



Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 29 February 2024 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

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		None	
R Hutchinson		Members of Public	
S Moat		None	
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Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – Cllr Van der Horn, Cllr McBain.
- 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 - none

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 25th January 2024 Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn

3.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as being accurate, proposed by A Shepherd and seconded by S Worth.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.1 (2b) A Skene contacted A Griffin (Kinloss Barracks) regarding the outstanding funds from the sale of the Southside state and have subsequently met. There is already a significant amount of information from a previous community consultation event on what the funds should be used for. It is therefore proposed to use this information rather than re-consult with the community. A follow up meeting will be set up with representatives from the Kinloss community to discuss moving forward with using the funds.

4.2 (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.

4.3 (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.**

4.4 (4.3) (4.4) (4.4) (4.9) (14.1) The changes to the FKCC bank account to remove C Brenton have been completed. The process for adding a third signatory (D Anderson) is ongoing. **ACTION: D Anderson to complete mandate from RBS.**

4.5 (4.4) (4.11) (13.3) Consideration of the terms of reference for resilience planning were discussed. R Hutchinson answered queries. A Skene wished to review the document again. **ACTION: A Skene/R Hutchinson to sign terms of reference once any A Skene queries had been addressed. Signed document to be sent to Community Council Liaison Officer.**

4.6 (4.5) (4.14) (15.2) D Anderson contacted the James Milne Institute to see if they are willing to display the framed Armed Forces Covenant Bronze Award in the Osprey Room. B James of the JMI was happy to find space for the award. **ACTION: S Moat to contact B James of the JMI to arrange the display of the award.**

4.7 (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 taken on board for the forthcoming Condor Motor Sports on 23 March 2024. Letters are going out to those properties close to the airfield and there will be posts on social media to inform the wider communities. **ACTION: FKCC to display details of event on noticeboards. D Low to submit article providing details of the event to the**

Rainbow Bridge newsletter.

4.8 (6.4) D Low confirmed that the MOD does not currently have any plans for the cutting back of the gorse on the MOD land adjacent to the Bird Hide on Findhorn Bay.

4.9 (6.5) A Skene sent a letter to Lt Col J Walker at Kinloss Barracks seeking a meeting to discuss the provision of a route through the barracks for emergency vehicles in the event of an emergency closure of the B9011 Kinloss to Findhorn Road. There was discussion on which parties should attend the meeting. **ACTION: A Skene to inform D Low of attendees and share details of the meeting date, location and time when available.**

4.10 (7.2) Updated details of Community Council members have been posted on the FKCC noticeboards.

4.11 (15.1) A Skene attended the Forres Locality Planning meeting on 20th February 2024. Two key projects are being worked on by the group. The first is trials of Community Appointment Days which are in community settings such as halls and provide the opportunity to find out about supporting services and access health and wellbeing information. The dates and locations for the Appointment Days are to be confirmed at a later date. The second project is a digital health project enabling the sharing of care information through the use of a bespoke 'APP'. The APP will be trialed by unpaid carers in the Forres area. The aim of the APP is to provide key information about conditions and care needs to healthcare professionals prior to meetings with clients. The APP has wider opportunities with regard to providing information to support not just healthcare but also housing, financial and legal services.

4.12 (15.2) A Skene has contacted J O'Hagan and will pass the Remembrance Sunday planning files to S Worth once they are available. **ACTION: A Skene to pass files to S Worth.**

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC)

5.1 C Low shared TFVCC held a consultation event for the Findhorn Village Local Place Plan on Wednesday 21st February which was 3 sessions at different locations and attended by around 120 people. The ideas and information provided by the attendees are currently being reviewed and collated.

5.2 C Low highlighted that whilst there were Local Place Plans being prepared by the Park Ecovillage and Findhorn Village communities, there was not Local Place Plan being prepared for Kinloss. The possibility of the FKCC taking the lead on preparing a Local Place Plan for Kinloss was discussed. **ACTION: A Shepherd to review information on Local Place Plans and D Anderson to provide additional information and contacts for other communities undertaking Local Place Plan work for discussion at the next FKCC meeting.**

5.3 Regulating works will commence on the Bay Front footpath during week commencing 4 March to repair the surface (subject to suitable weather conditions).

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 There will be troop and vehicle movements throughout March. However at this time nothing extraordinary is expected. Aircraft exercises/movement will continue to 14 March. There is no deer management activity or rough shooting scheduled for March. For details of the forthcoming Motorsports event on the airfield, see item 4.7. Any additional disturbances for March which are not known at this time will be shared with the Community Council.

6.2 Orbex are not expected to undertake any testing now until May. Full details of when the testing is scheduled will be provided at a later date.

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 Reported as items occurred throughout the meeting.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence has been dealt through other items.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 S Moat provided confirmed that currently there is an additional £2,000 in the capital account which is being held on behalf of the James Milne Institute. The £2,000 is a grant from the Moray Council to be used for the replacement of windows.

