

**FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 28th June, Kinloss Church, Kinloss**

**Present:** A Skene (Chair), J O'Hagan, B James, S Urquhart, D Anderson, M Hyde

**Attendance:** R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), Cllr Feaver, Debbie Heron (FACT), 3 members of public, Jenny Martin (Wild Things) Bob Graham and Martin Lusty.

**Item 1 Apologies:** L Fraser, H Grigor, S Dominey (Findhorn Park Eco Village), Cllr MacLean

**Item 2 Public Session:**

**2.1** A Skene advised that sadly, G Taylor had resigned from F&KCC; she thanked him for his contributions to this CC. With this resignation, there is another co-option opportunity and Kinloss residents are encouraged to apply.

**2.2** Debbie Heron, a guest speaker from FACT, gave a short presentation. She explained the history of FACT and that it had gained charitable status in 2014. The organisation covers the area within the Forres Academy catchment and now has 6 part-time staff. As noted in their literature, FACT wants to make the best use of the assets in Forres and to tackle local issues, such as social isolation. They have a number of projects on the go and strive to find new projects that meet local need. They have for example, a project supporting people with online and digital technology and a befriending scheme for over 50s that has a number of volunteers working alongside. FACT also hope to sign the lease for Forres Town Hall soon. FACT promotes engagement with local assets and has a pop-up skate park situated at the LOFT venue; thereby cutting across the age ranges. They have published maps of the Forres area and also have a community tourism programme, working closely with Moray and Speyside Tourism; they have also published a Directory of Services for People 50+. They have benefitted from a variety of funding sources enabling them to continue to develop e.g. Auchernack Trust, Scottish Government and the Big Lottery.

A number of questions were raised from the floor and it was clarified that referrals come from a range of different people, from individuals themselves, relatives, social services etc. With regards to Findhorn and Kinloss, information would need to be gathered to inform what, if any, service would be beneficial. FACT could do the scoping, train up volunteers to run focus groups for example. B James thought it would be good to work in partnership with others to plan for Findhorn and Kinloss. D Heron advised that FACT is a free membership organisation and took the opportunity to encourage locals to sign up. D Heron was thanked for her contribution, before leaving the meeting.

**2.3** Police input – S Urquhart advised of crime over previous weeks, highlighting 2 abandoned vehicles and a female intruder in a house in Kinloss, who was caught on CCTV. Also, a number of counterfeit notes have been circulating in Forres. Police Scotland engaged in 'Missing Person Week' and statistics are available.

**2.4** Member of the public Mr Bob Graham attended the meeting to raise concern regarding the ongoing problem with parking in Findhorn. He was very concerned about the overnight parking signage in the west car park having the word 'NO' removed from it. Mr Graham had noted a number of motor homes parking in the area, some staying for more than 1 night. He was particularly concerned about campervans with no facilities on board and had photographs of human excrement left in the area. Mr Graham raised important Health and Safety issues. Mr Graham was concerned that allowing parking overnight and installing an honesty box, could have some unintended serious consequences for the area. He also raised concern about the steps to the shore, noting that galvanised brackets are hanging off.

A Skene advised that the CC were hoping to work in partnership with FVCC, however, they had acted unilaterally. Concerns were raised in the meeting about licensing and planning and that once word of mouth gets around that parking is now permitted, that the issues raised above, could worsen as the busy tourist season approaches. A Skene asked the CC if representation to Moray Council (MC) should be made; this was an agree action.

**Action: A Skene to contact MC re concerns noted above.**

**2.5** Member of the public Mr Martin Lusty raised the issue of parking in the Findhorn area, which was a nuisance to residents. He suggested implementing schemes in other areas, such as park and ride. A Skene highlighted parking across the stryplies and suggested contacting MC for double yellow lines to be applied at

each end. J O'Hagan raised the issue of local residents just outside of Findhorn regularly accessing Findhorn for their social activities, clubs and friendships. She was concerned that, should parking in the village only be allowed for local residents, this would prevent some visiting, particularly during dark nights, if made to park at the beach car park. Cllr Feaver suggested joint Kinloss/Findhorn residents parking could be looked at. Following this discussion, Mr Graham and Mr Lusty left the meeting.

**2.6 FVCC update** – M Hyde gave an input once she had arrived for the meeting. M Hyde advised of a couple of items that had already been discussed; the 'NO' being removed from the overnight parking signage in the beach car park and a voluntary pay scheme put in place. A Skene advised that she had attended the FVCC AGM but had nothing else to report.

### **Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018:**

**3.1** Minor corrections to the minutes were made; the meeting was held at JMI Findhorn, not Kinloss Church and 2.3 ii road should read B9089. Minutes thereafter ratified - proposed by B James, seconded by D Anderson.

