

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th November 2020
(ZOOM MEETING DUE TO COVID19)

Present: A Skene (Chair), H Grigor (Vice), B James, D Anderson (minutes), S Dominey, M Hannon, C Brenton

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

Item 1 Agenda:

1.1 Apologies: L Fraser, J O'Hagan

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

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 Police Report – A series of reports of entering building and stealing from within were reported at The Park, Findhorn. A person has been charged and reported in respect of these thefts. It was noted that the Police Scotland seasonal safe driving campaign will soon commence.

2.2 No public present, due to COVID-19

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 29th October 2020

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

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4.1 (4.1 a.) (4.2) Cllr Creswell forwarded the email response from Moray Council regarding the inconsistency of increasing permissions for solar panels in the Findhorn Conservation Area.

4.2 (4.4 d.) (14.1) A Skene passed wreath to D Anderson for laying at the Findhorn War Memorial on 8 November. Thanks were given to H Grigor for organising this years socially distanced wreath laying and to J O'Hagan and D Anderson for laying the wreaths on behalf of the CC at Kinloss and Findhorn respectively.

4.3 (4.6 f.) (14.3) It was noted that the CC will review the requirement for the provision for handrails for the pedestrian route adjacent to 135 Findhorn once the works at this property have been completed.

ACTION: CC to revisit if and when necessary.

4.4 (4.7 g.) (14.4) The CC was reminded of The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC) request that all residents in the older part of the village should consult with TFVCC before undertaking any maintenance of the stryplies.

ACTION: All – Ongoing Observation

4.5 (4.8 h.) (14.5) No update regarding the upkeep of trees in Kinloss as J O Hagan was not present at meeting.

ACTION: J O Hagan to provide update at next meeting

4.6 (5.3) A Skene has provided a letter of support to TFVCC for the CAT of the toilet blocks.

4.7 (6.1) S Kane has made enquiries with regard to the future use of the runway at Kinloss. At this there is no definitive answer available.

ACTION: S Kane to provide update when more information is available.

4.8 (10.1) A Skene raised the Rural Tourist Infrastructure Fund (RTIF) at the JCC on 12 November. It is understood that other CC's need to do further work to prepare applications. The Moray Council deadline for the next round of funding is 14 December 2020 and TFVCC will be submitting an application.

4.9 (4.5 e.) (14.2) D Anderson attended the Community Council Scheme Review consultation sessions and reported back to other members. A response was drafted and submitted by A Skene. Consultation responses from CCs will be published on the Moray Council website and will inform the revisions to the scheme. The revised scheme will be consulted on and there will be a further opportunity to comment in the New Year. No further action at this time.

4.10 (14.4) A Skene reported that there was a presentation at the JCC on 12 November on Resilience Planning which was discussed in full later in the meeting (item 7 Chairperson's Report).

4.11 (14.6) A Skene contacting the surrounding rural CC's to see whether they would like to make a joint approach to Police Scotland regarding traffic speeds in built up areas and request more speed checks. Finderne CC have responded positively but to date there has been no response from Dyke & Landward CC. Cllr Alexander suggested approaching Forres CC as well as there have been ongoing concerns regarding traffic speeds in Forres as well.

ACTION: A Skene to contact Forres CC

4.12 A Skene also received marketing material for vehicle activated speed signs and speed indicator devices which appear to be less expensive than the costs quoted by Moray Council in a Committee report which will be going to the Economic Growth, Housing and Environmental Sustainability Committee on 1 December, and sought views that if cheaper signs could be sourced would the CC be interested in purchasing them. H Grigor stated that there may be more than one location where the community may wish to see a sign and that the vehicle activated signs in Kinloss were not effective so suggested that speed indicator devices, which showed vehicle speeds, would be better.

ACTION: A Skene to email Chair of the Economic Growth, Housing and Environmental Sustainability Committee to ask if other suppliers of the signs could be used, as none of the Forres Ward Councillors are members of that Committee.

Item 5 Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:

5.1 C Low stated that Tfvcc are concentrating on preparing the works required to meet the planning conditions for the West Beach Car Park Motorhomes area, the CAT is progressing and works have taken place to empty the septic tank near the toilets – although there appears to still be some surface water issue in this area.

5.2 Tfvcc have approached Scottish Water to see if chemical waste from motorhomes can be accepted directly into the foul drainage system or whether there is a need for a separate holding tank and methods of disposal. Tfvcc are seeking to install height restriction devices in the West Beach Car Park to deter unauthorised use of the areas out with the planning consent. Cllr Feaver stated that part of the area appears to be part of the Findhorn Bay Nature Reserve – C Low confirmed that this is currently being investigated and dialogue is ongoing with Moray Council.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 S Kane confirmed that at this time part of the regiment has been deployed to support COVID-19 related activities whilst some others are currently posted overseas. There is therefore an increased focus on the welfare of families during the run up to the Christmas holidays. B James stated that Father Christmas would be visiting Kinloss on 14 December and S Kane can liaise with him as he will be assisting with the visit.

