

**FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 , (ZOOM MEETING DUE TO COVID19)**

**Present:** A Skene (Chair), H Grigor (Vice), J O'Hagan (mins), D Anderson, C Brenton, L Fraser

**Attendance:** Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, C Low, **TFVCC** representative), S Kane (BSO Kinloss Barracks)

**Item 1 Agenda:**

**1.1 Apologies:** S Dominey, B James, Cllr Feaver

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

**Item 2 Public Session:**

**2.1** Police Report – A Skene has had sight of the Forres area report. There was note of 10 vehicles being damaged overnight in Findhorn. There was little other information, however, H Grigor advised this was along the front road, where mainly cars had been scratched. A Skene advised there had been a reported domestic incident in Kinloss. There had also been attempts to gain access to private premises in Findhorn and the Kinloss areas. An insecure bike had also been stolen in Findhorn.

**2.2** No public present, due to COVID19

**Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**3.1** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate and were proposed by D Anderson and seconded by C Brenton.

**Item 4 Matters Arising:**

**4.1 a.** (4.2) Check with Moray Council re problems with large vehicles going up Links View Road following Sat Nav directions **DA**. Update – D Anderson reported there is investigation of a new sign near the church, noting a 'no through' road, and one near the Bunty, which will be a separate sign as it will fit better.

**4.2 b.**(4.4) (13) Cllr Creswell to raise concerns regarding the inconsistency of increasing permissions for solar panels in the Findhorn Conservation Area. **Cllr Creswell – update** Cllr Creswell has spoken to the relevant **Moray Council officer** and he will check, as he believed he had already given a response. Cllr Creswell will follow this up in a week if there has been no reply.

**ACTION: Cllr Creswell to update at next meeting**

**4.3** (6.1) Forward contact details re Ms Kane, Kinloss Barracks to Cllr Alexander **AS** – Completed.

**4.4** (14.1) Enquiry to Moray Council re status/legalities of wardens patrolling private land **BJ – Update – ongoing research by B James**

**4.5 e.** (14.3) Faulty security light at Kinloss Church - contact details to be passed to JoH **AS – update – All sorted**

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

**5.1** A Skene opened this item expressing recognition of the challenges that **TFVCC** has had over the summer. Although thanks were given from a personal perspective, the CC members all agreed. It is hoped if planning permission is granted, that next year, things will be easier. C Low thanked the CC for their support. C Low then presented a verbal

update, expressing that it has been a generally busy time. The motor homes in the car park is an ongoing issue, however, currently, the visitors appear to be more experienced and are showing more consideration for the area. She noted that **TFVCC** had still not heard from planning, which is disappointing. C Low advised that **TFVCC** had been working on the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund and a member had attended the meeting with the Council. Unfortunately, as no other organisation had been prepared and **TFVCC** were the only applicants, Moray Council have decided not to go ahead with it for this year. C Low expressed disappointment, as the future is unknown and a lot of work had gone into this.

C Low advised that she had been busy with the AGM. The extra bins remain in place in the car park, however, there have been reports of rats in the area; C Low advised that there are usually rats in Findhorn, however, **TFVCC** will keep an eye on this issue. C Low advised that the AGM took place last night over zoom. A couple of questions had been put forward in writing, and these will be responded to. C Low advised that 3 new Board Members are now in place and that **TFVCC** are looking for volunteers from Findhorn, to be part of the working group for the car park.

#### **Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

**6.1** S Kane was welcomed to the meeting. S Kane advised that there is a recruitment drive for another BSO to be in place, in addition to herself. S Kane advised that the main news headline, is the flight activity at Kinloss. There are currently P8 aircraft and Typhoons, until the intersection at Lossiemouth is finished. There are loose timescales which will need to be confirmed. In terms of the Regiment, S Kane advised that they have been deployed to the COVID-19 response and have been covering testing stations in the Highlands. Whilst community engagement remains a key function, S Kane advised this will continue, but with restrictions in place as a result of COVID-19. **39Regt.** will continue to try to work with local schools if it is safe to do so. With regards to Remembrance Sunday, this will be scaled back due to COVID-19, but there will be representation, although this will be continually under review and amended if there are further changes. H Grigor advised he had emailed S Kane and they agreed to communicate the finer details out with this meeting. S Kane was thanked for her contribution and thereafter, left the meeting.

#### **Item 7 Chairperson's Report:**

**7.1** A Skene advised that things have been quiet. She had attempted to attend **TFVCC** AGM but had not managed. C Low advised that the meeting had been recorded and therefore, can be watched **on the website**. A Skene acknowledged that it has been a difficult few months given COVID-19 and she recognised that with winter approaching, it is likely to be a difficult time for some people. A Skene acknowledged that C Brenton's work supporting local families in Kinloss, was ongoing at this time and that it may become more challenging for those already affected.

#### **Item 8 Secretary's Report:**

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

#### **Item 9 Treasurer's Report:**

**9.1** B James provided information regarding the accounts. There is £3,601.74 in the account, made up of £1,024.60 in the admin account, £1,577.14 in the capital account

and £1,000 of SSE grant. B James advised that the JCC minutes outline another grant of £1,000 should be coming and that he would advise the CC when/if it arrives. B James noted that the accounts need to be independently examined for October, therefore, he will arrange this ready for approval as soon as he can.

