



Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

DRAFT Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	D Low	Kinloss Barracks
M La Tourelle	Vice Chairperson	C Low	TVFCC
D Anderson	Minute Secretary		
A Shepherd		Moray Councilors	
S Worth		Cllr Van Der Horn	
		Members of Public	
		None	

Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – S Dominey, R Hutchinson, S Moat, Cllr Robertson
- b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

Item 2 – Public Session

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – no known incidents reported in the FKCC area.
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence -
 - i) A Griffin contacted A Skene with regard to the outstanding MOD contribution related to the sale of the Southside estate. There remains monies on account which can be utilised to deliver projects identified in the Kinloss Community Plan. **ACTION: A Skene to write to A Griffin to set up a meeting to discuss the utilisation of the funds and any need for further public consultation.** (Following Co-option, A Shepherd agreed to attend as a resident of Kinloss)
- c. Co-option of new member and Associate member. Election of new Vice-Chair
 - i) A Shepherd has now been a Kinloss resident for the requisite period of time and was co-opted onto the community council, proposed by S Worth and seconded by M La Tourelle.
 - ii) S Moat sent an email stating that he is now no-longer resident in Kinloss and formally stepped down from the community council but wished to be an Associate member. S Moat has acted as Treasurer and supports the community council with respect to data protection and social media. M La Tourelle proposed that S Moat becomes an Associate member of the community council and was seconded by S Worth.
 - iii) As S Moat is no longer a full member of the community council, he is no longer eligible to be vice-chairperson. A Skene proposed M La Tourelle as the new vice-chairperson, seconded by S Worth.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 30th November 2023 Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

3.1 Subject to amendments to items 4.6 and 4.14, the minutes of the meeting were agreed as being accurate, proposed by S Worth and seconded by M La Tourelle.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.1 (4.2) (4.2) (4.4) (4.6) (12.1) The setting up of a shared Google drive for documents, minutes, agendas was completed on 30 November and the link to the drive shared with all community council members.

4.2 (4.3) (4.3) (4.5) (4.8) (14.1) The updating of the draft flyer is on-going. **ACTION: S Moat to circulate updated draft flyer. ALL: provide comments to S Moat before next meeting.**

4.3 (4.4) (4.4) (4.9) (14.1) The changes to the FKCC bank account to remove C Brenton and add a third signatory (D Anderson) are ongoing. **ACTION: S Moat to contact C Brenton**

4.4 (4.11) (13.3) Consideration the terms of reference for resilience planning to be discussed at next meeting as R Hutchinson was not present. **ACTION: ALL FKCC to review terms of reference and pass any queries to him prior to the next meeting.**

4.5 (4.14) (15.2) D Anderson has yet to contact the James Milne Institute to see if they are willing to display the framed Armed Forces Covenant Bronze Award in the Osprey Room. **ACTION: D Anderson to contact JMI to see if they are willing for the award to be displayed.**

4.6 (6.1) D Low sent an email in December regarding deer management and some training activities on the barracks. However there was excessive noise associated with the training or aircraft exercises during that period.

4.7 (6.2) D Low confirmed that the suggestions to change the start time and routing of any future motor sports events on the airfield had been passed to Condor Motor Sports.

4.8 (8.1) The response to the Community Council Liaison Officer was sent regarding the Local Review for planning application 23/00976/APP.

4.9 (13.2) The deadline for the SSE resilience funding was missed. M La Tourelle has been exploring if there are any other funding sources which could be utilised.

4.10 (14.1) S Worth sent responses to planning applications 23/01888/LBC, 23/01889/APP and 23/02019/AMC.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC)

5.1 C Low shared that the Dunes Road/track works have been completed using a higher grade material which is more durable and that works on the boardwalks were on-going and due to be finished in February. Enabling works for the payment barrier at the West Beach Car Park have been completed and there will also be some works shortly to fill in potholes which have formed at the West Beach car park,

5.2 The height control barrier at the West Beach car park has been damaged (struck by a vehicle) and will require repair/replacement. Any persons knowing the circumstances/details relating to the damage of the barrier should contact TFVCC.

