

**FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**  
**(ZOOM MEETING DUE TO COVID19)**

**Present:** A Skene (Chair), H Grigor (Vice), B James, D Anderson (minutes), L Fraser, C Benton

**Attendance:** Cllr Alexander, Cllr McLean, Cllr Feaver, C Low (TFVCC representative), A Griffin (BSO Kinloss Barracks)

**Item 1 Agenda:**

**1.1 Apologies:** M Hannon, J O'Hagan, S Dominey, S Kane (BSO Kinloss Barracks)

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

**Item 2 Public Session:**

**2.1** Police Report – One incident of careless driving was reported in Kinloss.

**2.2** No public present, due to COVID-19. Two pieces of public correspondence have been received. The first an email seeking clarification of the date that Pavement Parking will become illegal in Scotland. H Grigor has contacted Police Scotland but has yet to receive a response. The second piece of correspondence related to fly tipping which has been occurring at the Bird Hide. Moray Council will be removing the waste however it is requested that the community remains vigilant and reports any incidents of fly tipping they may witness.

**Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**3.1** 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:**

**4.1** (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**

**4.2** (14.4) It was agreed that the Resilience Plan will be an agenda item for the next meeting. H Grigor highlighted that he wished to make a change to the existing plan to include the use of social media platforms which has been a useful tool in identifying community needs and providing a response during Covid-19.

**ACTION H Grigor to update Resilience Plan and circulate to all CC members prior to next meeting.**

**4.3** (4.11) (14.6) A Skene has contacted Forres CC 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, in associated with the surrounding rural communities.

**ACTION: A Skene to attend next Joint Community Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February to see if any other communities in the wider area are interested in making a joint approach to Police Scotland.**

**4.4** (4.11) A Skene wrote to the chair of the Moray Council Economic Growth, Housing and Environmental Sustainability Committee regarding community purchased Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). The correspondence was passed to the Transportation Manager who provided a response stating that whilst there is an estimate in the report which went to Committee on 1 December 2020, the Council procurement of the signs would seek the best price and Communities would only pay the direct cost of the signs.

The type of signs approved by the Committee is the 30 mph speed limit roundel which lights up as vehicles travelling above a certain speed approach it and not the type of sign which shows the driver their actual speed. It was agreed that the community would need to be consulted before any further action was taken and therefore it should be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**ACTION: D Anderson to email link to Committee Report. All members to review the process for community purchased VAS for further discussion during the next meeting. C Low to consult with TFVCC for their views on this matter.**

**4.6 (7.2)** H Grigor gained permission to release the Engineer's report to the TFVCC. C Low confirmed that the report was a series of recommended solutions with a range of costs. C Low has spoken with the householders on the lane adjacent to The Bakehouse and advised that TFVCC will be meeting with the residents to discuss the way forward to address the flooding and the proportionate sharing of costs of any mitigation measures.

**4.7 (7.4)** A Skene wrote to the Findhorn Sands Caravan Park with regard to the behaviour of people walking through the area, stating that it was not a matter for the CC as it relates to private land. Anti-social behaviour on private land should be reported to the Police.

**4.8 (10.2)** H Grigor has shared a copy of the Resilience Plan with C Brenton. D Anderson shared the email addresses of the Moray Council Resilience officers with A Skene. A Skene will wait until after the next meeting where the Resilience Plan will be discussed before making contact with Moray Council officers.

**4.9 (14.1)** B James purchased the vouchers for the Kinloss Christmas boxes. C Benton arranged for their inclusion in the boxes and reported that they were gratefully received.

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

**5.1** C Low reported that TFVCC have secured funding to undertake the work to meet the planning conditions for the West Beach Car Park Motorhomes area, which are anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2021. A planning application for height restriction devices has been submitted. Should planning permission be granted, it is anticipated that these measures will also be in place for the coming tourist season.

**5.2** The CAT for the toilets is proceeding and Scottish Water have confirmed that the chemical waste from motorhomes can be accepted directly into the foul drainage system.

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

**6.1** A Griffin confirmed that the runway at Kinloss Barracks will be decommissioned in March. This marks the end of an era for the community, many of whom formerly served with the RAF. A Griffin also confirmed that at this time some of the regiment are present at the Barracks however they are on standby to be deployed to support COVID-19 related activities.

