

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 27th May 2021 (online due to COVID-19)

Present: A Skene (Chair), H Grigor (Vice), B James, J O'Hagan (minutes), C Brenton, S Dominey

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

Item 1 Agenda:

1.1 Apologies: L Fraser, M Hannon, D Anderson

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

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 Police Report – A Skene gave an update on 'Speeding in Communities.' A meeting on 23rd March had taken place with partners and CI Norman Stevenson has identified 4 themes to propose as a strategy going forward 1) Education, 2) Enforcement, 3) Infrastructure, 4) Media. An update from Jane Martin (CC Liaison Officer) informs that a meeting of the working group, led by CI Stevenson, has been convened for 10th June and an action plan is in place to progress these areas further. Cllr Creswell enquired how other CCs input their views into the discussion. A Skene advised other CCs have all had the information and should they have any further queries, to contact J Martin.

2.2 A Skene invited S Dominey to discuss the letter she had received from a resident, raising concerns regarding sewerage in Findhorn bay. S Dominey advised she has followed up on the concerns and it was acknowledged that Moray Council Environmental Services are also aware of the issue.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes of 29th April 2021

3.1 H Grigor advised there should be a correction to the spelling of a surname in the previous minutes 14.5 'Hirst' should be replaced with 'Hurst'. Furthermore, H Grigor wished for 14.7 to be reworded. It was agreed to remove the wording 'the CC have no role' with 'we discussed the matter and decided that no action would be taken, due to budgetary constraints.' The minutes were thereafter proposed by B James and seconded by H Grigor.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4.1 (16) AS to feedback to A Griffin on the beach steps and Southside funds– A Skene advised that C Low had kindly sent an email recently, outlining a survey that had been undertaken; this was sent to A Griffin and S Kane. A Skene had sent a previous email advising we were keen to move this forward, confirming that materials would be provided and costs would be jointly funded through community groups. A Skene suggested that a meeting take place at the steps with 39 Eng. Regt. with representation from TFVCC and CC. S Kane clarified that whilst 39 Eng. Regt. are keen to support the project, it has now become clearer regarding the quantity of steps that are in need of repair; timelines is an issue. S Kane advised if 39 Eng. Regt. can help, the earliest would be after the summer. S Kane advised she would keep the CC informed of any discussions.

A Skene invited feedback from C Brenton and J O'Hagan on the progress of the Southside funds. C Brenton advised that an open session had taken place inviting Southside residents to share their views. Whilst few turned out on the day, suggestions have been put forward on

the Southside FB page, therefore, J O'Hagan and C Brenton will collate these and feedback at the next CC meeting.

ACTION: C Brenton and J O'Hagan to collate information and feedback at next CC meeting.

4.2 (13 (d)) AS to contact Planners in MC re outdated plans on website. Completed.

4.3 (14.1) DA to make enquires re disabled parking – DA provided info for the meeting – Moray Council Transportation team has contacted the Resource Centre in Elgin and asked to engage with service-users; this is not possible until August due to COVID-19 restrictions. When they meet they will raise the questions as to whether there is a need for on-street disabled parking in Findhorn/Kinloss. D Anderson reminded those registered Blue Badge holders who reside in the area, can apply for an on-street disabled parking space, if they have no-off street parking provision at their premises.

4.4 (14.2) SD – to arrange a meeting with relevant individuals to discuss the Park RP. S Dominey advised a meeting has taken place and this was a productive meeting between members of the Eco Village and H Grigor. Volunteers from the Eco Village have agreed to write the plan. Completed.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:

5.1 C Low advised TFVCC have been successful in being awarded funding to do the beach road, Dunes Road and the east beach car park. Work on the car park will start first and then on 7th June approx. work will start on beach road, which will have to remain closed whilst work is underway. Work will take 2 or 3 weeks and it will be returning to single track with passing places, with bunds either side and posts where necessary. Unfortunately the posts could not be put in the bid to Nature Scotland due to the maximum amount allowed on the bid, however, C Low will either submit a further application, or seek volunteers with the posts. 75K was awarded from Nature Scotland Better Places 2 Fund. The car park is blocked at the moment from the disabled access signs and part of the project will be to level that area off for better access. C Low advised the motorhome booking system went live today and bookings have already been made. Regarding the chemical waste, TFVCC are waiting for other equipment to arrive (hopefully on 7th June). The barrier was damaged accidentally by a visitor, however, this will be repaired. C Low advised funding has been granted from Nature Scotland, HIE (Highland and Island Enterprise), Adapting Pride with all the online software and Community Coastal Fund, with significant funds helping to improve the area. Regarding the ongoing issue of flooding on the Bake House lane, contractors have all been so busy, but she is hoping to meet up with one and see what their thoughts are and hopefully get a price. They are starting to look at allotments, however, are busy with other things just now. There are more requests coming in for trip lines, possibly to do with residents staying at home and enjoying what is on their doorstep. Thanks were given for C Lows input.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 S Kane advised that following the road traffic incident outside of Kinloss Primary School, they have opened up one of their side gates to help families living on site, to transit through another area. Whilst this is only a small percentage of families, hopefully it will help reduce the volume of people travelling along the main road. S Kane advised the unit is incredibly busy at the moment, with several squadrons deployed. Operation Restrict is complete for the time being, but commitment remains high with the Regiment at the moment. S Kane enquired who maintained the flower boxes outside the entrance and wished to pass on thanks for the kindness and good works. Thoughts were that links with Kinloss Church may be responsible. S Kane will attempt to find out who is maintaining the flower boxes to enable her to pass on thanks personally. S Kane advised there will be a change of Commanding Officer and Quarter

Master imminently, therefore, 2 key positions will be switching over shortly. S Kane was thanked for her input and left the meeting.

