

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 30th June 2022 – Culbin Room, Kinloss Church

Present: A Skene (Chair), J O'Hagan, C Brenton (Vice-Chair), S Dominey, R Hutchinson, C Shreenan, M La Tourelle, S Moat, J Hynam

Attendance: C Hunt (TFVCC), A Griffin (Kinloss Barracks), Cllr Robertson, Cllr McBain

Item 1 Agenda:

1.1 Apologies: D Anderson, Cllr Lawrence

1.2 Declaration of Interest: To be declared if necessary.

1.3 A Skene formally welcomed S Moat and J Hynam as co-opted members of the F&KCC.

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 The Community Safety Partnership report for May was sent to members of the FKCC. There was a discussion regarding Police attendance at CC meetings and a wish to have a report that focused on our CC area. A Skene agreed to contact the Police and raise the issues discussed at this meeting.

ACTION: A Skene to contact Police re: attendance at F&KCC mtgs and CSP report

2.2 A Skene advised she has received correspondence from a resident in Kinloss, raising concerns regarding the 6 new houses being built opposite the church. A Skene advised that she has engaged in email correspondence with the resident, outlining the CC's responses in 2017, where numerous objections were made. A Skene has referred the resident to the original planning application and planning report of handling. The application was subsequently approved with 14 conditions attached and the resident has been advised of this, therefore, the matter is closed to this CC.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 26th May 2022:

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

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. Meeting was cancelled (Covid related), to be rearranged.

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 the company which provides 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. Update: To be arranged this week.

4.3 Co-option of two new members.

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

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:

5.1 C Hunt provided an update on the main focus for TFVCC this year, that of the CAT transfer of 2 toilet blocks in Findhorn. This has not yet been completed, given a legal issue that needs resolving around boundaries, however, TFVCC has received a grant to undertake works on the toilets. A planning application has been submitted for a disabled toilet and shower facility and also for an open shower. They have also applied to join the main drainage for the toilets, rather than a tank. TFVCC are hoping to complete the closed toilet block by the autumn, including widening the access for

disabled access and possibly connecting to power. C Hunt advised there has been a lot of correspondence regarding parking along the front in Findhorn. C Hunt has researched the verge on the bay side and found that whilst this belongs to TFVCC, as the road is adopted, the upkeep of the verge is Moray Council's responsibility. C Hunt referred to a Scottish National Heritage report in 2013, that also confirms that Councils are responsible for the verges. C Hunt advised that the verge is fast deteriorating due to increased footfall and requires attention. It was acknowledged that the verge is closely related to the ongoing discussion regarding parking, but also a separate issue.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

6.1 A Griffin provided an update, advising there will be increased movement around the Moray community beginning this weekend, whilst 39 Engr. Regt. go on regimental exercise, which is due to complete on 12th July. A Griffin advised there will be increased traffic and activity during a one day car rally on the runway during July. Concerns were raised regarding noise pollution, however, this is governed by an entertainment licence. A Griffin advised they are gearing up for the regimental stand-down for this summer, commencing the last week of July for 3 weeks. There has been a delay in the work for Findhorn beach steps, due to a new policy regarding the safety and insurance of service personnel for construction tasks off the base. A Griffin advises there has been no report from Orbex. There was also a reminder that, whilst Kinloss is no longer an airfield, there is still a restriction on the use of drones in the area, as they are a military base. J Hynam enquired about hedge cutting between Kinloss Primary School and Cumming Hall; A Griffin advised this is in hand. S Moat enquired about any progress regarding the speed limit in Kinloss. A Griffin advised that there has been no shift, however, an internal gate has been made available for families to access. Cllr McBain advised this had been raised at Council and he will continue to debate this issue. A Griffin advised there had been a very successful youth camp with the STEM team and they are looking for new members to increase numbers in this team.

Item 7 Chairperson's Report:

7.1 A Skene gave thanks to S Moat for setting up the F&KCC website which requires some more work, and the email account. Community Cllrs are encouraged to provide photographs to be uploaded onto the website. A Skene provided an update on the Kinloss Community Engagement Meeting held on 27th June; four members of this CC attended. A draft programme of events was discussed at that meeting and includes STEM workshops, soup and sweet in partnership with Moray Food Plus and Kinloss Church and family cinema nights at Morayvia. These events will provide further opportunities for consultation regarding funds to be spent and will ensure every demographic is consulted.

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

8.1 No report.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 C Shreenan advised that a grant has been received from the Council of £366.22, taking the administration account to £1805.68 and the capital account to £1022.13. There remains £500.00 from the SSE grant. The total balance stands at £3,327.81. The Treasurer is still awaiting the change of address from the bank.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

10.1 A Skene advised there have been no meetings since May and the next meeting is on Thursday 11th August at 7 p.m. A Skene sends her apologies for this meeting and invited other members of the CC to attend. A Skene will send information out nearer the time.