5.3 The southern toilet block remains closed for the winter but will be opened in April.

5.4 During the recent heavy rainfall there has been no adverse flooding on The Bakehouse Lane which indicates that the mitigation works have been successful. However there have been some other locations where surface water flooding occurred.

5.5 The last service at Findhorn church was held on 7th January. TFVCC have expressed an interest in purchasing the building on behalf of the community. Any ideas for the future use of the building can be submitted via the suggestion box in the Findhorn Village Centre.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 Deer management activities are scheduled for 28th January and the 3rd/4th February. Should the quota for deer management not be met then there will be further activities on 17th/18th February. There is no rough shooting scheduled for February. Military training: there will be troop and vehicle movements but no excessive noise anticipated. Air training will take place though this will not be noticeable to residents. More visible activities may be requested at short notice.

6.2 D Low shared that there is a further motor sports event at the barracks being planned and that once a date has been confirmed there will be communication around that event to nearby properties and the wider community (via notices, social media etc). **ACTION: D Low to share information regarding the future motorsports once the date and details have been confirmed. Post meeting: date confirmed as 23rd March**

6.3 Orbex did not undertake any 'hot testing' on the airfield during January. Testing, however, is being scheduled for March.

6.4 Cllr Van Der Horn asked if there was any opportunity for the removal/cutting back of the gorse/vegetation on the MOD owned land near the Bird Hide just to the south of Findhorn. **ACTION: D Low to find out whether this is possible and report back to Cllr Van der Horn.** Cllr Van der Horn also praised the MOD for the new signage erected on the north boundary of the airfield which highlights the erosion of the Coastal Path at this location and hoped that there could be discussions to relocate the path in the future.

6.5 A Skene asked about the long standing request for a route through the barracks/airfield to be provided in an emergency where the road between Kinloss and Findhorn was closed. D Low suggested that a letter is sent to Lt. Col. Walker from the Community Council. **ACTION: A Skene to draft letter seeking to start dialogue with the Barracks regarding an emergency route as part of the community council Resilience planning.**

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 A Skene reported that the Findhorn Village fireworks at Hogmanay were excellent and well attended and thanked the parties who had organised and funded this event. A Skene also shared she had attended the last service at Findhorn Church, which was a moving event.

7.2 A Skene highlighted that with the recent changes in community council membership the contact details on the

community council noticeboards will need updating. She asked whether the two new co-opted members were happy for their email addresses to be put on the noticeboard. A Shepherd and S Worth confirmed that they were happy for this to happen. **ACTION: A Skene to update noticeboards with new contact details (and provide a copy for M LaTourelle to place on the noticeboard at the PEVF).**

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 None.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 S Moat provided an email following the meeting confirming that

Bank balance is £3,185.30, which is made up of:

Balance C/F TMC admin grant £ 1,813.17

Balance C/F Capital funds £ 1,372.13

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 The next JCC Meeting will be held on 8 February 2024 and will be held via Zoom.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 Cllr Robertson sent an email with her apologies. She was unable to attend as she was in Edinburgh to attend the monthly COSLA meeting. In her email she reported that the Council is working towards setting their budget under a very constrained settlement from Scottish Government. She also reported that there would be further engagement sessions on the Council's school estate. Details will be provided on the Council website and through their social media channels.

11.2 Cllr Van der Horn reported that the Moray Council was seeking to balance a budget which has a £30m deficit which is a very difficult task. The increasing of Council Tax on second homes is to be the subject of a report to the next Moray Council Corporate Committee meeting. The work to replace Forres Academy was on-going and would be subject to public consultation in the future.

