

**FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020, (ZOOM**  
**MEETING DUE TO COVID19)**

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

**Attendance:**Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Feaver, C Low(FVCC representative)

**Item 1 Agenda:**

**1.1 Apologies:** H Grigor (Vice), M Hannon, S Dominey

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

**Item 2 Public Session:**

**2.1** Police Report– None presented

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

**2.3** C Low advised that a member of the public had raised a safety issue regarding the viewpoint for the airfield. The member of the public had already phoned the Police, as cars were blocking the road on both sides, to watch the Typhoons. It was decided that the CC would also contact the Police to reinforce the concerns.

**ACTION: AS to contact Police to raise safety concerns.**

**Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> June 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 (5c)** D Anderson to check with Moray Council transport department about improvements to signage in Findhorn, following meeting with Officers in 2019. **DA – Outstanding, DA will follow up next week.** D Anderson advised that the team are now catching up with work that was delayed due to COVID. Signage will be replaced on the corner near the Bunty in Findhorn, with a P for PARKING and reference to the toilets. It is hoped that the work will be completed later in the autumn.

**4.2** L Fraser reported problems with vehicles, particularly motor homes, going up Links View Road and having to reverse out. A local vehicle has been damaged on 2 occasions that she is aware of. B James also reported that a hedge was damaged at the end of the lane, by a large vehicle. Additional signage was discussed, however, it was thought there was a problem with satellite navigation systems, taking vehicles down that route. Companies will update if they are informed, however, there are many companies providing route maps. D Anderson agreed to speak to Moray Council and make enquiries, as she recollects this issue being raised many years ago.

**ACTION: DA to make enquiries with Moray Council**

**4.3 (7)** A Skene to write letter of support to FVCC regarding CAT of toilets. **AS – All on hold just now due to COVID19**

**4.4 (13)** Cllr Creswell to raise concerns regarding the inconsistency of increasing permissions for solar panels in the Findhorn Conservation Area. **Cllr LC – Ongoing – Cllrs all to be invited to next meeting and sent Zoom link.** Cllr Creswell advised that she did raise this and is awaiting a reply. **Ongoing**

**4.5 (c)** Recruitment of F & K CC seats. It was agreed that in addition to 2 seats being filled hopefully, to go ahead with the advert for recruitment of the final seat. **AS to put advert in Forres Gazette.** ASkene advised that on reflection, as we now have 9 seats filled and fair representation from Kinloss and Findhorn, this could be currently removed from the agenda. All agreed. Remove item.

**4.6(5.1 from June Zoom meeting)** Contact relevant person in Moray Council for advice regarding public toilet facilities during COVID19 and update C Low. **AS.** A Skene advised that as the toilets are now open, this is completed.

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

**5.1** C Low kindly provided a verbal update on the FVCC and advised a written report would follow. The David Urquhart Memorial Path is almost complete. Soft landscaping and signage are underway (weather dependent). Acknowledgement was given to the great work of the path group and it is now being enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Cyclists have used the path and this is being discouraged; new signage should help reduce this further.

FVCC are still awaiting a decision from Moray Council re a planning application of change of use for the west beach car park. As has been witnessed, the summer has seen unprecedented number of visitors in Findhorn. FVCC contacted Moray Council in July this year and enquired about opening up the car park for cars and motorhomes; this was granted and reassurance given that it would not impact on their submitted planning application. C Low advised there were 4 weekends when cars and motorhomes exceeded the capacity of the car park and it was recognised this caused concern for some locals. On a number of occasions, the FVCC called the Police to request support with traffic management. C Low also raised the issue of campers who were not cleaning up after themselves. Some campers did not follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and used fencing for firewood, generally displayed anti-social behaviour and there were reports of unsanitary toileting. Again, the Police were called on several occasions, however, unless there was evidence of illegal behaviour and there was a will for charges to be made, there was little they could do. FVCC put in 2 additional large dustbins for the summer, to help reduce the litter problem. Where necessary, Board members removed rubbish prior to Moray Council refuse collection. A member of the CC passed on allegations of chemical toilets being washed in the sea. Unless there is specific evidence and details can be given to the Police, they are unable to do anything further. Fire extinguishers have been put in the car park and will likely be removed after the season has ended. Many lessons have been learnt this year and these will be fed into the Management Plan for the car parks.

C Low advised that FVCC still wish to take over the ownership of the toilets, however, this will be dependent on the outcome of the planning application for west beach car park. She advised they are working with Moray Council investigating access to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund. If this is successful, it will be a significant project covering the car parks, toilet blocks and beach access. C Low wished to encourage residents to volunteer and support a planned new group centred around car parks. She explained this will be an exciting new project balancing the generation of income, protecting the fragile environment and limiting the impact on local residents.

