (MC). MC agreed to replace signage beside the Crown and Anchor. The new signs would include directions to the Beach parking area. MC also agreed to look at extending the double yellow lines just after the Crown and Anchor towards the Bake House and also in front of the building formerly known as the Bunty. FVCC would look into the placing of a sign on the verge opposite the war memorial to indicate availability of beach parking.

PC Morrison also advised that abandoned vehicles should be reported to the MC via a form on their website. Mr Bruce commented that motorists were parking on the double yellow lines beside the Kimberley and that this needed more policing as they were causing an obstruction for buses and lorries. He also commented on the speeding outside his house. DA advised that there were a couple of drivers who speed out of the village at around 6.45 each morning. SU advised that Ken Major was going to break down the speeding data so that the actual speeds were known rather than just the percentiles. PC Morrison advised that she will try to set up a week-long campaign to target speeding cars at various times.

Mr Julian then asked if the representation made by FKCC to the mediator re the wild fowlers had been just the view of the CC members or that of the whole community. A Skene advised that the views were from the members of the CC but that there had been a full range of comments collated. She also added the view of the previous CC. A Skene told the meeting that Jeremy Scuse, the Mediator, would consider all representations and that the mediation process might take some time to complete. It was suggested that Mr Julian might want to contact Friends of Findhorn Bay or his Resident's Association to see if they would make representation on his behalf. It was also noted that Moray Council did not allow any shooting on their land. John McEwan advised that he had video evidence of a cyclist travelling against the flow of traffic in Kinloss between the garage and the Whiteinch turn off. The red cycle lane has dotted lines as it is not the full width. It's believed that Sustrans do the markings. M Hyde also mentioned that she gets abusive language when she approaches cyclists on the pavement or going against the one-way system. It was felt that education would be the way forward and B James was going to extract a still photo and put an article in the local paper.

Action: B James to contact the Forres Gazette

2.3 There was no representative from FVCC. A Skene to write to confirm that FKCC are happy to work with them re parking etc.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 29th April 2018:

3.1 Minutes ratified - proposed by B James and seconded by S Urquhart

Item 4 Matters Arising:

- a. **(4.1)** Southside private road agreement to be sent to Cllr Feaver **JoH**. Nothing to report. Keep on the agenda for next month
- b. **(2.2)** Speeding traffic. Ken Major will follow up.
- c. **(8.1)** Poor condition of both sea wall steps and low fencing in beach car parks. Grant Speed has replied saying that MC would not renew the lease with FVCC. They are prepared to remove 4 sets of steps and carry out minor repairs to the other 3 sets. **Action; SU to advise Susan Lewis of outcome and check that FVCC have this information.**
- d. **(8.3)** Arrange meeting to set up partnership working with FVCC. Complete.

e. (10.1) Toilet closure – exploration of disabled access and comfort scheme. MC have advised that the wrong toilet block was closed and that the correct one would be reconnected. The idea of a CAT transfer is still on the Agenda for FVCC. There is still a need for a comfort scheme in Findhorn. The Heritage Centre is prepared to allow the use of their single toilet during the season.

f. (14.3) Tackling the seagull problem. We now have an Anti-Social behavior incident logged with MC Development Services. They have supplied seagull feeding posters and our Incident Ref is 18/00684/SEAGULL. Cllr G Alexander advised that he will let FKCC have the details of Seagull Services, who could assist with the problem. It was also suggested that eggs could be removed, and pebbles placed in the nest. This would not cause the birds distress but would reduce the numbers.

g. (14.4) Road markings at end of stryplies and exploration of signage. Complete

h. (14.5) Bus timetables comparison. After comparing both timetables, S Urquhart advised that there really wasn't any difference between the old and the new timetables so had not written to Stagecoach.

Item 5 Declaration of Interest: - Nothing declared

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 Nothing to report.

Item 7 Chair's Report:

7.1 A Skene reiterated that FKCC and FVCC had met with Ken Major and James Smith re signage and parking and that both groups were committed to working together to find solutions. There would be new signs highlighting directions to the Beach car park and it was hoped that the double yellow lines would be extended in front of the building formerly known as the Bunty and around the corner beyond the Crown and Anchor.

7.2 A Skene advised that Cllr L Creswell had attended the transport seminar in Lhanbryde and that Findhorn and Kinloss were listed in the routes which might be improved. It was felt that people weren't aware of the ramps in the new buses. R Douglas had also emphasized the need for an improved service for MOD personnel. It was also noted that residents were reluctant to complain in case the service got axed.

