

## FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (online meeting due to COVID-19)

**Present:** A Skene (Chair), C Brenton (Vice), M La Tourelle, R Hutchinson, D Anderson (minutes), C Shreenan, L Mead, S Dominey

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

#### **Item 1 Agenda:**

**1.1 Apologies:** None

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

#### **Item 2 Public Session:**

**2.1 Community Safety/Police Report/Speeding in the community –** There has been no Community Safety Report issued during the period due to the Christmas holidays.

**2.2 Correspondence continues to be submitted with regard to the parking of vehicles, in particular camper vans, on the Bay Road in Findhorn.** There is no roads legislation which would enable a ban of parking these vehicles at this location, and to ban all parking would be to the detriment of residents without off-street parking and businesses within the village. Cllr Alexander advised that even if there was legislation that could be used, enforcement of existing parking restrictions in Forres is not a priority for Police Scotland. Cllr Feaver suggested that as part of the preparation of the new development plan, settlement plans would be drawn up and it may be that this issue could be explored through that process. Cllr Feaver provided the contact details of the Moray Council officer leading that process. D Anderson confirmed that the video surveys undertaken by Moray Council Transportation undertaken before Christmas were to observe behaviours of larger vehicles as they passed the parked vehicles on the Bay Road, along with the behaviours of people parking on the road. **ACTION: A Skene to write to Moray Council to determine the timescales for the development of the settlement plans and request if Findhorn could be looked at early on in that process.**

#### **Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021:**

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

#### **Item 4 Matters Arising:**

**4.1 (2.2)** S Jamieson of Morayvia provided a written report on the use of the donation from FKCC. Unfortunately, the family event before Christmas was cancelled due to Covid-19. However, Christmas boxes were sent to the children who were going to attend, and a community event is now being scheduled for 12 March 2022. The report also set out Morayvias programme for STEM workshops and further community engagement. Further details of the event in March will be shared before the next FKCC meeting.

**4.2 (4.2)** The meeting to discuss engagement with the Southside and Kinloss communities took place. A Skene apologised to C Shreenan for omitting him from the invitation. At the meeting it was confirmed that the Developer Obligations received through the sale of the Southside Estate are to be used for projects associated with both the Southside and Kinloss communities.

**4.3 (4.3)** S Dominey confirmed that there is currently a notice board in The Park that was currently not in use and she was exploring whether it could be utilised for the FKCC minutes before considering whether a new notice board was needed. **Ongoing – SD to provide update at next meeting.**

**4.4 (4.4)** A Skene stated that she had not received any recent correspondence on the JCCM 'Speeding in Communities' group since the last meeting. However there has also not been a JCC meeting during that period. **ACTION: Any FKCC member interested in joining the group to contact AS for further details.**

**4.5 (4.5)** L Mead confirmed that she had approached a local tree expert who advised that until the location of any proposed planting was determined, they could not recommend what type of tree to plant. In

Findhorn there are two other groups discussing The Queen's Canopy project, The Findhorn Village Conservation Company and the Findhorn Residents Association. It was therefore suggested that a joint meeting was held to discuss potential locations for tree planting in the village. **ACTION: AS, Tfvcc to approach Findhorn Residents Association to set up a joint meeting.**

**4.6 (4.6)** At this stage no members have come forward for the role of organising the Remembrance Sunday ceremonies. **ACTION: Any FKCC member interested in becoming the co-ordinator for the ceremonies to contact AS for further details.**

**4.7 (8.1)** A Skene confirmed that the email on agricultural vehicles had been responded to.

**4.8 (12.1)** D Anderson supplied the details of the Moray Council contact with M LaTourelle.

**4.9 (13.2)** The Resilience Plan has been included on the Agenda.

**4.10 (14.1)** All members supplied their contact details and confirmed which details they were happy to have placed on the notice boards.

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

**5.1** C Low advised that it had been a quiet month however the motorhome park has been well utilised over the New Year period. The CAT for the toilets is nearing completion with one final step to conclude. Tfvcc have received funding from the Rural Tourist Infrastructure Fund to improve and winterise the toilets with a view to them being able to remain open all year round.