Bank balance is £5,185.30, which is made up of:

Balance C/F TMC admin grant £ 1,813.17

Balance C/F Capital funds £ 3,372.13

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 A Skene attended the JCC Meeting on 8 February 2024 and reported that there was a presentation from the Station Commander of RAF Lossiemouth providing information of the current operation of the base and its vision for the future. RAF Lossiemouth remains a strategically important site for UK defense and continues to expand bringing in

new military and civilian personnel. Some of the challenges facing families coming to Lossiemouth include childcare as they are often far away from their wider family, the distance to travel to see their wider families and the Scottish tax rates.

10.2 Police Scotland have experienced some recent changes in personnel Chief Inspector Simon Reid moving on to Aberdeen. The new Chief Inspector for Moray is Mike MacKenzie, who hails from Elgin. The Lord Lieutenancy encouraged community councils to promote the use of the County Flag and is seeking nominations for outstanding citizens of Moray to attend the royal garden party on 3 July 2024.

10.3 Officers from Moray Council's Transportation section gave a presentation on the Road Safety Plan for Moray. They are seeking to work with communities to share information and discuss road safety concerns through the establishment of a group of 'Road Safety Champions'. It is hoped that there would be a 'champion' from each established community council. Full details of the role are in an email from the Community Council Liaison Officer. **ACTION: FKCC members to consider whether they wish to represent the CC on the new group and to respond to council officers by 22 March 2024.**

10.4 The next JCC Meeting will be held on 9 May 2024 (venue to be confirmed).

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 None.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that a final presentation on the Strategic Framework for the Park Ecovillage took place on 20 February. The framework has been gifted to the community. Following a meeting of the Findhorn Foundation Trustees, a way forward for the transfer of assets to the community benefit company has been laid out, which has an accelerated timeline and will provide insight into all the costs and liabilities of running the park so that the community can make informed decisions on what will be a large shift of responsibility.

12.2 The New Findhorn Association (NFA) is working on a new website. Another new website is being developed by another group to reach out to the world and attract people to come to the Park Ecovillage.

Item 13 Resilience Planning

13.1 The Findhorn Village Community Resilience Group (CRG) continues to meet every month. The CRG are currently in the process of finalising a leaflet to be distributed to all households in the village. The leaflet will set out what the Findhorn CRG does and where residents can find out more information on community resilience. The overall Emergency Planning and Resilience Plan for the FKCC area is also being updated, which will provide template for the three community areas, Findhorn Village, the Park Ecovillage and Kinloss.

The group is also seeking funding for operational costs and equipment and are looking for a person(s) within the community council area to take on the role of overall Resilience and Emergency Planning Coordinator and Findhorn Village Coordinator. Interested parties can email findhornvillageresilience@gmail.com for more details. The next meeting of the Findhorn Village CRG will be on Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm at Findhorn Village Centre.

13.2 M La Tourelle shared that it has been one year since the Park Ecovillage Emergency Resilience Plan was completed and that she is reviewing and updating it. The contract for the Fire Defense officer is being renewed.

13.3 A meeting is to be set up with representatives from Kinloss Barracks to see if an alternative route for emergency vehicles could be established which would be used in the event that the B9011 Kinloss to Findhorn Road was subject to an unplanned closure.

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.

24/00066/ADV Erect freestanding information board at Abbot's House, Kinloss Abbey, Kinloss.

24/00289/CLE Application for Certificate of Lawful use for 230 Pineridge, Findhorn Park Eco Village.

24/00063/APP Retrospective consent to erect air source heat pump at the rear of 85 Findhorn.

14.2 S Worth provided an update on the two planning applications for Kinloss Church, 24/00041/APP Proposed

installation of solar PV roof panels, secondary glazing and roof insulation, Kinloss Parish Church and 24/00036/LBC Proposed installation of solar PV roof panels, secondary glazing and roof insulation, Kinloss Parish Church. Revised proposals for the number and layout of the solar panels had been submitted, with the panels being relocated so they were not on the front façade and visible from the public road.

14.3 S Worth had circulated a draft response for planning application 24/00063/APP prior to the meeting which was discussed. It was agreed that the representation would be submitted and that there would be no requirement for representations to be submitted for the other two applications.

Item 15 Any Other Competent Business

15.1 A Skene provided a hard copy of the Clash Gour Wind Farm Memorandum of Understanding (MofU) (see item 7.2 in minute of meeting on 25 May 2023) which sets out a community's expression of interest in investing in community wind turbines as part of the development. It was agreed that as there is the opportunity to opt out at a future date, the MofU would be signed. Signatories were A Skene and R Hutchison.

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
- 12th March 2024 Findhorn Village Community Resilience Group meeting at 7.00pm at Findhorn Village Centre.

Item 17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 28th March 2024, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.