

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 30th May 2019, JMI Findhorn

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

Attendance: Cllr Alexander, Ruth Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), Cathy Low (Findhorn Village Conservation Company)

Item 1 Agenda:

1.1 Apologies: M Hyde, S Urquhart, S Hermiston, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Feaver

1.2 Declaration of Interest: None given.

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 A Skene advised that Sylvia Jamieson from Moray Council, was not available to attend this meeting.

2.2 Due to apologies for this meeting, there was no Police report presented this month.

2.3 In the absence of S Urquhart at present, A Skene asked everyone to monitor the Gmail account.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 25th April 2019:

3.1 The minutes were agreed as accurate and thereafter proposed by B James and seconded by D Anderson.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

a. (2.1) D Anderson to send plan to Grp Capt Strasdin - **DA** – Completed. The clearing work will be added to the works.

b. (2.2) Arrange site visit to 35 Findhorn **AS** – AS, HG, LF and SD undertook visit.

c. (2.3) Damage to cycle bridge – to follow up **DA** – Completed. The area is now clearly signposted as damaged. This will now be on the works list.

d. (4.a) Planning paperwork follow up **LF** - Ongoing

e. (10.1) Attendance at JCCM on 9th May **AS and SH** (DA to attend 8th August JCCM) - AS attended.

f. (14.1) Invite Sylvia Jamieson to FK & CC meeting on 30th May **AS** – Completed but was unable to attend this meeting.

5. Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:

5.1 C Low advised that FVCC are working with Findhorn Residents Association regarding grass cutting in 3 areas of Findhorn (playing field, loading bay and Hendry's Green). Cllr Alexander advised that he now has a list of what is no longer being cut, including Hendry's Green, however, H Grigor advised this area has never been cut by the Council. C Low also advised that following a complaint regarding campervans in the area, Scottish Fire and Rescue had recommended some cutting back of gorse and grass cutting on the west side; this will be actioned. C Low advised of an issue regarding the telegraph poles in front of Findhorn flats. Services have agreed to remove the poles and put cables underground. She advised there are ongoing disputes regarding boundaries. The issues with the stryplies continue and FVCC could look for a consultant for recommendations, however, this is very costly. The planning application for the garages is now in and discussions regarding a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for the toilets are continuing. As advertised last month, FVCC AGM is on 5th June, 7pm at JMI. Additional signage is being looked at to remind the public of their responsibilities regarding the environment, litter, clearing up dog faeces etc. There is consideration being given to a physical barrier to prevent vehicles going down to the east beach. FVCC are also looking to provide extra bins for recycling. A Skene enquired about the double yellow lines in the village and D Anderson agreed to make enquiries to see what stage this is at.

Action: D Anderson make enquiries re yellow lines in Findhorn

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 R Douglas advised that whilst she had not put anything in yet regarding the resilience plan, she is making progress. R Douglas advised that they will also be speaking to RAF Lossiemouth about the plan. R Douglas advised that they are looking to reinvigorate the Committee for Cumming Hall. Over the next month or so, there will be a leaflet drop inviting residents to a meeting in the coming months. H Grigor enquired about the

viewing area and vegetation being cut back. R Douglas advised that this has gone up the chain of command and there was some difference of opinion currently, but she was unsure from whom. The issue of public safety was raised and a plea that the area is cut back, especially with more aircraft due and an expected increase in plane spotters in the area. R Douglas was thanked for her input and thereafter, left the meeting.

Item 7 Chairperson's Report:

7.1 A Skene advised that Richard Lochhead has organised a public meeting regarding recent wildfires in Moray. The meeting will be held on 3rd June, 7 pm in the Houldsworth Institute in Dallas. Scottish Fire and Rescue Services, Police Scotland and SNH will be represented. A Skene and H Grigor attended the CC briefing/consultation on Tuesday, with Douglas Ross MP. They found the meeting agreeable and advised that D Ross MP was interested to hear about local topics including provision of NHS in Moray, public transport, the growth of wind farms, the number of turbines and all about community ownership and benefit. D Ross MP hopes to hold these sessions twice per year; they are also good meetings for him to update CCs on the national political picture.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 Due to S Urquhart's absence, no report was submitted.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 B James advised there was no movement on the account and the balance stands at £2,812.48. CC members were encouraged to claim their administrative expenses, as this would be the only legitimate use of the admin grant.