Tfvcc will be commencing surveys to draw up a maintenance plan for the roads, public car parks and camper van area under their control to see what works need to be done before the tourist season commences.

C Low confirmed that there is a community right to buy order on 43c Findhorn, which means that if the property is ever put up for sale, it must be offered to the community first. **POST MEETING NOTE:** this is the same process that secured the Armstrong Garages site.

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

**6.1** A Griffin stated that the 39 Engineer Regiment will soon be going on deployment. On Sunday 30 January from early light until about 10.00 am there will be deer management within the woods on the Barracks. Deer management is an important process to ensure that the deer population remains healthy. There will therefore only be a few shots fired. However, she is aware that Sunday is a No Shooting day on the bay and she is aware that sounds of gunfire may concern nearby residents.

In February there will further noise on Kinloss Barracks as a private event will be held by a motor sports club on the old runway. This event is a Motorsport UK authorised rally with strict safety and environmental criteria. It is anticipated that the trees surrounding the area will act as a buffer to absorb much of the noise and the event will not be visible from the public road.

**6.2** Planning is on-going for 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' (the Queen's Green Canopy) at The Barracks with two sites being identified, between the Headquarters and the Sergeant's Mess, which will be done by local children and near the Cummings Hall which will be a community planting event. The children's event is a closed event. Booking is required for the community event, details of which can be obtained from A Griffin.

A Griffin confirmed that a member of The Barracks has been identified for the project to rebuild the Findhorn Beach Steps and will pass on the details to C Low of Tfvcc.

A Griffin will also provide an updated statement to be included in the Resilience Plan.

There will be fences erected within the Barracks to enable the married quarters to the east of the main gate to have direct access onto the B9089 Kinloss to Burghead Road. This is a reinstatement of an existing access and will enable households to receive deliveries from suppliers such as supermarkets.

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

**7.1** A Skene attended no meetings over the Christmas period.

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

**8.1** No report submitted. This remains a vacancy and A Skene asked for volunteers for the role to get in touch with her. In the meantime, she has been monitoring the FKCC email inbox, and sharing correspondence to seek views from FKCC members for responses. There has been correspondence received regarding the Bay Road (see item 2.2) and planning application 22/00001/APP (see item 13.2).

**ACTION: ALL Any FKCC member interested in the Secretary to contact AS.**

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

**9.1** C Shreenan advised that the admin grant was received on 3 December 2021 and that the accounts stand at: £1,506.46 in administration account, £1,022.13 in the capital account and there remains £1,000.00 from the SSE grant (£500 which has now been committed, see item 4.1).

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

**10.1** A Skene confirmed that there has been no Joint Community Council Meeting (JCCM) since the last FKCC meeting and that the date of the next JCCM will be 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (virtual meeting). Any person wishing to attend with her should get in touch as up to two FKCC members can attend. At the 10<sup>th</sup> February meeting there will be discussions on what communities are intending to do to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Any FKCC members or members of the public with ideas should get in touch with A Skene prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> February.

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

**11.1** Cllr Creswell advised that she is busy 'tidying up loose ends' before standing down from being a councillor at the end of her term. Over the years there have been Developer Contributions collected by Moray Council for community facilities which have recently been allocated, including funds to the JMI in Findhorn. POST MEETING NOTE: The JMI have used their funds to install video conferencing equipment in the Osprey Room to enable virtual attendance at meetings held in the facility.

There is currently a consultation taking place regarding the reliance on Food Banks and what alternative measures could be put in place.

Cllr Creswell received correspondence seeking an update on the timescales for providing additional parking restrictions (double yellow lines) near 'The Buntly' in Findhorn. Moray Council officers have confirmed that the location is on the Council's list of future Traffic Regulation Orders. However it may be some time before it reaches the top.

**11.2** Cllr Feaver advised she is also busy dealing with constituent issues and trying to attend to as many as possible prior to the Local Government Elections in May.

**11.3** Cllr McLean highlighted that there are still significant numbers of Covid-19 cases associated with schools/education settings in Moray. Budget talks for the 2022/23 financial year are on-going with the draft budget going before the Council on 22 February 2022. Cllr McLean confirmed that Moray Council are in the process of selling some property which would increase the funds in Council reserves.

