

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 26th May 2022 – James Milne Institute, Findhorn.

Present: A Skene (Chair), C Brenton (Vice-Chair), D Anderson (minutes), J O'Hagan, S Dominey, C Shreenan, R Hutchinson

Attendance: Cllr McBain, A Griffin (Kinloss Barracks), D Duke (Moray Council Community Council Liaison), C Low (TFVCC).

Item 1 Agenda:

1.1 Apologies: L Mead, M La Tourelle, Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Robertson, Cllr Van Der Horn

1.2 Declaration of Interest: D Anderson declared an interest in the Moray Council presentation on the Bay Road, Findhorn as she is the Senior Engineer for the Moray Council's Transportation section.

Item 2 Public Session:

2 Moray Council Presentation on Parking on Bay Side Road, Findhorn

C Stewart and J Smith from the Moray Council Transportation section gave a presentation on the issues raised by residents regarding parking and traffic on the Bayside Road in Findhorn. 16 residents of Findhorn attended the presentation. The presentation addressed the concerns that Moray Council had received regarding parking on the Bayside Road and the use of the footway by larger vehicles to pass parked vehicles. Council officers presented four possible options to addressing these concerns, based on observations of behaviours and the available road space between boundary walls and the sea defences. The options included Option 1: the restriction of all vehicles parking on the road, Option 2: narrowing the footway to a minimum of 1.5 metres to provide a wider running lane past parked vehicles coupled with parking restrictions at 'pinch points', Option 3: Option 2 measures and the creation of formal parking bays, and Option 4: make no physical changes. All options which included works to the road would be subject to the identification of a funding source and investigation into constraints such as where utilities are present.

A question and answer session followed the presentation where ideas such as residents parking schemes were put forward and concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the Bayside Road, in particular near The Kimberly pub, were raised. The officers agreed to undertake a survey to determine vehicle speeds at this particular location (previous surveys had been further to the south of this location). Concerns were also raised that the signage to the designated parking areas at the beach were not prominent enough. The officers agreed to review the signage but added caution that additional signage would have an impact on the conservation area.

A feedback forms were made available and officers moved to the Osprey Room to answer any further questions. The consultation period closes on 12th June 2022. Any residents wishing to see a copy of the presentation or obtain a copy of the feedback form can contact carol.stewart@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 some possible solutions.

2.1 Community Safety/Police Report/Speeding in the community –The Community Safety Partnership report for April was sent to members of the FKCC. A Skene highlighted that due to their workload it is unlikely that there will be Police attendance at Community Council meetings.

2.2 There were two items of public correspondence during the period between meetings relating to requests to be co-opted onto the community council (see Item 14 below).

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 28th April 2022:

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate and were proposed by J O'Hagan and seconded by C Shreenan.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4.1 (4.11) The Resilience sub-group met on 16th May and discussed the collation of the area plans into a separate document. A further meeting has been set up for 13th June to further this work.

ACTION: Sub-group to provide update at next meeting.

4.2 (14.2) L Mead has been working with 3rd Pixel to set up a new email address. 3rd Pixel will host the service and a new website free of charge. There will be an annual subscription to company which provide the domain name. **ACTION: Once new email has been set up, A Skene to share details with D Duke so Moray Council website can be updated with the new contact details.**

4.3 (14.4) New Facebook page for FKCC will be set up as part of new website.

4.4 (6.4) A Skene wrote to Orbex requesting advance notice of activities so the community can know what to expect. Orbex have agreed to liaise prior to such activities.

4.5 (13.2) A Skene wrote to Moray Council regarding the recent planning applications at Kinloss Country Golf Club.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:

5.1 No report. TFVCC have supplied the results of their parking survey. However this is in a 'raw' format with no analysis. D Anderson asked if TFVCC could provide a summary of the findings of the survey and share with the FKCC.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 At this time there is a deployment in Germany. From 3 June to 2 September the regiment will be on UK Stand-by for resilience tasking.

