

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on 27 October 2022 at James Milne Institute, Findhorn

Present: A Skene (Chair), D Anderson (Minutes), R Hutchinson, J Hynam, S Moat,

Attendance: Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Robertson, C Low (TFVCC),

Item 1 Agenda: 1. **a. Apologies:** C Brenton, S Dominey, J O'Hagan, C Shreenan, M La Tourelle.
b. Declaration of Interest: To be declared if necessary.

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 C Stewart and J Smith from the Moray Council Transportation section gave an update presentation following on from the May FKCC meeting they attended, where a series of options to address the issues raised regarding the Bayside Road in Findhorn were discussed (see minutes of May 2022 meeting for full details). 7 residents of Findhorn were present. The presentation reported the results from the questionnaires which were made available at the meeting, and afterwards through request to C Stewart.

The results of the questionnaires showed little support (25% of responses) for the removal of parking alongside the Bayside Road, which is not surprising as parking demand is high in the village and to remove this parking would put pressure on other streets in the village. There was also only limited support for the reduction in the footway width to provide more carriageway space for larger vehicles (33% of responses). Therefore, these two options were not being taken forward. Without narrowing the footway, the demarcation of parking spaces could not be taken forward.

However, taking into account some of the ideas provided by residents in the responses, it was proposed that 'build outs' could be provided at the slip road to The Piers, just to the south of 'The Kimberly' to assist pedestrians crossing from the slips to the footway. A pre-formed road marking showing the warning signage for 'pedestrians in the road' would be put on the carriageway to highlight the presence of pedestrians on the section of road outside 'The Kimberly' and 'The Crown and Anchor' where many people are moving around, particularly during the tourist and holiday seasons.

The officers also reported that two disabled person parking places (DPPP) could be provided, one at the northern end of the parking and one to the south, as there had been requests for on-street DPPP in the past. They confirmed that it is acceptable to provide on-street DPPP as not all disabilities are obvious or related to severe restrictions in mobility.

Safety concerns were raised regarding the traffic on the Bayside Road and the occasions that the drivers of larger vehicles choose to drive along the footway. The officers confirmed that there had been no reported accidents other than a historic occasion when the wing mirror of a parked vehicle was struck and that the drivers of the vehicles on the footway were making a dynamic risk assessment as they did so and travelling very slowly.

Attendees raised concerns about the speed of vehicles. Previous surveys have shown very low vehicle speeds along the road. However, when resources permit, Moray Council will undertake new surveys and share the results with FKCC for reporting at a subsequent meeting.

The next steps are to develop the proposals further and seek a source for funding. The road markings warning of pedestrians in the road and for the DPPP would be installed prior to the start of next tourist season. However, the build outs will require further investigation and design so would be taken forward at a later date (subject to identifying a funding source).

J Smith then reported that there would be works starting shortly at The War Memorial in Findhorn to widen the very narrow footway. There would be no reduction in the width of the carriageway as the widening would be into the garden ground of the adjacent property. The works would be completed prior to the Remembrance Service on 13th November. Any residents wishing to find out more about the proposed traffic calming and road markings can contact James.Smith@moray.gov.uk

A Skene thanked C Stewart and J Smith for the presentation and their hard work investigating the issues raised by some residents and the development of the proposed traffic calming measures.

2.2 The Community Safety Partnership report for September was circulated to all members of FKCC. There were no major or significant issues to report for our area.

Item 3 Ratification of Minute of meeting from 29th September 2022:

3.1 Subject to the updating of the minute paragraph 11.2 to replace 'S Moat' with 'J Hynam', the minutes of the September meeting were agreed as accurate proposed by S Moat and seconded by J Hynam.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4.1 (2.2) C Low has set up the multi-agency meeting in Findhorn on 3rd November to discuss surface water management and flooding mitigation. At the meeting on 3rd November, there will be Representatives from Moray Council, Scottish Water, FKCC, TFVCC, and the residents affected by surface water flooding. There is also an event at Forres Town Hall on Thursday 3rd November 1.30 to 7.00pm where residents can get advice on flood mitigation measures for their properties.

4.2 (4.1) A Skene has contacted Moray Council's Waste Management team and new stickers have been ordered for the new bins in Findhorn to highlight that dog waste can be placed in the bins.

4.3 (4.2) A Skene wrote to the Moray Council regarding the historic mirror at the junction of the B9089/C6E Station Road. Moray Council responded that the mirror had been removed prior to 2009 and that the use of such mirrors is not supported. However, they are sending an officer to take measurements at the junction to see if the available visibility towards Kinloss Barracks is acceptable.

ACTION: A Skene to report follow up correspondence from Moray Council at next meeting.

4.4 (4.4) Resilience Subgroup met on 13th October 2022 and discussed how the next steps would be identified. There is a Moray Council Community Resilience: Information Event between 10.30 and 13.30 on Thursday 24 November at Elgin Town Hall. It was agreed that as many team members as possible would attend that event to find out information on the best way that community resilience can be delivered and a follow up sub-group meeting would take place after that event. **ACTION: On-going.**

4.5 (4.5) The forwarding of emails to new address has been completed.

4.6 (4.6) J O'Hagan has contacted Kieran's Legacy regarding the purchase of a defibrillator for Southside and is still awaiting further details. **ACTION: C Brenton & J O'Hagan to liaise further with Keiran's Legacy and feedback at next meeting.**

4.7 (4.7) S Moat posted a reminder on FKCC social media reminding cyclists not to cycle on the footways and providing a link to report such incidents to Police Scotland.

4.8 (4.8) A Skene has passed copies of keys for the Kinloss Noticeboard to S Moat and Findhorn Noticeboard to D Anderson.

4.9 (5.1) A Skene has passed details of the Fair Transition Fund to C Low of TFVCC.