Item 7 Chairperson's Report:

7.1 A Skene advised that she had attended the TSI Moray Climate Assembly and gave an overview of the main points of discussion. The main address was given by Dr Katherine Trebeck, the author of Economics of Arrival. The talk was interesting and focussed on the wellbeing economy to address climate change, inequality, social justice and economic growth. It was argued working towards a healthy planet, it is nurture that matters to people e.g. through worker coops, participatory budgeting, renewable initiatives etc.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 No report presented.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 B James advised the admin grant of £367.45 has been paid in; the total in this account is now £1,419.81. The capital account stands at £1,142.13 and there is a further £1000.00 from the SSE grant, giving a total of £3561.94. B James suggested with the funds in the admin account, some of this could be used to advertise for community councillors in the up and coming elections. Ideas were generated, including posters, the Spotlight magazine, use of social media etc. It was noted this CC are already contributing £75 for advertising through the JCC, therefore, we should make enquiries about how this will be used first.

ACTION: A Skene to get in touch with J Martin to enquire what she intends to use the contributions from the CCs for.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 A Skene advised she had attended the JCC meeting on 15th May and there was a Community Learning and Development update from the Community Service Manager. The CLD plan is reviewed every 3 years and community input is very valued. A questionnaire will be issued for community input and CCs are urged to contribute and raise awareness in their communities. CLD are willing to facilitate a session with a CC if this is helpful.

10.2 A Skene gave an update on the campervan stopovers and the siting of chemical waste disposal units, which has been controversial in certain areas throughout Moray, resulting in some having to be moved to other sites.

10.3 A Skene advised there will be a special project launch of the Queen's Green Canopy; promoting tree planting to green the environment. 3 million trees will be made available for the UK and CCs are encouraged to spread the word and get in quickly to secure trees.

10.4 A Skene advised Moray Council is encouraging CCs to apply for funding from SEN for Resilience Planning purposes e.g. purchasing of emergency equipment. To be discussed further under AOCB.

10.5 A Skene advised the campaign for new CC members will begin mid-August, with inaugural meetings in October 2021. J Martin will offer a training programme for new CC members thereafter.

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:

11.1 Cllr Creswell advised she had attended the meeting regarding the road incident in Kinloss. Cllr Creswell advised the MSP and MP are keen to see the re-installment of the crossing patrollers, but this was not promised. Further discussion heard the turnout at the meeting had been positive, with many partners included, in addition to the parent of the child involved in the accident recently. The meeting was informed of positive actions that the school

and Parent Council have made so far, including cutting back hedges, different timings, different entrances etc. A plan will be drawn up in the next few weeks, which will be helpful. Cllr Creswell advised she had attended a meeting and heard the good works regarding local people litter picking; she had advised of very good initiatives locally, which was good to hear about.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

12.1 S Dominey advised the campsite is looking busier; it still feels quiet in the Park at the moment and there does not seem to be many visitors as yet. Special cleaners' have been onsite clearing the community centre area. The Phoenix Café and La Boheme are both open for custom. S Dominey advised the COVID-19 Action Group continues to meet up weekly and they seem to have taken on the work around the Resilience Plan. The toilets near the laundry are now open to the public again. S Dominey advised the Rainbow Bridge magazine is an interesting read, with honesty about what is going on in the Foundation at the moment regarding funding and the money situation. S Dominey reminded all there is a lot going on with Trees for Life, the Hive etc; there is a lot of rethinking about the purpose of the Foundation. S Dominey advised that H Grigor's meeting regarding the Resilience Plan had been very positive. B James advised the CC could fund a notice board on site, if this were to be used for CC minutes to be shared. S Dominey advised she would make some enquiries about this possibility.

ACTION: S Dominey to enquire about noticeboard in the Park

Item 13 Planning:

13.1

21/000712/APP – revised application for renovations of 151 Findhorn – H Grigor declared an interest in this application. H Grigor advised the revised application did not have the site plan, or the ground floor plan; he had asked for these to be put on the portal. The revision of the plan now shows an increase in the ridge height, a slight increase to the same height next door. No objection was raised.

21/00694/APP – Erect a porch at the front of Green Garth, Seapark Road, Kinloss. No objections.

Item 14 Any Other Competent Business:

14.1 Thanks You Day 4th July – B James advised there is a national 'Thank You' day and at 5pm people are asked to raise a glass, or cuppa to say thanks to keyworkers. Locally people are still be quite cautious, so something might be done later in July out in the open.

14.2 A Skene advised Moray Council are encouraging CCs to apply for the SSEN funding as discussed above, for things such as generators, sand bags, grab bags, torches, blankets etc. The funders are keen to support communities that are working together, therefore, should our organisations work together, there would be a higher chance of funding. Applications need to be submitted by 10th June. Ideas were put forward for further consideration, including a possible emergency access route into/out of Findhorn. Following discussion, given the joint working required, it was felt the time scale is too short on this occasion. It was agreed that A Skene would pass information to C Low, who would take ideas to TFVCC Board, given one idea was on their land.

ACTION: A Skene to pass information to C Low regarding SSEN funding and further funding applications can be discussed again in the future.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events: - none at present due to COVID-19 restrictions

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting - 24th June 2021, 7pm (online)

