

**FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Kinloss Church**

**Present:** A Skene (Chair), J O'Hagan (mins), S Urquhart, D Anderson, M Hyde, H Grigor, B James, S Dominey, S Hermiston, L Fraser.

**Attendance:** R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), Cllr Feaver, Cllr Creswell, 3 members of the public.

**Item 1 Apologies:**

1.1 No apologies.

1.2 Declaration of Interest – none declared.

**Item 2 Public Session:**

2. 1 Police input – no report.

2. 2 Mr Jullian advised that he had noticed a hole appearing on the cycle path on the Kinloss bridge, heading into Forres. He is concerned that the expanding hole could cause an injury to pedestrian or cyclist. D Anderson suggested that he contact the Moray Council via the online fault reporting form.

**Action: D Anderson to email Mr Julian the MC weblink**

**Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019:**

3.1 A minor change was requested to the previous minutes in relation to item 6, Kinloss Barracks report. The first sentence should read that 'the runway at both Kinloss and Lossiemouth bases will be resurfaced'. The date of the meeting was also rectified. The minutes thereafter, were ratified by B James and H Grigor.

**Item 4 Matters Arising:**

a. (2a) Consideration of proposal to explore CC ownership of wind turbines - **ALL** – Will discuss under JCCM / Chair Report.

b. (2c) Parking issue raised by member of public-collect and submit info to CI Thomson – **SU** – this has been progressed. S Urquhart advised that Cllr Alexander has liaised with Police.

c. (4c) Follow up on Red Squirrel Signage and notify Moray Council planning dept. - **SU** – S Urquhart advised there is approval from planning, as long as signs are not reflective. Agreed at this meeting to fund 2 signs, at approximately £70 each. Ongoing.

d. (4f) Follow up Rainbow Bridge subscription for FKCC – **SD** - S Dominey advised that as a gesture of good will, it has been agreed that F & K CC can get a subscription. The Rainbow Bridge subscriptions are due now. A Skene will send subscription details to B James for him to set up the subscription.

**Action: B James to organise Standing Order and mailing of RB to FKCC gmail address**

e.(5) Move Declaration of Interest to top of Agenda - **AS** – completed.

f.(6.1) Invitation to Gp. Capt. Strasdin to attend FKCC meeting – **AS** - A Skene liaised with R Douglas who has arranged for Gp. Capt. Strasdin to attend the April CC meeting at Kinloss.

g.(8.1) Minute taker – speak to JOH **AS** – Agreed that S Hermiston would stand in to take minutes if JOH unavailable.

h.(8.2) Meet with owner of Harbour House regarding placing of new signpost – **AS SU** – to be discussed later in agenda.

i. (10) Attendance at JCC meeting on 14 February – **SU AS** - A Skene attended. To be discussed under JCCM item.

j.(16.2) Set date for J Caddy to give talk about Hinterland Plans – **AS** – J Caddy invited to March meeting.

**5. Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:**

5.1 H Grigor and A Skene had an informal meeting with F Allan and C Low to keep lines of communication open. As the representative of the FVCC, C Low reported that the caravan site boundary was being plotted according to survey and a temporary fence was being put up on the northern boundary. Planning to convert 4 garages into workshops continues. Planning permission has been applied for change of use and incorporation of electricity and water. Progress on funding the David Urquhart path continues and the benches in place are looking good, with positive comments

being made. There is a village quiz on 16<sup>th</sup> March and all teams are welcome. Residents have been consulted regarding the cutting back of gorse to make fire gaps but not all affected residents approve of gorse cutting; timing is important, before nesting season begins.

**Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

**6.1** R Douglas advised that a collection of items belonging to members of the community are within a church building on the base. Whilst there are no plans to decommission the building, she was keen that should the building be decommissioned in decades to come that these items were properly recorded in case they had to be returned to their rightful owners. R Douglas advised that if anyone wished to visit the church, she was happy to be contacted and for her email address to go on these minutes as a contact. Finding the owners has proved difficult. A Skene suggested contacting Tanya Maclaren, who is well informed of the history of the church and artifacts. R Douglas gave thanks for the information on shooting geese. Information has been passed to colleagues in the RAF and Police. R Douglas advised that the Cumming Hall has had some renovations and they are looking to reinvigorate the Hall Management Committee - civilian representation would be welcomed. R Douglas asked that anyone interested in joining the Committee, could contact her on the email address below. R Douglas asked that anyone wishing to speak to Gp. Capt Strasdin on a particular subject at the next meeting should let her know as this will help him prepare. S Urquhart advised of drone sightings in the area; she advised she is happy to contact R Douglas in good time if she witnesses one.

