

Findochty Community Council Minutes of Meeting



Tuesday, 5 February 2019, 7.00pm, Findochty Town Hall				
Attendees		Andy Slater (AS), Andrea Woodhead (AW), Jim Murray (JM), Henry Marshall (HM), Ron Dawson (RD), Councillor Tim Eagle (TE), Councillor Gordon Cowie (GC), Councillor Sonia Warren (SW), PC Robert Williams (RW).		
		Members of the public: 17		
Apologies		John Oliver (JO), Louise Marshall (LM), Iain Addison (IA)		
Action				
1.	Police Update			
	PC Williams reported busy period in Buckie and Buckpool. Findochty only two incidents for traffic offences. Portknockie suffered eleven break ins to garden sheds.			
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting			
	Accepted as a true record. Proposed by AS, seconded by JM.			
3.	Matters Arising			
	See Action Sheet			
4.	Correspondence Received			
DATE - SOURCE	CONTACT	CONTENT	MEETING DATE	ACTION
20/11/18 – EMAIL	Fiona Drever – Transport Scotland	A96 Dualling Hardmuir to Fochabers Scheme – Public Exhibitions December 2018 / Community Council Meetings January 2019 (Tuesday 22 January 2019, Fochabers Institute, Fochabers at 10am) – names by 11 December 2018	04/12/18	Added as correspondence Agenda Item
11/12/2018 – EMAIL	Jane Martin – Bin Collection Calendar 2019	Published for 2019 – click here	05/01/19	Noted for Community
19/12/2018 – EMAIL	Local Development Plan	Moray Development Plan 2020 – Consultation; objections by Friday 15 th March 2019. Representations should be concise, limited to 2,000 words (plus any limited supporting documents) and fully reflect the issues you wish to be considered at Examination.	05/01/19	Noted for Community
08/01/2019 – EMAIL	Moray Council – ‘Report It’ Service	Online ‘Report It’ Service for a variety of Council services – click here	05/01/19	Noted for Community
08/01/2019 - EMAIL	Local Development Plan	Consultation Events throughout Moray as follows – Aberlour (Fleming Hall) 7 th Feb 4-7pm Buckie (Fishermans Hall) 12 th Feb 4-7pm Elgin (Town Hall) 20 th Feb 4-8pm Forres (Town Hall) 25 th Feb 4-8pm Keith (Longmore Hall) 28 th Feb 4-7pm	05/01/19	Noted for Community

11/01/2019 – EMAIL	Moray Drug and Alcohol Partnership	Invitation from Moray Licensing Board to a 'Licensing Matters' event on Wednesday 27 th March 10am-3pm, Alexander Graham Bell Centre, Moray College UHI – focusing on; An Introduction to the New Licensing Policy / Keeping People Safe / Duty of Care to Vulnerable People / Child Sexual Exploitation / A Myth Busting Session	05/01/19	For info – sent to RD and JM for Town Hall and Gala
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5.	Community Feedback			
	<p>a) Findochty Town Hall – update RD reported that interior decoration was continuing and an Open Day was being planned.</p> <p>b) Findochty Gala – 6th July 2019 JM reported Gala Day on course for 6th July 2019.</p> <p>c) Findochty Harbour Mairi Innes (MI) asked about Harbour Charges increase of 10% and if the Councillors were aware that charges had increased by 70% in 5 years. GC replied that budget day is on 27 February 2019 and nothing is settled until then and that extra money from Holyrood just announced may help.</p> <p>MI also asked what was happening about the damaged pontoon. GC informed that a refurbished pontoon (ex Lossiemouth) was to be installed.</p> <p>Neil Innes (NI) pointed out that Findochty Harbour Charges were now close to that of Lossiemouth Marina which provides much better services. SW stated that all the harbours run at a loss and a profit and loss statement would be presented at the next Harbour Users Meeting.</p> <p>d) Recycling Centre AS brought up the subject of Buckie Recycling Centre to close in 2020. The public were convinced that this would be a grave mistake and would cost more to combat increased fly tipping. SW stated that Dalloch Recycling Centre will remain open as an alternative.</p> <p>e) School Bus Costs AS was convinced that the increased costs would mean hardship for many. SW assured that the buses are still free for entitled pupils and the costs are only for non-entitled.</p> <p>f) Street Cleaning AS stated that Findochty does not receive any street cleaning at the moment. HM stated that it was carried out once a year (Harbour Area)</p> <p>g) Brown Bins HM asked about brown bin costs. GC and SW replied that Moray was rare in that it has not charged for brown bin collection. It was agreed that FCC could use Moray Admin Grant for the bin that is kept on the green.</p>			

