



Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 30 March 2023 at Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Vice-Chair	D Low	Kinloss Barracks
D Anderson	Minute Secretary	C Low	TFVCC
S Moat		Moray Councilors	
R Hutchinson		Cllr Lawrence	
M La Tourelle		Members of Public	None

Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – C Brenton (Vice-Chair), J Hynam, S Dominey, J O’Hagan
- b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs,

Item 2 – Public Session

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – no incidents reported in the FKCC area
 - b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence
- No public business (covered in Item 4.0 Matters Arising and Item 14.0 AOCB)

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 23rd February 2023 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church

3.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as being accurate, proposed by R Hutchinson and seconded by M La Tourelle.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

- 4.1 2.b** C Brenton has prepared and sent a response to the enquiry regarding improvements to the Playing Field in Findhorn, raising a number questions in relation to on-going maintenance etc. and is awaiting a response. No further action until a response has been received.
- 4.2 (4.1) (4.2)** Cllr Van Der Horn has contacted Nature Scot for an update on Avian Flu within the wild bird population and shared the information via an email. The information passed from Nature Scot for the current ‘Flu Season’ confirmed that up to 17 February 12 wild birds in Moray had been tested for Avian Flu of which 10 were found to be positive.
- 4.3 (4.2) (4.3)** Now that a defibrillator has been secured for Southside in Kinloss, C Brenton and J O’Hagan will provide an update on fundraising to cover the on-going maintenance of the equipment. No further action required at this time.
- 4.4 (9.2)** S Moat has changed the Bank for the FKCC account; see Item 9.0 Treasurer’s Report.
- 4.5 (13.1)** No comments were received on planning application 23/00203/APP, therefore no response submitted to Moray Council.
- 4.6 (14.1)** R Hutchinson exchanged contact details with D Low for the Watershed Sauna funded Well-Being sessions for the local community. These sessions have now ended and have been well attended and very successful.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 C Low provided an update on the refurbishment of the toilet blocks. The dis-used urinal, which was taken from the southern toilet block earlier in March, has not been found. Works are taking longer than anticipated and costing more due to the lack of previous maintenance. Moray Council has supplied drainage infrastructure for the improvements which are to take place on Bakehouse Lane during week commencing 4 April. They have cleared

some of the road gullies in the village. However, the presence of parked vehicles meant that not all could be cleared during their visit. Should there be a further visits, advance notice should be given so TFVCC can identify owners and ask them to move their vehicles. On Monday 10 April from 3.00pm until 7.00pm there will be a drop-in session held in the Findhorn Village Centre to inform residents of flood prevention measures for their homes. This is a joint session with Moray Council officers and Scottish Water in attendance.

5.2 Down at the point there are works underway to protect the nesting area of the Ringed Plovers, with a fenced off area and signage to ask people not to walk in the area and to keep dogs on a lead. Works to re-build the Beach Steps will cost more than anticipated due to rising costs of the marine grade timber required for the works. There is a funding shortfall and a 'Just Giving' page is being set up to raise additional funds.

5.3 Discussions regarding the future of the Church in Findhorn are ongoing and plans are underway for the Coronation celebrations in May. Various ideas have been put forward, including opportunities to volunteer for the 'Big Help Out' on Monday 8 May. A further meeting to organise the events will take place.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 There are no training exercises or engine testing planned for April. However, there may be flight training in the area and there will be deer management on 29/30 April. Dialogue is ongoing with TFVCC regarding assistance with the re-construction of the Beach Steps in Findhorn. At this time, there is nothing specific planned at the Barracks for the King's Coronation. However, there will be duties for the regiment in the lead up and during the coronation.