**ACTION: B James to arrange independent review of the CC accounts**

**Item 10 JCCM Report:**

**10.1** A Skene advised there was a JCC meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September; she was able to attend the first ½ hr of the meeting, due to prior arrangements, however, she was pleased to have heard the presentation regarding the Moray Growth Deal. A Skene advised this was an exciting investment for Moray over the next 10 to 15 years (£100 million) and she encouraged everyone to look at the information available.

**Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:**

**11.1** Cllr Creswell advised she had received a couple of queries from Findhorn regarding traffic and parking; action will be taken. Cllr Creswell advised that another Cllr had visited Findhorn recently and praised the work of the volunteers (in relation to the car park). Cllr Creswell suggested that either Cllr Alexander, or herself, could follow up on the issue of the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund (RTIF). Both Cllr Alexander and Cllr Creswell had been aware of the work being carried out and it all seemed very positive and engaging; Cllr Alexander advised he had been unaware that it was not being taken forward.

**11.2** Cllr Alexander reiterated that the RTIF had appeared extremely positive. Cllr Alexander raised the issue of the wildfowlers. There was a brief discussion regarding outdoor sports in light of the COVID-19 restrictions, however, it was thought that no rules were being broken, as currently outdoor sports are exempt from the further restrictions. Cllr Alexander agreed that times will be hard for some people this winter, given many are already struggling on low incomes. C Brenton was asked how things have been in Kinloss recently; she reported an increase in meals, now up to 30 on a Tuesday and delivering another 10 on a Thursday. There will be further families struggling as furlough comes to an end and people are facing redundancies. C Brenton advised that some pressure has been taken off families, since the children have been back to school and receiving free school meals. She also advised that Tesco vouchers have been handed out, which has been helpful for families to buy their own essentials and very welcome. C Creswell advised there are still funds in the Moray Emergency Relief Fund.

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

**12.1** No report provided.

**Item 13 Planning:**

**13.1** A Skene had not seen any new planning applications. L Fraser advised there had been a request for an extension to the planning **application to renew consent for temporary CCTV pole and cameras at 133 Findhorn**. There was a general discussion querying how long 'temporary' meant in terms of planning. D Anderson advised that this would be stated in the planning conditions. L Fraser asked if anyone wanted to have a look at the application and make comment, she would follow this up. No comments were made from those present. H Grigor excluded himself from any comment, given a conflict of interest. The application number was not available at the meeting.

#### **Item 14 AOCB**

**14.1** A Skene enquired about Remembrance Sunday. H Grigor has this in hand. Currently, there is no Minister, however, he is hopeful that this will soon be resolved. H Grigor has the wreaths and will deliver **to A Skene and J O'Hagan who will be laying them**. The service will remain under review, given COVID-19.

**ACTION: H Grigor to pass wreaths to those laying them, prior to Remembrance Sunday**

**14.2** A Skene advised the Liaison Officer for CCs had sent information regarding the Community Council Scheme Review. It was agreed that as the information had only just come through, that CC members would read and digest the information by the end of the month. They will then let A Skene know if they would like to volunteer, to be part of 4 meetings being proposed as part of the review. A Skene will check the information again, as she noted a consultation later in the year on this topic, therefore, unsure currently when the 4 meetings would take place.

**ACTION: All members to read the information and advise A Skene if they wish to be involved in the group**

**14.3** H Grigor advised that a resident had been in contact requesting the provision of a hand rail in Findhorn **on Baron House brae (between 'The Hillock', No 125 and No 135). He enquired who had arranged and funded the previous hand rail erected on the steps down to the front road between 'White Ash', No 170 and 'Springbank', No 182. Following discussion, it was thought that Auchernack Trust had provided the funding but who had received the funding was not known**. As the land belongs to **TFVCC**, C Low advised that a letter to them outlining the request, could then give permission for the CC to undertake this project. D Anderson queried the longterm asset management (ongoing maintenance and liabilities) of the rail. That should be considered.

**ACTION: H Grigor to enquire with B James for information of previous funding application**

**14.4** H Grigor advised that an issue had been raised regarding chuckies on a lane, preventing access of a resident who is a wheelchair user. C Low advised she was aware of the issue and this will be discussed at the next meeting. C Low will update the CC following the meeting.

**ACTION: Update from C Low at next meeting**

**14.5** H Grigor enquired about an email received regarding the upkeep of trees in Kinloss. J O'Hagan advised she would check the email, however, if this was on Southside property, then this would be a matter for the factor, and not a matter for the CC.

**ACTION: J O'Hagan to check Gmail re upkeep of trees in Kinloss**

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

**15.1** A Skene advised there is a walk and talk at Kinloss Abbey on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2 pm.

**15.2** It was noted that the fireworks at Findhorn at New Year have been cancelled.

#### **Item 16 Date of Next Meeting:**

**16.1** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (Zoom meeting) 7pm.

