

To Moray Council FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY 2020, CULBIN ROOM,
KINLOSS CHURCH, KINLOSS

Present: A Skene (Chair), H Grigor (Vice), D Anderson, B James, S Dominey, S Urquhart
Attendance: Cllr Creswell, F Allan (FVCC representative), R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks)

Item 1 Agenda:

1.1 Apologies: L Fraser, J O'Hagan, M Hannon, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Feaver

1.2 Declaration of Interest: to be declared if, or when necessary during meeting.

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 Police Report – No police presence at meeting. The Community Safety Report recorded one neighbourhood incident and one environmental incident in Findhorn and Kinloss during January.

2.2 Any other competent public business – The new Community Care Coordinator, Laura Shreenan, will take up her post on 2nd March. She has a background in midwifery, healthcare, pastoral care, counselling, project management and administration. Most recently, she has been a Care Team Supervisor in a local care home. Her work will involve connecting and coordinating support for vulnerable people of all ages, their carers and volunteers and linking them to relevant local services.

R Douglas offered to liaise with 39 Engineer Welfare to foster local connections.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes of meeting on 30 January 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate and were proposed by B James and seconded by H Grigor.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4a. (2.2) Contact with Kinloss Church on behalf of Moray Car Share - completed

4b. (8.1a) Replies to correspondence from F Thompson and D Johnson - completed

4c. (8.1b) SIDS results for Findhorn from November 2019. Generally, most people stay within the speed limit but there are some speeding spikes early in the morning and after work time in early evening. The information can help the police to focus resources at these times of day.

Action: D Anderson to email members the results of the data collection.

4d. (10.1) D Anderson to attend February JCCM – completed

4e. (12.1) Invitation to Community Care Coordinator to attend February meeting - postponed until later in year.

4f. (13.1a) Submission of representation for planning application 20/00011/APP – completed

4g. (13.1b) Contact planning regarding application 19/01606/APP – completed

4h. (15.1) Invitation to M Hannon to attend next meeting - completed

Item 5 Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:

a. F Allan advised that a new 'dog waste' bin had been sited on the Dunes Road near to the first information sign. There are now two bins on the road.

b. The FVCC have liaised with the 39 Engineers regarding repair work to the sides of the Dunes Road where gaps have formed.

c. It was noted that the FVCC, the FKCC and officers from the Moray Council had met a year ago to discuss improvement to signage in Findhorn but there had been no follow-up.

ACTION: D Anderson to check with Moray Council transport department.

- d. It was made clear that the FVCC can only have influence on the Findhorn stryplies that are owned by the company and that they cannot get involved in neighbour disputes.
- e. The FVCC wish to work with the Moray Council regarding the beach steps. The Moray Council lease the land area from the FVCC, and it is hoped they can work together to contribute to the repair work.
- f. Work is progressing well on the David Urquhart Path. Structural challenges have been overcome and people are advised to refrain from using the path until works are completed.
- g. The FVCC have prepared a budget for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the public toilets. For the management of the toilets, payment systems have been considered, including using revenue generated from motor home parking. However, the initial planning application to Moray Council for a stopover site required more detail and the FVCC were asked to submit additional information in the form of maps of a specific scale in relation to location of areas and bays for each motorhome. The Standards approved by Moray Council for overnight parking of motorhomes relate to minimal spacing distances between motorhomes, number restrictions, hard surface finishes, chemical disposal point, fire precautions, lighting, signage. Some of these would be difficult for the FVCC to implement. In addition, Moray Council have advised that hook-ups and tents will not be permitted. The FVCC are willing to work with the Moray Council to reach solutions as the voluntary parking contributions are the main source of income generation for improving facilities in the village, including a CAT for the toilets.
- h. The FVCC will seek evidence of necessary rule conformation for motorhome overnight parking from other informal sites. If the FVCC are required to submit a further planning application to Moray Council, the FKCC, as a commitment to partnership working, agreed to support the company by submitting the application in order to receive a 50% reduction in fees.

F Allan was thanked for his update and then left the meeting.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

The first of the P8 Poseidon aircraft arrived on 4 February which proved to be an exciting day for the local community. There is regular liaison between 39 Engineers and the RAF at coordination meetings.

It is requested that drone activity be reported to either the police or RAF Lossiemouth on 01343 817426

It has been noted that the traffic lights on the Findhorn road take time to change, causing traffic build-up. Steps will be taken to reduce the waiting time.

The 39 Engineers will support a small number of community projects over the next few weeks. R Douglas announced that she would be leaving her post on 31 May 2020. A successor will be appointed.

Item 7 Chairperson's Report:

A request had been received from the FVCC for the FKCC to write a letter of support for a CAT of the toilet blocks. This was agreed.