Item 7 Chairperson's Report:

7.1 There has been a number of emails received in the past month which A Skene has shared with CC members.

7.2 H Grigor advised that he has been contacted by a resident seeking to resolve a surface water management issue in the lane adjacent to The Bakehouse. Their property has been

flooded in the past and their soakaway has been overwhelmed by the water from the lane. They have previously sought assistance from TFVCC and have taken engineering advice from a professional. The lane is in multiple ownership however the section of the lane where flooding occurs is in the ownership of TFVCC. The resident is seeking resolution not only to prevent flooding of their property but also to ensure the lane remains clear and passable for pedestrians, particularly for more vulnerable users. C Low stated that she was aware of the issue but had not been directly involved.

ACTION: C Low to review TFVCC correspondence on this matter and report back.

ACTION: H Grigor to seek permission from resident to share Engineer's report with TFVCC.

7.3 Correspondence has been received with regard to users of the south east corner of Findhorn Bay allegedly disturbing roosting birds, including letting dogs run through areas where there are birds, and seeking assistance from the CC. S Dominey confirmed that Police have advised walkers in that part of the bay to wear high visibility clothing to ensure that they are visible to shooters. It was agreed that there is nothing the CC can do to address these allegations but suggested that the shooters provide evidence by taking videos of dog walkers who allow their dogs to run free or in uncontrolled ways.

7.4 Correspondence has also been received from the Findhorn Sands caravan park regarding the behaviour of people walking through the area. It was agreed that this is not a matter for the CC as it relates to private land. Anti-social behaviour on private land should be reported to the Police. **ACTION: A Skene to reply to sender.**

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 £3,898.39 in the account, made up of £1321.00 in the admin account, £1,577.39 in the capital account and £1,000 of SSE grant.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 A Skene advised there was a JCC meeting 12th November. Recently JCC meetings have been monthly however going forward they will return to being quarterly with the next one scheduled for February 2021. At this month's meeting there was a presentation from Moray Council on community resilience plans and how they are complementary to the response by the Emergency Services. Moray Council is seeking to encourage CCs to prepare plans and prepare themselves for the specific risks their community may face.

10.2 A Skene suggested that further work was undertaken on the FKCC resilience plan to build on the grass roots response to COVID-19 and that it was included as an agenda item in the New Year. S Dominey stated that there had been no recent progress on The Park resilience plan and that with the changes that are currently taking place there, she sees no scope for work on it in the near future. A Skene asked if C Brenton would be interested in helping to develop a plan for Kinloss.

ACTION: H Grigor to share Resilience Plan with C Brenton for consideration

ACTION: A Skene to email Moray Council Resilience officers to express interest to work with them to further develop the plan

ACTION: D Anderson to send email addresses for Moray Council Resilience officers to A Skene

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:

11.1 Cllr Alexander reported that there has been recent meetings with respect to Education and Additional Support Needs (ASN). It is very difficult to predict future demand for these services and this results in poor job security for staff providing that service. He also advised that he had been approached by an objector to planning application 20/01335/APP and provided that party with a copy of the planning conditions for the overall planning permission for that site.

11.2 Cllr Feaver advised that the Findhorn Bay Nature Reserve is not a national Nature Reserve and suggested that it was perhaps time to raise the profile of this local reserve and place a higher priority on its role in terms of protecting nature above other uses. She also asked if any CC members were aware of difficulties in making appointments at the Forres Health Centre, in particular, being able to get face to face or video appointments, and to report any issues to her.

11.3 Cllr McLean has also been attending the Council meetings on education and advised that some local schools were still facing recruitment issues. However, interviews for Head Teacher posts have been taking place.

11.4 Cllr Creswell reported that Forres Academy have been consulting with staff and parents to set out future priorities for the school. She also attended the FACT AGM where Tom Duff was voted in as the new chairperson.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

12.1 S Dominey highlighted that there continues to be no Findhorn Foundation programmes taking place in The Park. However, both the Phoenix shop and café remain open (winter opening hours). There will be a film in the Universal Hall on 5 December, A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood. Advance booking is required. The Winter Gathering will take place this year but not in its usual form. Donations from the Winter Gathering will be split between Moray Food Bank and Revolution for Good (Children and Young Persons counselling)

Item 13 Planning:

13.1 There have been two planning applications which have been submitted and were discussed during the meeting. There were no objections or comments for planning application numbers 20/01335/APP and 20/01444/APP. Planning permission has been granted for 20/01194/APP for one year only.

Item 14 AOCB

14.1 B James asked C Brenton about the arrangements for the Kinloss Christmas boxes. Following some discussion it was unanimously agreed that FKCC would donate vouchers to the Kinloss boxes.

ACTION: B James to arrange vouchers and provide to C Brenton

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

15.1 No events were noted.

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting:

16.1 Thursday 28th January 2020 (Zoom meeting) 7pm.