**11.3** Cllr Alexander highlighted that at the moment the various political parties and independent Councillors were working well together in the preparation of the budget. Cllr Alexander reported that the Early Learning Grant awarded to Moray Council from Scottish Government on a population basis is at risk of being reduced as most Local Authorities have had a low uptake of the funded nursery places whereas in Moray there has been a very high uptake of the funded nursery places. Cllr Alexander reported the sad passing of a key member of the local community, John Channon, who was stationed twice at Kinloss and was instrumental in the revival of the Forres and District Pipe Band.

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

**12.1** M La Tourelle reported that the group consulting on a proposed new name have received feedback and a misunderstanding arose. It turned out to be an error and C Low notified all those concerned. M La Tourelle speaking on behalf of the Findhorn Collaboration Circle, reassured everyone that all feedback will be given very careful consideration.

A number of suggestions for the name have been put forward and A Skene asked FKCC to consider and canvas views on these suggestions and report back to her. **ACTION: FKCC members to email A Skene regarding views on the proposed re-naming.**

**12.1** S Dominey highlighted that events were starting to take place again at the Universal Hall and Moray Art Centre now that Covid-19 restrictions were beginning to be eased.

### **Item 13 Planning:**

**13.1** There have been two planning applications submitted of interest 22/00023/PPP which is an application in principle for the development of a site adjacent to Clarepoint in Findhorn for a single dwellinghouse. Members have viewed the application and L Mead noted that there was no plan submitted showing the location of trees on the plot. It was agreed that the size of the plot did not raise any concerns,

however as there was no information regarding the existing trees a response should be submitted seeking reassurance that mature trees within the site will be considered and where possible retained.

**ACTION: A Skene to submit response to Moray Council.**

- 13.2** Correspondence from the community has been received regarding the second application, 22/00001/APP at 43c Findhorn for the alteration and extension of the fisherman's store to a dwelling house. Concerns that have been raised include parking, road safety, the proposed materials, design, adverse impacts on the character of the area, loss of daylight, privacy and amenity for the surrounding properties. The proposal was discussed and it was agreed that an objection would be submitted on the behalf of the community. **ACTION: A Skene to draft and circulate a letter of objection, prior to submission to Moray Council on 31 January 2022. ALL to review draft and any provide comments prior to submission.**

#### **Item 14 Any Other Competent Business:**

**14.1** A Skene proposed the co-option of a new member to the FKCC to fill one of the two current vacancies. Jen O'Hagan is a resident of Kinloss and has served on the FKCC for the two previous terms. The proposal was unanimously agreed. **ACTION: A Skene to contact J O'Hagan and complete and submit co-option paperwork to Moray Council.**

**14.2** Former FKCC member H Grigor has sent through the near complete resilience plans for each community, Findhorn Village, The Park and Kinloss, along with a statement from Kinloss Barracks which needs to be updated (see item 6.2). A Skene thanked all those who had worked hard to prepare the plans, H Grigor, C Brenton, S Dominey and Mark Zosoya from The Park, and D Anderson. The format of the plan and how best it could be communicated with the residents and business in the FKCC area was discussed. It was agreed that the existing resilience planning sub-group should continue with R Hutchinson agreeing to join to replace H Grigor in the long term. **ACTION: Resilience Plan sub-group to meet and discuss next steps including contact updates, consolidation and communication of the plan.**

**14.2** It was highlighted that there have been problems with members being able to access the FKCC Gmail account now that two-step authentication is required. D Anderson is currently set up as administrator. POST MEETING NOTE: D Anderson to investigate issues and seek solution in consultation with IT specialist.

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

**15.1** The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Community Open Day at Morayvia on 12 March 2022 (more details to be provided at next meeting) open to all residents of Kinloss.
- Films, shows and other events at Universal Hall, details of which can be found at: [www.universalhall.co.uk](http://www.universalhall.co.uk)

**Item 16 Date of Next Meeting 24 February 2022 at 7.00pm at James Milne Institute, Findhorn (Covid-19 restrictions permitting)**