Ruth Douglas' email is [ruth.douglas109@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.douglas109@mod.gov.uk)

**Item 7 Chairperson's Report:**

**7.1** A Skene advised that all relevant topics would be covered elsewhere in the meeting.

**Item 8 Secretary's Report:**

**8.1** S Urquhart advised of the ownership of the brown signs in the village. In relation to parking within the village, there was discussion regarding who might cover the cost of changing the signs to indicate parking areas. C Low will take the issue to the FVCC Board to discuss. S Urquhart will email C Low with the details she has so far.

**Action: S Urquhart to email details of signage to C Low**

**Item 9 Treasurer's Report:**

**9.1** B James advised that there had been no movement of funds since the last meeting. The account balance stands at £2,600.06.

**Item 10 JCCM Report:**

**10.1** A Skene attended the JCCM on 14<sup>th</sup> February. There was a presentation from the Project Officer for the Armed Forces Covenant, regarding fair treatment for serving personnel, veterans and their families. Their fund trust has already given a significant amount of money to local projects and there are further grants available to support community integration and local service delivery.

**10.2** A Skene raised the issue of CC liability having read a report about a person being injured at a beauty spot managed by the local CC who subsequently sued the CC and the company that undertook voluntary work on the site. A Skene will check out F & K CC insurance to ensure we are fully covered. There was discussion regarding the level of risk assessments that should be in place where F & K CC are running any events, or undertaking any works. It was decided to speak to J Martin to enquire whether standard risk assessments are available.

**Action: A Skene to speak to J Martin re: liability insurance of CC and enquire about risk assessments**

**10.3** The JCC have set a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7 – 9 p.m. at Council HQ, regarding Moray wide service cuts. They hope to establish a group of CC representatives to work together on this matter, to gather ideas on ways to minimise how their areas are affected. A Skene asked if anyone from F & K CC wished to attend. On this occasion, there will be no representation from this CC.

**Action: A Skene to advise J Martin that there will be no representation from F & K CC, at this first meeting**

**10.4** A Skene advised that there will be a conference on 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Elgin Town Hall, called 'Energising Communities'. There will be discussion about the possible opportunities for CCs to invest in the Clash Gour wind farm. From this meeting, it is hoped that a number of interested people will come together to form a peer learning group, with a view to visiting Orkney. LEADER have been approached for funding to help support this visit, however, it seems that funds would be reimbursed following initial outlay. A Skene advised that FKCC can note an interest at this stage without commitment to tie us into anything. A Skene advised she would like the CC to be aware of what is happening regarding this topic and noted potential community benefits from the windfarm development. There were concerns raised from a couple of members around the table, who noted that, currently, there are too many unknowns and risks. It was agreed that A Skene would attend the meeting above, however, will not sign the CC up to the memorandum of understanding. S Urquhart advised she would be happy to attend also, if she is available.

**Action: A Skene and S Urquhart to attend conference**

#### **Item 11 Moray Councillors Reports:**

**11.1** Cllr Feaver advised of the budget in Council yesterday; she was pleased to get some things in, but unhappy about the budget overall. Cllr Feaver advised that it will be equally desperate for the Officers in the Council next year. She advised of some of the budget savings that went through and acknowledged that there has been a lot of confusion around for the public, given it has been very piecemeal since September. Cllr Feaver reminded all to ask Cllrs questions, as that is what they are there for. Cllr Feaver advised there were some positives but areas of soft infrastructure are being lost, that make Moray a nice place to live.