### **Item 4 Matters Arising:**

- a. (2.1) Contact with North East Road Safety Partnership **SU** – Emails sent; awaiting responses. **Ongoing**
- b. (8.2) Partnership working with FVCC - discussion with Cathy Low. Update **LF** – Emailed on 7<sup>th</sup> June, awaiting a response. **Ongoing**
- c. (7.1) Contact 'Wild Things' for advice on spraying Hogweed **AS** - completed  
Poster on notice board to advise of Hogweed hazard **HG** - completed  
Consult with others about controlling hogweed **LF** – **Ongoing**

Thanks were given to Jennie Martin for coming along to speak about Hogweed. J Martin advised of a project that has been running for a number of years, mainly around the Waterford area. Funds have helped to provide an instructor to go out with the very small team of volunteers. Plants have been dug up by the roots and this has been relatively effective. Hogweed is extremely dangerous and can cause serious burns. Whilst some local children might have more awareness of the dangers, visitors might be at increased risk of injury. 'Wild Things' work in partnership with the Rivers and Fisheries Trust. Whilst a grant has been made available to work along the riverside at Nairn, Lossiemouth and Speyside, there is heavy reliance on volunteers. There is a concentrated area along the local nature trail where the plants have been cut and sprayed; care has to be taken not to infect other vegetation. J Martin advised the heads of the plant can be cut off and incinerated, then Glyphosate poured down the stem. Whilst there is work going on around the waterways, the issue of Hogweed along the rail network was raised as a concern. The CC are in support of raising awareness for further volunteers. It was agreed that a full-page piece could be put in the Forres Gazette and R Douglas will see if the 39 Eng. Reg. can do anything to assist. Full risk assessments would need to be in place, as would be expected. J Martin advised that 'Wild Things' have worked with 'Help the Heroes' and one option would be to provide free training for individuals. Findhorn Bay Nature Reserve will hand over their equipment to the Fisheries, as they will no longer be able to volunteer, due to an aging volunteer.

**Action: B James to liaise with J Martin for a piece in the Forres Gazette.**

**Action: Cllr Feaver advised she could set up a meeting between, J Martin, B James and Douglas Ross MP with regards to Network Rail.**

**Action: B James to arrange a poster for the Findhorn Fayre asking for volunteers.**

d. (8.1) Clarify legal position regarding cycling and parking offences **SU** – S Urquhart advised that the equipment for speeding vehicles has been out, but the data is yet to be analysed. Parking on the pavement is not yet illegal, unless it is causing an obstruction. All cyclists should obey the law.

e. (10.1) Proposed attendance at JCCM on 9<sup>th</sup> August **DA AS** – Agreed

f. (13.1) Kinloss Golf Club planning application – representations to M Hyde – (see planning below) - Ongoing

### **Item 5 Declaration of Interest:**

**5.1** J O'Hagan advised an interest in the Southside Funds.

5.2 S Urquhart declared an interest in FVCC.

5.3 A Skene declared an interest in planning of 110a Findhorn.

**Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

6.1 R Douglas advised that she could only find limited information on what was written regarding the funds from Julian Hodge Bank regarding Southside. There is very little held locally, or with DIO regionally. As R Douglas has exhausted her routes, she is no longer able to assist with this issue. J O'Hagan thanked R Douglas for all her hard work and advised that Southside did not hold 39 Eng. Reg. responsible for the lack of paperwork trail.

6.2 R Douglas raised the issue of the traffic island barrier being removed on the main road opposite the camp. MC have replaced the barriers with flower pots. R Douglas is concerned about the safety, particularly when considering the amount of foot fall through that area and speeding traffic through Kinloss. R Douglas had contacted MC, however they advise that the barriers are not designed to assist with safety and they limit visibility. R Douglas was asking whether the CC could assist. A Skene asked if Cllr Feaver could assist; it was suggested that counting the usage may be a way forward and that a company could be commissioned to install a camera for a few days. Suggestions were put forward of companies that provide this service. R Douglas will follow this up.

**Item 7 Chair's Report:**

7.1 A Skene advised that she attended the FVCC AGM. At the AGM, updates about the garages were given and parking issues were discussed.

**Item 8 Secretary's Report:**

8.1 S Urquhart advised of several pieces of correspondence including: an enquiry regarding allotments and the FVCC requesting support for the David Urquhart path. S Urquhart will respond to all correspondence.