6.2 The regiment has been very busy with community engagement, and this continues into June with assisting the community by fixing of the beach steps and releasing stuck moorings in Findhorn and assisting with renovations at Kinloss Abbey. There will also be a series of camps for young people and STEM activities continue at schools. Through the provision of STEM activities at the schools the Army is also helping young people build resilience, learn about teamwork, leadership and respect.

6.3 In June it will be 10 years since the 39 Engineers came to Kinloss Barracks and there will be Families Day to celebrate this anniversary.

Item 7 Chairperson's Report:

7.1 No report.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 No report.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 C Shreenan reported that the accounts stand at £1,474.46 in the administration account, £1,022.13 in the capital account and there remains £500.00 from the SSE grant. The treasurer awaits a change of address from the bank.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 A JCCM took place on 12th May 2022 (online meeting). A Skene reported that there was a Presentation from Inspector J Young of Police Scotland on the TASER programme. In 2017 Tasers were adopted in Scotland with a pilot training of 500 officers and by 2023 there will be 2000 officers in Scotland trained to use Tasers. There is one Taser hub in Moray at Elgin police station but there are plans to have additional hubs in Forres and Buckie. In Moray there are currently 8 specially trained officers but with the new hubs, this will increase to 20 and then 30 over the next year. In

Scotland, Tasers are not discharged 85% of the time but violent incidences have been de-escalated by their presence. There have been no discharges in Moray since 2018.

10.2 The Community Council Liaison Officer highlighted that training opportunities and networking sessions are being planned for Community Councils. There will possibly be training on Planning at the end of June.

10.3 Zero Carbon Moray - A subgroup has been formed to take forward the promotion of a just transition to zero carbon Moray and to investigate ways to alleviate fuel poverty. A seminar is being planned for 25 June in Elgin town hall when there will be talks and stalls about renewables and improving home energy. It is planned to get funders and interested parties in the same room. There will be press releases soon.

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:

11.1 Cllr McBain introduced himself and gave a brief description of his background and approach. As a Conservative Councillor he is part of the Administration and will be on the Planning Committee. He confirmed that as a part of a minority Administration, he is looking to work across the Council for all of Moray. He confirmed that in discussion with the other Forres Ward Councillors, they are aiming for at least two councillors to attend each community council meeting in the ward.

11.2 Cllr Van Der Horn submitted a written report prior to the meeting. He has been in touch with Orbex who confirmed that they are unable to receive visitors at the moment. However they did raise the issue that a lack of housing is considered to be a block to employment, which leads to the wider issue of affordable housing. He is seeking an update on the actions to address the road safety concerns raised at Kinloss Primary School and how improvements might be made to the cycle path adjacent to Findhorn Road in Kinloss. He has also been questioning why the bay is categorised as a Local Nature Reserve and not a National one. Finally he has offered to do 'walk and talk' surgeries within the communities to identify where improvements could be made.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

12.1 S Dominey highlighted that there is a comprehensive programme of events at the Universal Hall over the coming months (see link in item 15 below). She also confirmed that the discussions regarding the renaming of the community at The Park are on-going and there will be consultation to listen to all views.

Item 13 Planning

13.1 22/00389/APP Rotate position of house on plot 1 previously approved 17/01906/APP to avoid sewer pipe on site. No issues were raised regarding this application.

Item 14 Any Other Competent Business:

14.1 L Mead has submitted her resignation to the FKCC, which reduces the number of members to eight. During May two residents contacted FKCC seeing co-option onto the Community Council, Shaun Moat and James Hynam, who both live in Kinloss. Their statements were read out and their co-option was agreed. This means that the community council now has a full complement of members, with three members from Findhorn village, two from The Park and five from Kinloss.

ACTION: A Skene to write to S Moat and J Hynam to confirm their co-option.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

15.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Films, shows and other events at Universal Hall, details of which can be found at: www.universalhall.co.uk
- Jubilee Celebrations Findhorn Village 2nd to 5th June – various events.

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting: 30th June 2022, 7.00pm at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss.
(Covid-19 restrictions permitting)