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:

11.1 Cllr Robertson advised the full cycle of committees has just been completed and this has been a big learning curve. Cllr Robertson provided an overview of her experience to date, explaining that a good majority of the current Councillors are completely new to the role. Cllr Robertson advised she is looking forward to settling into the role and doing good work for Moray, as she has been elected to do.

11.2 Cllr McBain advised that the role is much more than he had anticipated and the corporate work plays a big role. Cllr McBain advised that the new licencing for Air B&B has to come into force by 31st October, so this will require planning and attention. Cllr McBain advised that whilst the community work is more familiar to him, the corporate role around subjects such as planning, will also be a steep learning curve for him. Cllr McBain advised that he has raised the issue of school patrolling and he will continue to raise this issue; rather than a person however, this may involve changes to infrastructure. Cllr McBain advised the importance of all Councillors working together.

11.3 A Skene enquired about Cllrs key responsibilities and which committees they sat on. Cllr Robertson advised that she is the Chair of the Education committee and Vice Chair of Corporate and she sits on the Economic Development and Infrastructure and on the Licencing Committee. Cllr Robertson is also Leader of the Conservative Group and Co-Leader of the Council. Cllr Robertson advised that it has been a difficult time with regards to getting to know everyone in Council, as many staff are still working from home. Cllr McBain advised that he is the Chair of the Appeals Committee and sits on the Licencing Committee. Cllr McBain is also on the Planning Committee and the sub-committee of High Trans and Transport. In total, Cllr McBain sits on 6 committees. A Griffin enquired whether a new Armed Forces Champion had been voted in and Cllrs confirmed there had been and provided A Griffin with a name.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:

12.1 S Dominey advised it feels lively in The Park and the campsite has been full and there has been really good feedback regarding the new shower and toilet block. There is lots on the programme for the Universal Hall and a concert held last week. 'Hearts around Ukraine' for refugees, raised £12k. There was a farmers market held last Saturday, which was focussed on crafts, rather than food, with lots of attendees. S Dominey advised that The Park flower meadow is well worth a visit (site where the community centre previously stood).

12.2 M La Tourelle advised she is interested in attending training on planning, provided by Moray Council and will await further details. M La Tourelle advised she has an interest in Homes for Ukraine and was part of a group renovating an old bungalow, that is now ready, to house a family. There is a lot of resources being put in to help refugees from Ukraine and M La Tourelle offered to speak with anyone interested in this subject. M La Tourelle has been very involved in the naming of The Park; she advises that the Foundation has reduced over the years and it is now much more about the community. The Findhorn Foundation will retain its name, but the community needs a new name. M La Tourelle advised she is aware of the sensitivities on this matter and has set up a meeting on 5th July with representative from the village and The Park. M La Tourelle advised the meeting is not about choosing a name, but about building relationships.

Item 13 Planning

13.1 22/00861/APP Extension to Findhorn Beach Car Park toilet block to provide disabled toilet and shower facility. – Already discussed under TFVCC – no objections.

13.2 22/00693/APP Vary condition imposed on 20/00651/APP to a change of roof finish on roof structure from zinc standing seam, to natural slate at Alba, 195 Findhorn. No objections.

Item 14 Any Other Competent Business:

14.1 A Skene reminded everyone that she has sent out information regarding training opportunities for CCllrs. There is a session for Treasurer, Secretarial and minute taking and the date for the training session on planning has yet to be confirmed.

14.2 S Moat reported that he has been working on the FB page with C Brenton and the page is now live and a logo needs to be agreed. So far, there are over 119 followers. S Moat and C Brenton have been sharing content. S Moat volunteered to take on the roles of marketing and PR for the CC and this was welcomed by all.

14.3 S Moat advised he is the Chair of Forres Skate Park Initiative (a SCIO) and they are currently investigating a skate park to the rear of the squash courts. There have been 2 public consultations and the issue is sitting with legal. The projected cost has increased enormously since pre-pandemic, with an estimate now of £750K. S Moat commented that he had been out in Vienenburg last week and Forres and District Pipe Band had performed with the Federal Police Orchestra of Hanover and the State Police of Lower Saxony; this was a moving piece and did Forres and District proud.

14.4 J O'Hagan advised she had attended the Kieran's Legacy Summer Charity Event recently, which had been a moving evening of entertainment, raising awareness of defibs and celebration of what would have been, Kieran's 21st birthday during the pandemic. The event raised over £8k for the important work the charity undertakes. J O'Hagan will contact Kieran's Legacy for support with defibs on Southside in Kinloss.

ACTION: J O'Hagan to contact Kieran's Legacy re defibs advice for Southside

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

15.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Films, shows and other events at the Universal Hall, details of which can be found at: www.universalhall.co.uk
- Last Sunday of the month – tour of Kinloss Abbey 2 p.m.
- Morayvia programme of community events
- Findhorn Fair – Sunday 17th July in the afternoon.

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting: 25th August 2022, 7.00pm at JMI, Findhorn. (Covid-19 restrictions permitting)