**Action: A Skene will liaise with S Urquhart with regards to a response for the support of the David Urquhart path.**

8.2 S Urquhart gave an overview of other areas of interest in the gmail and clarified a few points. The MC grant should be used for the CC's hire of halls. Several helpful emails are on the gmail from Jane Martin (Liaison with MC), including: work done by CCs across Scotland; Info on other grants available and various consultations by partners and statutory bodies. The current water shortage in Moray was also mentioned, and advice to residents to minimise their water usage during the hot, dry spell. S Urquhart reminded CC members that all emails from January 2018 would be deleted by the end of June, apart from the Wards Lists.

**Item 9 Treasurer's Report:**

9.1 B James advised that the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) had been paid (£35), as has Kieran's Legacy. The total left in the account is £2794.55.

**Item 10 JCCM Report:**

**10.1 Action: A Skene and D Anderson to attend JCCM.**

**Item 11 Moray Councillor's Report:**

11.1 Cllr Feaver advised of a busy afternoon at Full Council. She attended the Forres Academy Awards Ceremony and commented that whilst lots was mentioned regarding experience and opportunities, she was concerned that education was not mentioned. Cllr Feaver also attended the Kinloss Primary ceremony and noted the very active PTA. From a school point of view, things are much more settled. A new Head Teacher has been appointed to Forres Academy, starting in August 2018. J O'Hagan asked for an update following Full Council, regarding the CAT (Community Asset Transfer) for Morayvia. Cllr Feaver advised that this had been granted. J O'Hagan is still concerned that the traffic accessing Morayvia across their private road in Southside estate, is not yet resolved. J O'Hagan advised of agreements still in place and had raised this with the relevant authorities 2 years ago and again over recent months. Cllr Feaver asked for the agreements to be sent to her.

**Action: J O'Hagan to send agreements to Cllr Feaver.**

**Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:**

12.1. No report

### **Item 13 Planning:**

**13.1** M Hyde advised that there had been few planning applications. At 110a Findhorn an application has been submitted for a yoga studio. A Skene declared her interest in this area. There are, however, CC considerations that need to be looked at: 1) size and mass of building 2) it is proposed that the walls be clad in vertical slate and this would be a substantial consideration in a conservation area. M Hyde asked for comments to go to her and she would put in the consultation paper by 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**Action: All – any comments to M Hyde re planning as above**

**13.2** The master plan for Kinloss Golf Course was briefly discussed. Concerns about road access were put forward. 6<sup>th</sup> July is the cut off for comments.

**Action: All – comments to M Hyde prior to 6<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Item 14 AOCB:**

**14.1** West Park Toilet closure – FVCC had registered for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) on the far toilets, just after it was announced in the paper that the toilets would be shut. M Hyde attended the Community Empowerment Act meeting – The Act encourages communities to consider CATs. There was some confusion over which toilets were actually closing, so D Anderson will check this out with MC.

**Action: D Anderson to seek clarification from MC re toilet closure**

**14.2** Streamlining Resilient Plan working group – The group met up a couple of weeks ago. D Anderson advised that the group went back to first principles and asked the meeting to consider what likely event could occur which the CC would respond to. Ideas were put forward and D Anderson made a note of these. She advised that the new SEPA map is out. It was agreed to consult with R Douglas at the next meeting. D Anderson will consider each of the events and apply them to a specific plan for each local area. D Anderson put forward the idea of a hand book/flyer with standard graphics for CC Resilient Plans. J O'Hagan advised she had training to be a Rescue Centre Manager and this had been delivered through MC. She suggested that training might be available for those who might manage the JMI etc in the event of an incident. The training covered many areas, including consideration of adult and child protection and working with vulnerable groups in rest centres. J O'Hagan agreed to join the working group given G Taylor's resignation.

**14.3** M Hyde gave a brief update of FVCC given she had arrived at the meeting after this agenda item had already been discussed. She advised that pot holes in the car park had been repaired. M Hyde advised that an honesty box is now in place in the car park and the boxes are emptied daily, ensuring that there is no money in the boxes overnight. No further discussion took place, as this had already been covered above.

**14.4** D Anderson gave her apologies for the next meeting.

### **Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:**

**15.1** Scottish Teas at FVC - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month during season – 2pm.

**15.2** Findhorn Fayre 29<sup>th</sup> July

**15.3** Findhorn Heritage - Tombola 27<sup>th</sup> July 7pm – tea/coffee/sandwiches

**15.4** Fly Cup – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month during season – 2pm.

**15.5** RFYC, Cadet Week 9<sup>th</sup> July - Monday to Friday.

**15.6** RFYC, Findhorn Regatta 14<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday and Sunday.

**15.7** RFYC, Findhorn Week 16<sup>th</sup> July – Monday to Friday.

### **Item 16:**

**16.1 PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 at 7 p.m. at JMI, Findhorn**