C Low advised that FVCC are unable to hold their planned AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> September, due to COVID-19. However, all members and associate members have been provided with a copy of minutes of the AGM held in 2019 and updated reports. 2 members of the Board have completed 9 years and therefore, are not eligible for re-election. 4 nominations for Elected Directors have been received to date.

Following a short discussion on the issues raised, C Low was thanked for her contribution and she left the meeting.

**Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

**6.1** A Skene advised that the successor for Ruth Douglas is Sarah Kane. Ms Kane will be invited to the next meeting. Cllr Alexander asked for contact details; A Skene for forward on.

**ACTION: A Skene to forward on email contact for Ms Kane to Cllr Alexander.**

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

7.1 A Skene advised that things have been pretty quiet. She did however reiterate, that Findhorn has been exceptionally busy over the summer and there had been a lot of complaints. She is hopeful that the planning application will go through and that facilities are in place for the future. A Skene reflected that there will be many more people having staycations and that alleviating the problems of this year, would be very important.

A Skene advised that the Typhoon presence has created lots of interest with visitors plane spotting along the viewing area. A Skene advised that H Grigor had made a temporary repair to the fence/gateway at the aircraft viewing area car park at the cycle path, along that stretch of road.

### **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 a total of £3,617.49 in the account, with liabilities of £43.17 for the Zoom licence to be paid. The Corra Foundation funds went to Kinloss, given the level of need in that area. C Brenton thanked the CC, on behalf of the very grateful families, who have benefitted from this fund. Many people who had been furloughed are now at risk of redundancy, therefore, the need continues. B James advised there is money in reserves and there may be capacity to give further help. Other charity funds would be available if researched. A Skene suggested reading the TSI Moray newsletter, as that often has lots of helpful information regarding funding sources.

### **Item 10 JCCM Report:**

10.1 A Skene advised the JCCM minutes had been circulated to the members. There was a discussion regarding overflowing bins in Findhorn. Following some confusion regarding refuse collection, Cllr Alexander offered to make further enquiries with Moray Council. A Skene advised that there had been a speaker at the meeting and that praise was given to Moray's efforts to keep things going in the community during the pandemic.

### **Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:**

11.1 Cllr Creswell commented on the shooting season starting and asked for thoughts. Comments and concerns were raised about the impact of shooting locally, especially given that the Typhoons are now operating from the Kinloss airfield. A Skene advised there had been an email from a concerned resident and that she had forwarded on to Richard Lochhead MSP. There was a feeling this should be raised at Scottish Government level, given the increased risk of an incident. Cllr Creswell put forward that concerns should be raised with the MOD and UK Government, given the increased risk regarding the Typhoons. A Skene agreed to write to Douglas Ross MP to raise this issue.

Cllr Creswell acknowledged some difficult reading in the press regarding audit and complaint handling. Cllr Creswell also expressed that teachers need support to get back to teaching.

11.2 Cllr Alexander advised that the last of the Moray Growth Deals is signed off and he expressed this was great news. Regarding the press news, Cllr Alexander advised that auditors will be back sooner than previously thought. Cllr Alexander advised that an appeal regarding 71 Findhorn was upheld.

11.3 Cllr Feaver joined in the conversation with Cllr Creswell and Cllr Alexander and reiterated many points raised.

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

12.1 No report provided.

**Item 13 Planning:**

- 13.1** 1) 20/00567/APP Demolition of outbuilding. Approved.  
2) 20/00784/APP Kinloss Country Golf Club. Erect 4 houses, septic tank and access lane.  
3) 185 Findhorn – extend garage and alter driveway.  
4) 20/00952/APP - 10 dwellings in Kinloss (6 apartments, 2 houses and 2 bungalows).  
D Anderson advised that planning had already been in for 3 separate houses. D Anderson will find the original planning application number for comparison, as this application is for a significant increase in properties.

**Item 14 AOCB**

**14.1** B James expressed an interest in understanding the legal position of wardens patrolling in the area. He highlighted that wardens patrol car parks in Elgin for example and wondered if this would work on private land in the village. Cllr Alexander suggested he contact Rhona Gunn in the Council who may be able to advise; B James to pursue.

**ACTION: B James to contact Moray Council and enquire about status of wardens and legalities of wardens patrolling private land**

**14.2** A Skene raised concern regarding a near miss with a cyclist, at full speed, going the wrong way down the road near the Crown and Anchor. Whilst the CC might not be able to do anything, we should stay vigilant.

**14.3** J O'Hagan advised that a member of the public raised an issue with the security light at the back of Kinloss Church. It appears to be on constantly at the moment. A Skene will pass on details of a contact and J O'Hagan will liaise with the member of public to get this looked at.

**ACTION: A Skene to pass details of contact to J O'Hagan**

**Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:**

**15.1** Cllr Alexander advised that the Doors Open Day – Virtual tours open on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Item 16 Date of Next Meeting:**

**16.1 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Zoom meeting)**