**11.2** Cllr Creswell advised that she had protested about adult literacy cuts in the budget and explained the potential long-term impacts for those adults with literacy difficulties. She spoke of the investment for many families, for whom English is not their first language. Cllr Creswell advised of the Covenant group that she sits on, that supports youngsters on a 1:1 or in small groups. The group supports the welfare of vulnerable young people and Cllr Creswell is to attend an exercise this coming Saturday. Cllr Creswell advised of the meeting of the Federation of Village Halls hosted in the JMI, where the inputs were very informative. Cllr Creswell advised she was pleased to hear about the revamping of Cumming Hall and the opening of the Hive – newly built hub for social enterprise in Findhorn Eco Village. She advised that the hub is open to the community and that there is 1 space left. Cllr Creswell advised that there is work ongoing with FACT, to see if the Osprey bus can be managed better. The constitution needs to be rewritten to move things forward. B James enquired about the Falconer Museum in Forres with regards to the budget. It was confirmed by Cllrs that the museum is due to close next year; it is hoped that the community may be able to support the museum in future.

**11.3** J O'Hagan asked the Cllrs about planning for Morayvia. It was confirmed by Cllr Feaver and D Anderson, that the recent correspondence to some of Southside residents, was in relation to the Moray Plan and not a specific planning application.

#### **Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village report:**

**12.1** S Dominey kindly brought copies of the new Good Gig Guide for local events in the Universal Hall and other leaflets and brochures with information regarding the Park Eco village. S Dominey advised that she is keen to build bridges with the wider community and offered to meet and have coffee with anyone wishing to have a look around the Eco village. S Dominey spoke more about the new Findhorn Hive, explaining this is a social enterprise hub, offering desk and studio space. S Dominey advised that there are a few houses for sale on the Park; she also advised of the opening of the library tomorrow, which has been moved to the Common House at West Whins. S Dominey highlighted that she was part of a community care circle, for those who care for others; important links are being made in Forres.

#### **Item 13 Wildfowling Negotiation update:**

**13.1** A Skene advised that there have been 2 meetings since the last CC meeting; S Dominey and A Skene attended. The Mediator had recently been in the area for the final meeting. At the last meeting, it was agreed that a community engagement programme would be the way forward. Sylvia Jamieson from the Community Support Unit of Moray Council will give some time to support this consultation. Many groups have been represented at the meetings and a sub group will work on the draft community engagement consultation paper, with Sylvia Jamieson. It was reported that everyone around the table at the meeting wished for a byelaw and permit system. It is hoped the consultation programme first draft will be ready by

early April. Hopefully the data will be available July/August for an analyst to evaluate. It was acknowledged that fund raising needs to be addressed and this could possibly pay for a warden in the area.

**Item 14 Planning:**

**14.1** M Hyde advised that no further planning applications had been submitted during the current month. A Skene advised that M Hyde will need some help with planning, given other commitments coming up. L Fraser advised she would be happy to assist. All previous applications have been dealt with and sites visited with the exception of Broombank. A Skene and M Hyde have spoken regarding submission of consultation responses; they have all been made with the exception of 35 Findhorn.

**Action: M Hyde and L Fraser to meet to go over paperwork for planning**

**Item 15 AOCB:**

**15.1** H Grigor advised that some progress has been made in relation to the Resilience Plan. Lessons learnt from last year's wild fires in Hopeman have led to investigation of fire hydrant sites locally. Any missing information is currently being chased. S Dominey advised that the communication group at the Park Eco village will contribute to the plan, by writing a short piece.

**15.2** B James gave a brief update on the issue of seagulls. He spoke of a paste being used that the seagulls do not like that will help them move on. B James will share information as he receives it.

**15.3** L Fraser advised that some members of the Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club are going to the World Championships in July. It is an exciting opportunity and there will be a quiz on 29<sup>th</sup> March in the Crown and Anchor, to help raise funds for this event.

**15.4** There is a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March regarding 'Licencing Matters' and H Grigor offered to attend on behalf of the CC.

**Item 16 Forthcoming Community Events:**

**16.1** Universal Hall Promotions are showing films on Friday/Saturday nights.

**16.2** Quiz night 16<sup>th</sup> March in JMI. FKCC hope to be represented.

**16.3** Rock band at Captains Table on 16<sup>th</sup> March, in aid of 'Chris's House'.

**16.4** Quiz night on 29<sup>th</sup> March in Crown and Anchor, in aid of Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club.

**16.5** Table Top Sale – on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2 p.m. at the Village Centre. £5 for a table top.

**Item 17:**

**17.1 Date of Next Meeting: 28th March 2019, 7 p.m. in the JMI, Findhorn**