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

**7.1** Nothing to report.

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

**8.1** Correspondence received from members of the public were discussed under item 2.2.

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

**9.1** B James provided information regarding the accounts. There is £3,298.39 in the account, made up of £1321.26 in the admin account, £977.13 in the capital account and £1,000 of SSE grant.

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

**10.1** A Skene advised the next JCC meeting would be on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and held via Zoom. She will be attending and can share the joining details with any other members who may wish to attend.

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

**11.1** Cllr Feaver reported that her constituency work has included parents concerns regarding home schooling and reports of fly-tipping. She queried whether the increases in fly tipping were as a result of the booking system Moray Council has introduced for its Recycling Centres so they can safely operate during the pandemic. She also asked whether people were having difficulties as a consequence of the reduced number of bin collections – again introduced as a response to the pandemic. It was acknowledged that some larger households may have too much green bin waste. However, these households can apply for larger bins.

**11.2** Cllr Alexander reported that he had been in touch with Moray Council's Transportation Manager with regard to concerns raised by Kinloss residents about safety of pedestrians crossing the road to access Kinloss Primary School. The Transportation Manager has advised that new traffic and pedestrian surveys would be used to inform discussions for a forthcoming meeting. Note: surveys will not take place until after the schools fully return and local travel restrictions have been lifted. Cllr Alexander also stated that a proposal to make the current arrangements for bin collections and access to recycling centres will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

**11.3** Cllr McLean stated that he, like many other parents, is currently juggling work with home schooling and caring for his family, and that teachers are doing all they can to make home schooling work for pupils. At the Council meeting held during the previous week, transformation of the Council's Leisure Services was discussed. Discussions on the Climate Strategy were deferred until March whilst discussions on budgets and waste collection will take place during the next meeting in February.

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

**12.1** S Dominey has sent her apologies along with an update on the Findhorn Park Eco-village. The redundancies at the Findhorn Foundation are now public knowledge which, along with the on-going Covid-19 restrictions, has weighed heavily on many of the community. The Park Covid Action group has been discussing the Resilience Plan including incorporating the community's response to Covid-19.

### **Item 13 Planning:**

**13** Two planning applications were discussed in detail, the first application 20/01750/APP relates to an extension for no. 151 Findhorn. There are concerns regarding parking provision, the ridge height and the blocking of pedestrian access to another property. A response to the planning officer raising these concerns has been

submitted. Note: H Grigor has an interest in this planning application and has therefore made no comment to the Community Council.

The second planning application 21/00048/APP is for a replacement porch at no. 34 Findhorn. The proposed height of the porch is higher than the existing porch to enable persons to enter the property more comfortably. A Skene will visit the site to consider whether this proposal would have any impact on neighbouring properties or an adverse visual impact.

**ACTION: A Skene to visit site and email members with her findings for discussion prior to next meeting.**

#### **Item 14 AOCB**

**14.1** B James stated that the community council meetings on Zoom can be recorded if attendees agreed, to assist in the taking of minutes.

**14.2** C Low stated that the Findhorn Village Centre has secured grants to provide more lunches during the current Covid-19 restrictions and to provide 'Chatter-boxes' in the village which are covered benches to enable people to meet outside when the current restrictions are lifted.

**14.3** C Low also queried whether it was the Community Council who erected the 'Polite Notices' about dog fouling at the beach car parks as these had been vandalised. It is understood that the notices were installed by a member of the public. Dog fouling is an on-going issue in this area, including members of the public leaving bagged dog poo by paths rather than taking it to a bin.

**14.4** H Grigor has observed a lack of social distancing around The Bakehouse and queried whether other members had noticed these behaviours.

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

**15.1** Findhorn Bay Arts are organising 'Window Wanderland Forres' and encouraging residents of Forres to decorate their windows over the Valentine weekend and register on their website where a map will be available so the community can visit and view the decorations. B James suggested that perhaps residents in Findhorn and Kinloss may also wish to decorate their windows over the same weekend in a similar way to the rainbows of support for the NHS.

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

**16.1 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Zoom meeting) 7pm.**