Action: All put in admin expenses as appropriate

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 A Skene advised there was a meeting on 9th May that she attended; she briefed the meeting from the minutes of the JCC. There had been a presentation from Age Scotland Veterans': the services, activities and benefits that the unforgotten Forces partnership provides. This project will run until 2020 at present and aims to improve the health and wellbeing of veterans over 65 years of age and their immediate families. A Skene highlighted the fact that a veteran can be anyone who has served 1 day or more, in any Armed Force. A Skene also spoke about the Moray Ecovillage Development Network that is LEADER funded, and regards Global Ecovillages developing a model for sustainable community building in Moray. Support can be given to organisations, or communities, through Moray GEN, to take projects to the next level. Jane Martin (CC Liaison Officer) had thanked those responsible for the recent Planning Training and she will organise more training for CCs going forward. Should any CC have training requests, please get in touch with Jane Martin. It was at the JCC where CCs were encouraged to use their grants as appropriate. The JCC subgroup has met twice regarding Moray wide service cuts. Whilst ideas are being put forward, it was apparent that the timescales are challenging. Graeme Hilditch led on a discussion at the JCC, regarding Clash Gour community ownership. A Skene advised of the LEADER – Energising Communities Conference. The conference had gone well, with quality presentations and good information being shared. It was hoped to have a peer learning visit to Huntly soon. It was recognised that a key message from the conference had been to establish a working group and for those on it to be prepared to work hard, before making any decisions about wind farm investment. A Skene advised that she will now be available to attend the next JCC in August.

Item 11 Moray Councillors Reports:

11.1 Cllr Alexander advised that a report had now been provided by iESE, consultants looking at the leisure review. Also, an Ex Chief Executive is currently looking at restructuring at senior management level in the Council. Cllr Alexander advised that he had followed up B James' complaint regarding the glass kerb side collection and this is being looked into.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village report:

12.1 S Dominey reminded everyone about the Rainbow Bridge magazine that advertises events, many of which are open to the wider community. On 5th June, there is an event regarding anxiety and dementia awareness; this is open to everyone. S Dominey spoke about the NFA funding awards, highlighting approximately 8 good projects having been put forward and 3 were successful in gaining some funding. These included: a Caring Community Coordinator, refurbishing of the pottery studio and a Park children's

boutique with upcycled clothing. She spoke about the presentation put forward by the parents and their wish for a child friendly space for the boutique. S Dominey also reminded everyone about the whole community meditation events that are open to all. S Dominey mentioned that 'La boheme' eatery in the Park is now branching out and worth a visit. She was pleased to have arranged a place for the Community Council minutes centrally on the Park following a discussion with a member of the community. The CC minutes will now be in the tea area in the Community Centre.

Item 13 Wildfowling Negotiation update:

13.1 A Skene advised that meetings have been on going and it was noted how hard Sylvia Jamieson and the Research Information Officers had worked on this matter. However, Stephen Cooper from Moray Council has called an emergency meeting on 4th June 2 – 3 pm in Forres and A Skene and S Dominey will be attending. There is no other information at this time about the meeting.

Action: A Skene and S Dominey to attend meeting

Item 14 Planning:

14.1 In M Hyde's absence, A Skene noted only 1 planning application this month: **19/00358/APP** for the Armstrong Garages – alteration and change of use to workshop including plumbing and electricity and 2 electric car charging points. A Skene noted that 3 applications are awaiting decisions: Findhorn Park – 12 apartments at entrance, North Whins development of 38 houses, 3 craft/commercial units and community facility, and, 35 Findhorn.

Item 15 AOCB:

15.1 H Grigor provided an update on the streamlining of the Resilience Plan. This is moving forward; there are a few gaps and the plans need to be drawn up. When completed, the Findhorn village plan will be sent to other CC members for comment and then the model can be shared with the other areas of the CC. The cost of printing the plan was queried; no decision on this was made as yet.

15.2 B James and A Skene attended the Energising Communities event. One of the reasons for attendance at this meeting was to learn more about the Memorandum of Understanding. Following discussion it was decided that F & K CC would sign the Memorandum of Understanding, as we can opt out at any time should we wish.

15.3 B James advised that next year will be the Year of Coast and Waters and there will be quite a lot happening in Findhorn, especially through Findhorn Bay Arts (FBA). B James regularly speaks with Kresanna Aigner Director of FBA and suggested inviting K Aigner to a future meeting and also keep the CC updated of the events being organised. This was agreed and everyone would look forward to the festival next year.

15.4 B James also highlighted VE Day next year and that it would also be good to keep the CC updated every couple of months. Again, all thought this would be useful and look forward to the event in May next year. There was some thought to the CC getting involved in partnership with others. This will be discussed going forward.

15.5 H Grigor noted correspondence from Jane Martin regarding the issue of sending minutes to herself. This has now been rectified.

15.6 H Grigor enquired whether FK & CC were registered with the Information Commissioners Office. B James confirmed F & K CC are registered.

15.7 H Grigor noted from last month's meeting, that Scottish Fire and Rescue have a Community Asset Register and wondered whether F & K CC were duplicating work. This will be considered.

15.8 There was a reminder of the road closure, for work on the pylons, week of 31st May 9.30 am – 3.30 pm.

15.9 S Dominey enquired whether there was much talk locally regarding the use of 5G, as this was a hot topic in the Park. There was a short discussion on the benefits versus risks. It was noted that 5G is now going live in some cities.

Item 16 Forthcoming Community Events:

16.1 Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club Regatta on 8th June

16.2 Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club 15th June 'old school disco' in aid of the club attending the World Championships

Item 17:

17.1 Date of Next Meeting: 27th June 2019, 7 p.m. Kinloss Church, Kinloss