4.10 (9.2) A Skene reported that the Annual Accounts have been audited.

4.11 (13.1) A Skene has emailed Moray Council with regard to planning application 22/01369/APP and the current guidance on the erection of PV solar panels in the Findhorn Village Conservation Area.

4.12 (14.1) S Moat has confirmed that a warning of thefts from gardens was posted on social media.

4.13 (14.2) R Hutchinson confirmed that he will lay the wreath at Findhorn War Memorial during the Remembrance Service.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:

5.1 C Low gave an update on the toilet blocks in Findhorn where the winterising work is progressing on the block nearest to the road. The Community Asset Transfer for the toilets has been completed,

although TFVCC are still awaiting copies of the final paperwork. Works are also on-going on the Dunes Road where two types of surfaces are being tested and road humps have been installed. There is now a coffee van at the beach car park on a daily basis and on Saturday 29th October a mobile sauna will be in the car park offering trial sessions.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 A Griffin sent a written report which stated that the Regiment remain deployed until Christmas. Works on the new accommodation block have started and apologies were sent for any residents left without water on 26th October when some unexpected water pipes were damaged during the digging of foundations for the block. This has been resolved now, however, there will be some disruption on the B9089 outside the Base in the next few weeks to allow access for the heavy plant used for construction.

A Griffin will contact C Low to arrange a meeting regarding the Findhorn Beach Steps.

The Army will be present at Remembrance Services at six locations across Moray, including Findhorn, Kinloss and at the parade in Forres. They will also be selling Poppies in Forres Tesco from the 31st October to 4th November.

Item 7 Chairpersons report:

7.1 No report.

Item 8 Secretary's report/Correspondence:

8.1 No report.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 C Shreenan sent a report confirming that the bank balance is £3,250.56 which is made up of:

Balance C/F TMC admin grant	£ 1,728.43
Balance C/F Capital funds	£ 1,022.13
Balance C/F SSE grant	£ 500.00

9.2 The accounts have been audited by the Treasurer of the Royal British Legion. An honorarium of £40 will be paid. The account will then be sent to D Duke, Moray Council Community Liaison Officer.

9.3 C Low asked if the remainder of the SSE grant could be used for improvements to the children's Play Park in Findhorn. A Skene advised that a written proposal could be presented for consideration at the next community council meeting. **ACTION: C Low to submit written proposal to A Skene.**

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 Next meeting is at 7pm on 10th November 2022 at Elgin Town Hall.

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:

11.1 Cllr Lawrence reported on the relevant items considered at the recent Planning and Regulatory Services Committee, namely a single plot at North Whins, The Park, Findhorn and the Town Centre Improvement Plans, which include a plan for Forres which can be viewed on the Moray Council website. The Forres plan includes the development of a Heritage Trail, improvements to the square in front of the Falconer Museum and a shop front improvement scheme.

11.2 Cllr Robertson reported that there is a Special Meeting on 7th November when the timing of the replacement of Forres Academy will be considered, along with matters relating to attainment and Active Schools. Consideration of Additional Support Needs and Early Learning Services will be deferred until the December Committee. J Hynam asked where further information on these matters can be found. Cllr Robertson advised that committee papers (unless they are confidential) are

published on the Moray Council website one week before the meetings on the Committee Services pages. Cllr Robertson also reported that she had undertaken service visits to the Council's IT Department and to Social Care. It was noted that the temporary flats in Varis Court, Forres will soon be available for use again.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village report:

12.1 No report provided.

Item 13 Planning:

13.1 Two planning applications have been submitted for the FKCC area and were discussed during the meeting.

22/01405/APP Renew temporary consent 19/1209/APP to site portable office building adjacent to The Phoenix, 156 The Park, Findhorn - no objections.

22/01342/APP Alter and extend dwellinghouse, remove oil tank and install new air source heat pump at 200 Findhorn **ACTION: FKCC members to review and email A Skene with any comments.**

Planning application 22/00023/APP for the erection of a dwellinghouse within the grounds of Clarepoint, Findhorn has been withdrawn.

Planning Application 22/00001/APP for the extension, alteration and change of use of 43C Findhorn to a dwelling house has also been withdrawn.

Item 14 Any Other Competent Business:

14.1 Preparations for Remembrance Sunday being led by J O'Hagan (written report) are nearing completion with pipers arranged for both services. Police Scotland will close the road at Findhorn, assisted by two volunteers. Cllr Van Der Horn will lay the Moray Council wreath at Findhorn and Cllr McBain at Kinloss. S Moat will lay the FKCC wreath at Kinloss and R Hutchison at Findhorn.

A Skene thanked J O'Hagan in her absence for the fantastic job she has done organising the events, particularly bearing in mind that she has a very busy full-time job.

14.2 The Findhorn Resident's association have raised the issue of size and siting of the new waste bins in Findhorn with the Moray Council Waste Management Team as they are considered to be too prominent by some members of the community and there has been no consultation.

14.3 There will be an online planning training session provided for community council members by the Moray Council Development Management Team on Wednesday 23rd November at 6.30pm.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

15.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall promotions can be seen on website universalhall.co.uk
- Thursday 3rd November Flood Advice Event at Forres Town Hall from 1.30 to 7.00 pm
- Sunday 13th November Remembrance Services at Kinloss Abbey & Findhorn Church.
- Thursday 17th November TSi Moray Meet the Funder Event 10.00 - 3.00pm at Elgin Town Hall. Free Event but booking is required through Eventbrite
- Saturday 3rd December switching on event for Forres Christmas Lights.
- Weekend of 10th/11th December Christmas Market at The Park Eco-Village, Findhorn (stall holders can contact park.market@findhorn.org for further details).

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 24th November October, 7pm in the Culbin Room at Kinloss Church.