

## FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 - James Milne Institute, Findhorn

**Present:** C Brenton (Vice), M La Tourelle, D Anderson (minutes), S Dominey, C Shreenan

**Attendance:** Cllr Creswell, C Low (TFVCC representative), A Griffin (Kinloss Barracks), and two members of the public.

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

**1.1 Apologies:** A Skene (Chair), R Hutchinson, L Mead, J O'Hagan, Cllr Alexander

**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 since the last meeting.

**2.2** There has been no public correspondence during the period between meetings.

#### **Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021:**

**3.1** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate, subject to an amendment to section 4.7 requested by M La Tourelle, and were proposed by S Dominey and seconded by M La Tourelle.

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

**4.1 (2.4)** Some residents may not know some of the newer members of the FKCC. **ACTION: FKCC members to consider having photographs and short biographies publicly available, possibly on a FKCC Facebook Page.** Action to be carried on to next meeting.

**4.2 (2.5)** A Skene contacted the Community Council Liaison officer (CCLO) to find out whether members of the public could attend online Community Council meetings. The CCLO stated that it would be difficult to manage public attendance at online meetings. However she said that she would check guidance. **ACTION: Awaiting update from CCLO.**

**4.3 (4.6)** The post of secretary remains open. **ACTION: Any members interested in being the secretary to contact A Skene.**

**4.4 (4.11)** The Resilience sub-group did not meet in March. **ACTION: D Anderson to set up sub-group meeting during April.**

**4.5 (14.2)** **ACTION: L Mead to set up new email account to enable access to all FKCC members.**

**4.6 (14.4)** C Brenton investigated Facebook and found the existing FKCC page set up by previous FKCC members. Unfortunately the administrator details are unknown and only the administrator can remove the page. **ACTION: A Skene or J O'Hagan to contact previous FKCC members to see if name of administrator can be found out.**

**4.7 (14.6)** Response to Moray Council Electric Vehicle consultation was prepared and was submitted by A Skene (double check with Anne).

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

**5.1** C Low advised that for the last two weekends the motorhome pitches at the west beach car park have all been occupied. TFVCC will also be investigating where further improvements can be made at the motorhome area and on the roads leading to the west beach car park. Preparations for works to improve the toilets are on-going.

**5.2** C Low advised that an open meeting took place on Wednesday 30 March for volunteers to help with the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee in June. The current plan is for a 4 day series of events which would include: the lighting of a Beacon at The Piers, an open day at the Bowling Club, an activity day at the Findhorn Village Centre, a 1950's Ball at the James Milne Institute, a Treasure Hunt, Garden Party at the Yacht Club, a dog show, a Maritime Parade, Street Party and various exhibitions and competitions.

5.3 There has been some vandalism at the beach car park, with fencing being used as fire wood. It is disappointing that this has happened again.

**Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

6.1 The Barracks are seeking a reduction of the speed limit on the B9089 through Kinloss from 40mph to 30mph as a consequence of opening up the Muirton Estate so that it is no longer behind the wire. The Barracks will be 'campaigning hard' for the speed limit to be reduced.

6.2 There will be 420 trees planted over the weekend 1/2/3 April for the 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' (the Queen's Green Canopy) at The Barracks. There will be two trees set aside for the FKCC members to plant at the community-planting event near the Cummings Hall on Saturday 2 April. The Regiment will also be lighting a beacon for the Jubilee on the beach at Kinloss on 2 June. In June it will be the 10 year anniversary of the arrival of 39 Regiment at Kinloss. There will be more news on a celebration for this anniversary nearer to the time.

6.3 The Community consultation event for Kinloss which took place on 12<sup>th</sup> March at Morayvia was well attended by some 115 people throughout the day. The event was supported by Outfit Moray and Moray Food Plus.

**Item 7 Chairperson's Report:**

7.1 A Skene left a note stating that Moray Council officers will be attending the public session of the 26 May meeting at the JMI in Findhorn to present options for the treatment of the Bay side road in Findhorn following complaints about parking and larger vehicles overrunning the footway.