7.3 It was also noted that we had been asked by Police Scotland to provide the location and access codes for the defibrillators in our area, so that the details could go on to a database for use by the emergency services. The locations are JMI, Findhorn Marina, Kinloss Church, The Phoenix Shop and Findhorn Sands Caravan Park. **Action: SU to send information once she has received it.**

7.4 A Skene asked if we had all seen the report on Landscapes across Moray, Valued Areas. D Anderson advised that it was a lengthy document but that she would point us to the relevant pages. **Action: DA to highlight the relevant text.**

7.5 A Skene asked if any of the members had attended the A96 dualling consultation. S Urquhart advised that she had. The Purple Route has now been dropped but the Red and Orange Routes are still under consideration. Finderne CC and Forres CC were also there. They felt that the Red Route should be avoided, but this has still to be decided.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 S Urquhart advised that she had received a reply from Grant Speed, MC regarding the beach steps. They are not renewing the lease with FVCC but are prepared to remove the 4 sets that are dangerous and make minor repairs to the other 4 sets.

Action: SU to liaise with FVCC for their approval and advise Susan Lewis.

8.2 S Urquhart had managed to secure a meeting with FKCC, Ken Major and FVCC re the parking problem. This has been detailed above.

8.3 S Urquhart will now forward emails of interest to the whole CC rather than list them in her report. This should ensure everyone can attend any of the events if they so wish. S Urquhart also advised that she would attend the Keeping on Top of Data course.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 B James advised the CC that they are eligible for a grant of £370.43 from MC. It was unanimously decided, that in view of the dire financial straits of MC and the FKCC healthy bank balance, that we should not accept it on this occasion. The Admin/Grant account stands at £1,195.66 and there is £1577.14 in the Capital account. It was agreed that we should use some of the funds to combat the seagull nuisance. B James informed the meeting that the accounts needed to be audited by October 29th and that this was in hand. **Action: BJ to reply to MC re grant.**

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 Nothing to report

Item 11 Moray Councillor's Report:

11.1 Cllr Alexander advised the CC that the Moray Local Development Plan had been passed as well as the first stage of the Strategy Budget. Cllr Alexander also said that the Moray Growth Deal was sounding very positive. However, there could be compulsory redundancies at MC.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

12.1 Nothing to report

Item 13 Wildfowling Negotiation

13.1 B James and S Dominey attended the first mediation session. Much of what was said was confidential, but both had confidence in the skills and experience of the Mediator, Jeremy Scuse. They both stressed that the public could be confident that all views had been fully represented. The representatives around the negotiation table agreed that all parties shared responsibility for the stewardship of Findhorn Bay. S Dominey suggested that the CC have a meeting to discuss this issue. B James thought it would be good to have guidelines that embraced the ethos of only shooting for the pot. He also said that there was no need for people to go to the shooting area to view the birds as they could be seen clearly from the bird hide. He also thought there should be a bye-law, if required. M Hyde asked if the previous agreements were now defunct and if the original guidelines were now in place. It was thought that this was the case. The MC ban of shooting on their land would still stand as it would require a committee vote to rescind this. A main concern of the shooters was that their contact details would be documented on the voluntary permits, thus allowing objectors to know where they lived. S Dominey said that the wild fowling were well represented locally and nationally and that there needed to be an announcement soon, regarding the way forward. A Skene reassured everyone that the Mediator was very skilled, but it will take time to reach a resolution. She said that those representing all aspects of the community, including flora and fauna, would be given a say as well. A Skene and S Dominey will attend future meetings on the behalf of FKCC and will submit dates for availability to the mediator.

Item 14 Planning:

14.1 A Skene highlighted the following planning applications.

14.2 Heathneuk, Findhorn, Application no 18/01095/APP – the original plan for Heathneuk was for 5 houses but Plot 2 has been split. Plot 2A is small in comparison to the other plots. There are no objections to date.

14.3 2A Damhead. Application no 18/00651/APP – there have been objections by neighbours re privacy and loss of light. It is also noted that the proposed building is very close to the neighbour's boundary.

14.4. 54 Findhorn, Application no 18/00921/APP – concern that the fence is high. M Hyde to check.

14.5 Greenmantle, Application no 18/01053/APP - Findhorn Road, Kinloss – erect garden shed. There are no objections to date.

Item 15 AOCB:

15.b The wrong toilet block had been closed. It will be reinstated. FVCC are looking into a CAT transfer for the other block.

15.c Streamlining Resilience Plan workgroup. H Grigor and D Anderson will meet with Donna McLean. H Grigor will attend the conference on October 28th. SEPA have now updated their flood maps.

15.d S Urquhart proposed that the Findhorn venue for FKCC meetings be moved to Findhorn Church Hall from January, 2019. There was agreement to this suggestion. Better space and car parking.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

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

15.2 Fly Cup – October 13th Findhorn Church – 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

15.3 Christmas lights switch on Forres High Street - 2.00pm 1st December.

15.4 Findhorn Village Centre Christmas Bazaar - 8th December

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting: 25th October 7.00 p.m. at JMI, Findhorn