Action: A Skene to write letter of support to FVCC regarding CAT of toilets.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

There was no secretary's report put forward, although all members are checking the gmail correspondence.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

B James advised the bank balance total stands at £2288.22 following the payment of expenses.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

D Anderson attended the JCCM meeting in February and reported that there had been a presentation by Bruce Milne from the Fire Service. He talked about resilience plans and wildfires and informed that Bruce Farquharson had been appointed as a wildfire officer. He encouraged Community Councils to respond to a questionnaire which will be in the CC inboxes in March. He also stated that there is currently a shortage of volunteers to serve as retained firefighters for the fire service.

Discussion took place about concerns that the views of the Energising Communities Group (ECG) might be in conflict with the views of Community Councils. The Chair of the JCC stated that the remit of the ECG group was much wider than that of the JCC. However, the ECG could request to use the JCC account for funding applications. A workshop session was held to gather views on steering the future of CCs and the JCC.

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:

Cllr Creswell reported the following:

- a. The Leancoil consultation meeting on 5th February, hosted by FACT, was very well attended. A new Trust will be set up. Erskine remain very interested and wish to be involved, perhaps as the first anchor project. P Dudek gave a briefing on Dr Grays and offered reassurance about paediatric services.
- b. A new trust has been formed to manage the Osprey Bus. The former Osprey Trust has now been renamed the Forres Osprey Bus. A booking system has been set up to try to increase usage and there is a drive to recruit volunteer fundraisers, drivers and escorts.
- c. The Scottish Government have announced that an extra £1.2m will be awarded to the Moray Council. The budget debate will take place on Tuesday 3rd March and a close vote is expected due to the complex balance of the council groups.
- d. FACT is planning a celebration to thank people who have helped with the Town Hall CAT. The grant money which has been awarded will go into the Common Good.
- e. The Auchernack Trust have paid the licence for film afternoons in the Town Hall. The Town Hall is being well used by different groups throughout the day.
- f. There will be another Spirit of Community event on 15th April to find out what has been achieved over the last five years and to scope out what will be next.
- g. Forres Skate Park Initiative is now a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- h. The Forres churches are working together to address poverty issues.
- i. Meetings about mortuary provision are still ongoing.
- j. The Moray Council is assessing the entire council estate to enable a budget to be drawn up for ongoing repairs.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

S Dominey handed out the Spring season Good Gig Guides and gave an overview of what was happening in the Park. She reported that:

- a. She has been involved in Caring Circle meetings;
- b. The Moray Art Centre has a programme of Spring classes;
- c. Upcycling is being encouraged and a families/children/baby boutique is about to be launched;
- d. Building work in the Park has been on hold due to the recent amount of rain;
- e. There are 3 new pods in the caravan park;
- f. The Universal Hall are showing films regularly;
- g. There had been a Collaborative Circle meeting where different departments gave presentations and shared information about projects;

- h. Although the Resilience Plan is progressing and gathering momentum there is recognition that it is a big job. Presently, information is being collected and it is hoped to get a working group together representing different departments to identify key people from the different communities in the Park.

Item 13 Planning:

Concerns were voiced about the inconsistency of planning decisions regarding applications for thermal panels on slate roofs in the Findhorn conservation area.

There was a review of the recent planning applications:

20/00135/AMC - North Whins – 4xstudios and 4xtwo bedroom affordable units. No objection.

20/00155/APP - Link porch and rear store at Kinloss Church. No objection.

20/00223/APP – 6xsolar thermal panels to NW slate roof. Enquiry to planning.

Action: Cllr Creswell to raise concerns regarding the inconsistency of increasing permissions for solar panels in the Findhorn Conservation Area.

Item 14 AOCB

14.1 B James reported that the first sub-committee meeting for VE75 had taken place and that he was in dialogue with SSAFA local representatives who had offered free resources and promotional materials. The sub-committee requested a budget of up to £500 to pay for the celebrations. It was decided to talk to other local groups to find out if they would be willing to make a donation. Members of the FKCC approved costs up to the requested budget.

14.2 D Anderson informed the CC that there would soon be a Switched-On Towns and Cities consultation to gather information about the need for electric vehicles and charging points. She encouraged residents, especially in the Park, to respond to the consultation so that demand for infrastructure could be gauged.

14.3 H Grigor commented on the new Stagecoach Timetable which was found to be confusing and not particularly user friendly. Cllr Creswell agreed to raise the issue with the Transport officer at Moray Council.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

15.1 VE75 is on the weekend of 8/9/10 May 2020

15.2 Ten Musicians will be giving a concert in Findhorn Church on 23rd May 2020

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 26th March 2020 at 7.00pm in the Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn

Item 18 Addendum:

18.1 Planning: 20/00011PPP - Planning Application for 88 Findhorn – 1xbedroom house in garden - had been refused

18.2 AOCB: UPDATE: finalised timetables will be issued on 6 April with a much cleaner design.