**Item 8 Secretary's Report:**

8.1 There has been no exceptional correspondence since the last FKCC meeting.

**Item 9 Treasurer's Report:**

9.1 C Shreenan reported that the accounts stand at £1,506.46 in the administration account, £1,022.13 in the capital account and there remains £500.00 from the SSE grant. Once the bank has changed the account address there will need to be another signatory for the account. **ACTION: Discuss additional account signatory at next FKCC meeting.**

**Item 10 JCCM Report:**

10.1 The minutes from the Joint Community Council Meeting (JCCM) on 10 February 2022 have been circulated. The next JCCM will be on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (online meeting).

**Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:**

11.1 Cllr Creswell advised that council staff are slowly returning to the offices (currently 30% capacity). She also reminded FKCC that the Auchernack Trust will soon be taking applications for grants again and that the Leancoil Trust is still seeking letters of support for their project and funding applications. Cllr Creswell asked if there had been issues reported with filling in the Census as this time it was the first time it was online. The closure of the Bank of Scotland Forres branch in July is a real issue for local businesses as well as residents, particularly those businesses who are unable to hold money at their premises overnight, as with the closure of the TSB there will be no longer be a bank in Forres.

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

12.1 M La Tourelle stated that she had stepped down from the Collaboration Circle at The Park and sought support for herself and/or S Dominey to be co-opted onto the Collaboration Circle as a FKCC representative. There is a Homes for Ukraine group within The Park who have been seeking to accommodate a Ukrainian family and assist people who would like to support Ukrainian refugees. There will be regular meetings of the group and anyone interested in helping can contact M La

Tourelle for details Email: [maggielatourelle@gmail.com](mailto:maggielatourelle@gmail.com) C Low stated that the Village Centre was offering respite breaks for the children from the Dinipro Orphanage.

**12.2** S Dominey shared that there were plans for more markets within The Park to support local producers and makers. The plans for the Sanctuary re-build are progressing with a consultation taking place on the potential designs.

### **Item 13 Planning:**

**13.1** There have been five planning applications submitted of interest;

- 22/00190/APP alterations and change of use of clubhouse to dwellinghouse at Kinloss Country Golf Club;
- 22/00372/APP Change of house type and erection of ancillary building at Plot 14 Kinloss Country Golf Club;
- 22/00309/APP Vary condition 12 of planning permission 21/01060/APP to amend the occupation of the lodges to not more than 11 months in a calendar year by the same person(s) at Kinloss Country Golf Club;
- 22/00417/APP Erect dwellinghouse on Plot 1 Fairway Heights, Kinloss; and
- 22/00461/APP Alter and extend dwelling house at Ewe House, Whiteinch Small Holdings, Kinloss.

**13.2** There were no queries or concerns raised for any of these recent planning applications.

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

**14.1** The AGM of the Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club took place on 28 March. The club runs regular 'Give it a Go' sessions, details for which can be found on their Facebook page.

**14.2** A Griffin highlighted that Armed Forces Covenant Fund: Force for Change programme awards grants of up to £10,000 for community projects that reduce isolation and promote integration; supporting post-Covid recovery in local Armed Forces communities affected by isolation.

**14.3** There have been a number of dead geese found recently on the Bay. At this time, it is not known why these birds are sick/dying, however it is strongly suspected that it is avian influenza (aka Bird Flu). The sightings have been reported to DEFRA who have collected a dead bird for testing. The community are reminded that the advice on dealing with dead or dying birds is:

- **Do Not** touch or pick up dead or sickly birds.
- Report any dead wildfowl (swans, ducks, geese) to DEFRA's helpline on 03459 33 55 77.
- Dogs should be kept under close control if being exercised in the areas where there are dead/dying birds and should not pick up dead birds.
- Anyone in the community with poultry or domestic wildfowl should exercise strict bio security measures.

**14.4** Cllr Creswell will contact the Council's Environmental Health team to see if there is any further advice and whether it has been confirmed that the dead birds had avian influenza.

**14.5** Any FKCC members interested in attending the Findhorn Village Quiz to contact A Skene (partners welcome subject to space being available on team).

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

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

- Findhorn Village Quiz at the James Milne Institute on 8 April 2022 (open to community groups only).
- 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: 28 April 2022 at 7.00pm at Kinloss Church, Culbin Room (Covid-19 restrictions permitting)**