6.	Treasurers Report	
	<p>We received the Moray Council Admin Grant in December of £293.93. LM sold another 3 tickets in December for the Lucky Squares Xmas Hamper £30. Bank balance is £4631.44 which includes £388.47 balance from the Moray Council Administration Grant leaving £4242.97 for general expenditure. No activity in January.</p> <p>We have still not been refunded £33 from 15 March 2018 Moray Council Strawberry Tea (Elaine Bowie). Louise sent an invoice to Denise Innes on 16 Oct, so hopefully the money will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Spoke to Jane Martin and she says electronic payments are allowed provided they have to be approved by all signatories (which is the case) and will look into getting the Community Council Handbook updated.</p> <p>It was agreed that all Treasurer's paperwork being held that was over 5 years old could be destroyed.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>AW</p>
7.	Reports	
	<p>a. Local Councillors – update (GC) Focus has been achieving a balanced budget for the Council to be approved by Council in February 2019. Street lighting was raised, LEDs not yet installed in Findochty but will be part of programme. RD asked if the lighting round the Town Hall could be improved, TE to take forward.</p> <p>b. Community Council Sub Group(s) – Harbour Advisory Group – Next meeting Thursday 6th December, 7pm – Buckie High School; no representative available to attend, TE to feed back on points.</p>	<p>TE</p> <p>TE</p>
8.	Planning Issues	
	None	
9.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	
	Next Meeting 14 th February 2019	
10.	AOCB	
	<p>AS to look into procuring replacement benches for the village green.</p> <p>AW reported that the dog waste bin next to coop shed was now dangerous and requires removing. TE to look into stickers for existing litter bins to indicate that they can be used for dog waste.</p> <p>AW reported that she had printed bin collection calenders and would place in the Keystore and Chemist and HM to place one on the FCC Noticeboard.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS / TE</p> <p>AW / HM</p>

	<p>PS requested if the maintenance team could spend small amounts without prior clearance. Agreed by Council with £100 maximum.</p> <p>MI stated that Findochty Water Sports Club Members would not pay harbour charge increase. TE encouraged such action.</p>	
11.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	
	Meeting concluded at 8.30pm. Next meeting Tuesday, 5 March 2019, 7.00pm, Findochty Town Hall, Seaview Room	

Appendix 1

FINDOCHTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – OUTSTANDING ACTIONS				
MINUTE	ACTION	LEAD	UPDATE	COMPLETE
06/11/18 (para 4)	Correspondence Received – Reidhaven Cresecent	Louise Marshall	GW provided an update that HRA were funding remedial works on surface and footways (highlighted) on the drawing before the end of the financial year to bring up to standard for adoption. However confirmed a lock block area would remain which would not be adopted. MC confirmed that due to winter weather condition work required would not be completed until summer 2019.	
02/10/18 (para 7)	Reports – Harbour Advisory Board – concrete bins	Gordon Cowie	Council to remove bins with Harbour Master.	
02/10/18 (para 7)	Reports – Gardening and Maintenance – benches	Gordon Cowie	Arrange Council inspection and removal if condition dangerous with Harbour Master.	
04/09/18 (para 10)	AOCB – Dog Bins	Louise Marshall	Contact Environmental Protection re replacements?	
04/09/18 (para 5)	Community Feedback – Tesco 'bags for help'	Louise Marshall	Make initial enquiries about planning permission, land ownership for area at top of Station Road.	
01/05/18 (para 10)	Notice Board (litter pick) – promote through photos and poster to encourage continued good behaviour	Louise Marshall	Design and post on notice board	
01/05/18 (para 10)	Morven Crescent Play Park – report poor condition of ground surface	Louise Marshall	Emailed Lands and Parks. Councillor Officer (Grant Speed) to discuss with Ken Kennedy but suggested spraying weeks and new chips but depends on budget available. Check area for October meeting.	Complete but review
01/05/18 (para 10)	Rubbish bins at bus stops – lack thereof	Louise Marshall	Email Council Officer, unlikely to get new bins, but could be resite others?	
01/05/18 (para 10)	Flower barrels – 8 in good repair and 3 requiring repair. Do poster to 'adopt a barrel' competition	Louise Marshall	Design poster and post on Facebook, add to noticeboard	Next year?