Item 7 Chairs Report

7.1 It was agreed to utilise the remaining £500 SSEN Grant to support the Water Safety sessions for children and young adults which are being organized by the Findhorn Resident's Association. Details of the sessions are in Item 15.0 Forthcoming Events.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 No Secretary's Report this month.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 S Moat reported that the bank balance is £3,505.03, which is made up of:

Balance C/F TMC admin grant	£ 1,982.90
Balance C/F Capital funds	£ 1,022.13
Balance C/F SSE grant	£ 500.00

9.2 The previous bank account for FKCC has been closed and a new bank account opened.

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 The draft minutes for the JCC meeting on Thursday 9 February 2023 have been shared. The next JCC Meeting will be on Thursday 11th May at 7.00pm in the Supper Room at Elgin Town Hall

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report

11.1 Cllr Lawrence reported that there are going to be discussions with the MOD regarding the coastal erosion and the loss of the Moray Coast Trail along the boundary of the Barracks. In the past the MOD have permitted the relocation of the boundary fence to enable a re-routing of the path. It is hoped that an agreement to relocate the fence can be reached again. The issue of the Southside development's roads not being adopted by the Council has been raised with Cllr Lawrence. However the road and various supporting infrastructure (drainage and street lighting) would need to be brought up to Council standards which would require significant expenditure by the Southside community before it could be included on the List of Public Roads and maintained in the future by the Council. The Integrated Health Board are setting up local oversight groups for healthcare provision. It is understood that Community Councils will be asked if they wish to have a representative on the group. Clarification will be sought and representation discussed at the next Community Council meeting in April. **ACTION: A Skene to seek clarification**

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco Village Report

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that a draft Local Place Plan has been submitted to the Moray Council as part of the review of the Local Development Plan. A further submission will be made by the architect working with the community. **ACTION: Local Place Plans for Findhorn village and Kinloss to be included as an item for the next FKCC meeting**

12.2 The Resilience Plan for the Park Eco Village has been progressing. Five areas have been defined, with local representatives for each area gathering information. Consideration is being given to how to deal with fires (local fire warden) and prolonged power outage (local power supply and places where heating and cooking can take place without electricity). It is understood that the household resilience booklet is to be posted out by the Moray Council in the near future. The redesign of the Moray Council's Resilience Plan template has been completed and for the Park Eco Village, the written document is 90% complete. **ACTION: Resilience Planning to be included as an item for the next FKCC meeting**

Item 13 Planning

13.1 Three planning applications have been submitted for the FKCC area and were discussed during the meeting. 23/00398/APP Changes at the access at Seapark House, Kinloss to provide a visibility splay. There were no objections or comments on what was considered a road safety improvement.

22/01581/APP Erect 2 dwellinghouses and garages on Plots 3 and 6 Seapark House, Kinloss. No objections or comments on this proposed development.

23/00119/APP Demolish existing cottage and erect new dwelling house at Dorranglea, Milton Brodie, Kinloss. The only comment was that there were no details on the proposals for the new dwelling. POST MEETING NOTE: Elevations of the proposed dwelling are not available to the public online. D Anderson has raised this with Moray Council.

Item 14 Any Other Competent Business

14.1 Coronation Planning has been covered in Item 5.3 and Resilience Planning in Item 12.2.

14.2 S Moat highlighted that the Osprey Bus is available for use by groups, which meet the aims of the charity, serving children and young people, the elderly and groups associated with disabled persons. He also provided an update on the Forres Skate Park, which raised £500 at a recent Film Night and is now in the pre-check stage of a Community Asset Transfer.

14.3 R Hutchinson queried who was responsible for answering emails in the shared inbox in the absence of a Secretary. **ACTION: S Moat to set up a FKCC What's App group to co-ordinate responses to emails.**

14.3 D Anderson reported that the A940/Orchard Road Traffic Signals in Forres were now operational. POST MEETING NOTE: Moray Council Transportation are currently consulting on schemes at three other locations in Forres. Details of the consultation can be found at: www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_147203.html

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events

15.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall promotions can be seen on website www.universalhall.co.uk
- Water Safety Training for Children and Young Adults Monday 3 April at 2pm and Monday 10 April at 6pm, Findhorn Marina for details: www.North58.co.uk/water-safety
- Flood Prevention and Protection Drop-in Session Monday 10th April 3.00 – 7.00pm at Findhorn Village Centre
- Kinloss Krafty Kids Club, Kinloss Mondays between 9.00 and 11.00 Coffee and Games (free).

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th April 2023, 7.00pm at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church.