11.3 Cllr Van der Horn also reported that the Council had approved a process for under 18's to submit a petition to the Council. This process has a reduced number of signatories and does not require any signatory to be over the age of 18. He also recently held a youth surgery for 16 to 24 year olds in Forres.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that the Ecovillage Findhorn Community Benefit Society has been set up and is now a constituted community group. Work on the Local Place Plan was progressing, with a widening of the groups participating to include interests such as the Nature Group and that she will be attending the Moray Council training session on Local Place Plans on Monday 29th January.

12.2 M La Tourelle posted additional information regarding the PEVF Resilience Plan and networks in the Rainbow Bridge (community newsletter) to highlight the plan during this period of stormy and cold weather.

12.3 Ekopia is now seeking applicants for the affordable housing units within the North Whins development. Details of how to apply and the criteria for applicants are in an article in the Rainbow Bridge and interested parties should contact Ekopia info@ekopia.co.uk The opening date for applications is Monday 29th January with a closing date of noon on Monday 4th March 2024.

Item 13 Resilience Planning

13.1 The Findhorn Village Community Resilience Group (CRG) met in December and January, and was well attended. There are now 30 members as part of the group. Highlights from the work undertaken during December and January include the clarification of the remit of the CRG and communicating this remit. More specific information on the CRG will be provided to residents via a leaflet to be distributed in the coming weeks. This will be in addition to the 'Household Resilience, Planning for Emergencies' pamphlet that was distributed to all households in the community council area by the Moray Council in December 2023.

13.2 The CRG are making progress to undertake a comprehensive risk assessment specific to the village and what actions need to be taken before, during and after an emergency event, along with the zoning of the village. Drawing inspiration from other community councils, 9 zones have been identified within the village, along with resilience group members within each zone. This aims to make resilience group operations more effective going forward, in terms of assessing assets, and determining the resources and needs within each zone.

13.3 The locations of grit/salt bins have been established along with a simple system within the CRG to make sure that there is an awareness of when bins need to be re-filled by the Moray Council, to enable those residents willing and able to spread grit/salt on the footways.

13.4 The next meeting of the Findhorn Village CRG will be on Tuesday 6th February at 7.00pm at Findhorn Village Centre.

Item 14 Planning

14.1 Three planning applications have been submitted for the FKCC area and were discussed during the meeting, no members of the public had approached FKCC members with regard to these applications.

23/02171/APP Retrospective consent for change of use of dwellinghouse to letting unit at Flat 10 Culbin Sands Apartments, Findhorn.

24/00041/APP Proposed installation of solar PV roof panels , secondary glazing and roof insulation, Kinloss Parish Church

24/00036/LBC Proposed installation of solar PV roof panels , secondary glazing and roof insulation, Kinloss Parish Church

It was agreed that no representations would be submitted to these planning applications at this time.

Item 15 Any Other Competent Business

15.1 A Skene reported that the next meeting of the Forres Locality Planning will take place on Tuesday 20th February between 2.00 and 4.00pm via Zoom. M LaTourelle stated she would like to attend. **ACTION: A Skene to share meeting details with M LaTourelle**

15.2 A Skene asked S Worth if he would like to take on the responsibility for the organisation of the Remembrance Sunday events. S Worth confirmed that he would be happy to take on this role. **ACTION: A Skene to pass the Remembrance Sunday planning files to S Worth.**

15.3 Transport Scotland's contractors Amey will undertake re-surfacing works on the A96 between the Greshop Road and Market Street junctions. There will be a full road closure from 7.30 pm on Friday 2nd February until 6.30 am on Monday 5th February 2024, with the possibility of overnight closures on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th if the works are not completed over the weekend. For details of the diversion routes visit the Traffic Scotland website.

Item 16 Forthcoming Community Events

16.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall promotions can be seen on website www.universalhall.co.uk
- 6th February 2024 Findhorn Village Community Resilience Group meeting at 7.00pm at Findhorn Village Centre.
- 1st March 2024 Findhorn Village Quiz 7.00pm at James Milne Institute

Item 17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 29th February 2024, 7.00pm at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss.