



# Findhorn and Kinloss

## Community Council

### Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 June 2024 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church

| Present       |              | Attendance                                   |                  |
|---------------|--------------|--|------------------|
| M La Tourelle | Chairperson  | C Hunt                                       | TFVCC            |
| D Anderson    | Minute Taker | A Griffin                                    | Kinloss Barracks |
| R Hutchison   |              |  |                  |
| S Worth       |              | Moray Councilors                             |                  |
| S Moat        |              | Cllr McBain                                  |                  |
| A Shepherd    |              | Cllr Robertson                               |                  |
|               |              | Cllr Van Der Horn                            |                  |
|               |              | Members of Public                            |                  |
|               |              | No members of the public joined the meeting. |                  |
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#### **Item 1 - Welcome**

- a. Apologies – S Dominey, A Skene, C Low (TFVCC)
- b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

#### **Item 2 – Public Session**

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – There were no obvious incidents reported in the Findhorn and Kinloss area.
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence – one item:
  - 1) Proposed Removal of Stagecoach Bus Service No.32 from Kinloss and Findhorn

There has been a series of correspondence received from members of the public since the announcement by Stagecoach that they intend to withdraw from operating the No.32 bus service from Kinloss and Findhorn, leaving both communities without a timetabled bus service. To date the Findhorn Residents Association have written to the local MP, MSPs and Councillors regarding the loss of the service, all of whom have responded. Extracts from correspondence was read out.

A petition has been started which is online, with paper versions in some of the local shops and cafes.

A meeting with Stagecoach has been arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the Park EcoVillage, Findhorn which will be attended by representatives from the FKCC, Findhorn Residents Association, The Barracks and Cllr Van der Horn.

Forres Gazette contacted A Skene seeking comments on the proposed withdrawal of-the service, these were published o 19 June 2024.

A Skene raised the issue of the proposed discontinuation of the service and the impact that it would have on Kinloss and Findhorn residents who were dependent on the bus service to attend medical appointments at the Forres Locality Planning (FLP) June meeting. The (FLP) Chair will take the issue to a Moray Council Transport Forum meeting scheduled in the last week of June.

A working group will be set up with representatives from FKCC and Findhorn Residents Association, with

FKCC acting as the conduit for all information.

**ACTIONS:**

**A Shepherd to check that the paper version of the petition is available in Kinloss shops.**

**Cllr McBain to seek to place a paper version of the petition in the Forres Post Office.**

**A Skene to set up working group.**

**M La Tourelle, S Russell from Findhorn Residents Association, A Griffin Kinloss Barracks and Cllr Van der Horn to attend meeting with Stagecoach on 8<sup>th</sup> July and report back to working group and wider FKCC, FRA, and TFVCC.**

**ACTION AGREED POST MEETING: following the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July, FKCC to submit a formal response to the consultation for the proposed amendments to the No.32 Service to remove the section of the route which serves Kinloss and Findhorn to Stagecoach (lead M La Tourelle in consultation with FKCC members).**

**Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024, at Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn.**

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

**Item 4 – Matters Arising from 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**4.1 (2.b.1)** Pop Up Library Programme: **ACTION: A Skene to request a trial period and enquire about funding for renting a community space. COMPLETED**

**4.2 (2.b.2)** Duneland Restoration Project: **ACTION: A Skene to contact J Caddy to offer him 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October. COMPLETED**

**4.3 (2.b.3)** Flood Resilience Strategy consultation: **ACTION: S Worth, M la Tourelle and R Hutchison to liaise to complete the consultation survey. ON-GOING**

**4.4 (4.5)** It was agreed to revisit the possibility of having army representatives from the army community on the FKCC. **ACTION: A Skene to liaise with A Griffin about representation from the army community. COMPLETED (see item 6).**

**4.5 (4.7) (15.1)** Kinloss community engagement strategy is ongoing. **ACTION: A Shepherd will reach out to the Kinloss primary school and Forres Academy Modern Studies Department regarding engagement with the community council and to attract youth representation. Ongoing - Update**

**4.6 (6.1)** Kinloss Barracks report: **ACTION: A Skene to liaise with A Griffin about provision of future reports. COMPLETED (see Item 6)**

**4.7 (14.1)** Coastal erosion between 208 Findhorn and the War memorial. **ACTION: Cllr McBain to find out about the tender process and the timeline for further works.**

**4.8 (15.1) Planning**

24/00745/APP – replace window opening with a new access door at Beach View, Findhorn House **Action: S Worth will contact Moray Council to request more detail and await consultation response from HES. COMPLETED**

24/00575/APP – Replace existing Ballachulish slates with Hasting Spanish slates at the lodge, Findhorn. **ACTION: S Worth will contact Moray Council to request more detail and await consultation response from HES. COMPLETED**

**Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company**

**5.1** The new payment barrier at Findhorn Beach, West Car Park has been installed and is operational following some adjustments.

**5.2** Wood has been ordered for the viewing platform at the top of the beach ‘no step access ramp’ at the Findhorn Beach West Car Park, however the joiner will not be available to start works until September.

**5.3** The right to buy Findhorn Church has been granted and an application for Stage 1 funding has been submitted. A consultant has been appointed to support the project and a separate steering group for the project has been formed.

**5.4** The coastal erosion (see Item 14.1) and No 32 Bus Service (see Item 2) has also been raised with TFVCC.

**5.5** The Moray Council is seeking a second round of bids for development sites to be considered as part of the new Local Development Plan. This is an opportunity for developers/landowners who missed the ‘call for sites’ in 2023 to submit their proposals. The ‘call for sites’ will close on 23 August 2024.

**5.6** The culprit who damaged the wall at Findhorn War Memorial has been identified. It has been confirmed that it will be repaired by Moray Council however the timing of the repair cannot be confirmed. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson to contact the relevant department within the Council to highlight the importance of completing the repairs prior to Remembrance Sunday.**

## **Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report**

**6.1** A Griffin confirmed that the second part of her job share for the role of community liaison had been filled and that from August onwards there should be representation from Kinloss Barracks at the community council meetings. Deer management is to take place between 3.00am and 8.00am on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**6.2** The Barracks will be hosting the Sapper Games (the army version of the Olympics) from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July. There will be signage on the B9089 warning of troop movements and there will be evening entertainment, with a potential for noise. The Barracks will also be hosting a Festival of Scotland day which will be open to the public on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Pre-booking is required by 1 July 2024.

**6.3** There will be exercises from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 which will involve one explosion on each day. There will be a further exercise at the Barracks on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 where there is likely to be frequent periods of noisy activities throughout the day.

**6.4** The Army Benevolent Fund will be hosting a charity day on the airfield on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 which will involve motor vehicles using the runway for racing. There may be some noise associated with this event.

**6.5** R Hutchison, S Worth and A Skene attended a meeting at the Cumming Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> June to discuss an emergency access route through MOD property should the B9011 Kinloss to Findhorn Road be closed for a lengthy period of time. In attendance: A Griffin, the Quartermaster, three other Army personnel and representatives from the Fire Service and Coastguard Service. Actions from the meeting:

1. The FKCC to outline a draft proposal outlining an Emergency Plan for any event which closed the road – **COMPLETED.**
2. A Griffin to seek advice from 51X MACA about Governance; **COMPLETED**
3. Group to re-form to further develop a Major Incident Plan to include Police and Scottish Ambulance Service in addition to the attendees above and carry out a Desk Top exercise; and
4. Exercise to be developed to practice and perfect the Major Incident Plan for the occurrence of a B9011 road closure which would cut off the Ecovillage and Findhorn Village.

## **Item 7 Chair's Report**

**7.1** A Skene attended the Forres Locality Planning meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June. The Forres Locality Profile (FLP) was an agenda item. Some issues were discussed but there will be more detailed discussion at the next meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Following the meeting, the (FLP) was sent out to FKCC for comments. Comments should be submitted to A Skene before 20<sup>th</sup> August. There was discussion around the latest HACE survey – Health and Care Experience. This is carried out by every GP practice biennially. A percentage of randomly selected people registered with a general practice in Scotland are invited to respond to the survey which asks about people's experiences of:

- Accessing and using their general practice and out of hours services.
- Aspects of care and support provided by local authorities and other organisations.
- Caring responsibilities and related support.

For the Forres Medical practices, the results are mostly positive, but it was agreed that it is important to know the stories behind both the positive and negative statistics. The HACE information and survey results are available online <https://publichealthscotland.scot>

**7.2** A Skene's report also provided information on the proposed withdrawal of the No.32 Bus Service from Findhorn and Kinloss (see item 2) and the meeting regarding the emergency access route (see Item 6).

## **Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence**

**8.1** Correspondence has been dealt with through other items.

## **Item 9 Treasurer's Report**

**9.1** S Moat reported that the changes to the signatories for the account were progressing and that he would be meeting with A Shepherd to finalise the handover of the Treasurer role.

## **Item 10 Joint Community Council**

**10.1** Next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the venue has yet to be confirmed.

## **Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report**

**11.1** Cllr Robertson highlighted that it was 'business as usual' at the Moray Council with no major decisions being made during the pre-Election period. The next full Council meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> August following the council summer recess.

**11.2** Cllr McBain gave an update on the short term let application process and confirmed that steps were being taken by the Council to address the backlog of applications.

### **Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)**

**12.1** M La Tourelle reported that work towards the sale/transfer of land/assets at the PEVF is on-going and a weekly drop in café sessions are taking place to keep residents informed and enable queries to be answered by the-Ecovillage Findhorn Community Benefit Society representatives.

**12.2** Work on the Local Place Plan is on-going with a particular focus at this time on infrastructure, with a mini trade fair taking place at the PEVF for subject matter experts.

**12.3** The Universal Hall hosted hustings for the General Election on 24 June 2024, with all candidates appreciating the respect and co-operation shown at the event. The Scottish Chamber Orchestra also played at the hall which was well attended.

### **Item 13 Resilience Planning**

**13.1** M La Tourelle reported that the fire defense team at the PEVF were about to undertake their annual Fire Drill and highlighted the importance of fire safety at this time of the year, not just for the PEVF but also for Findhorn village.

**13.2** R Hutchison reported that the descriptions of the resilience roles within Findhorn village were being finalised along with the printed material which was to be circulated throughout the village. The asset register of items that would be useful during an event needs to be updated and the group are working towards finalising the agreement for the Safe Place within the village.

**13.3** The next resilience plan meeting will be on 2 July at 7,00pm in the Findhorn Village Centre and there will be tabletop resilience exercise, led by the Moray Council Resilience Officer in the autumn.

**13.4** R Hutchinson highlighted the concerns raised about what would happen should the Main Road into Findhorn experience a sudden collapse due to coastal erosion, and whether the Council could provide diversion road signs to be held in the village in case of such an event. D Anderson confirmed that as the road was a Council asset and a public road, the first point of contact would be Police Scotland who would send officers to direct traffic, followed by the Council who would deploy staff and the necessary signage for the diversion route. There are procedures in place for such an event and only Police Scotland have the power to stop traffic and only the Police and the Council have the legal authority to close a road. **ACTION: R Hutchinson to write to Moray Council for confirmation of procedures should there be a sudden collapse of the Main Road due to coastal erosion.**

### **Item 14 Coastal Erosion**

**14.1** Cllr McBain confirmed that it was understood that approval for the funding for works was given on 14 June 2024. The next steps are for council officers to put a tender document out to the market to secure a contractor to undertake the works. The works will include the use of large 'rock armour' (boulders) and vegetated sandbanks, along with additional pipe work to direct water from the gullies on the public road to an appropriate discharge point **ACTION: Cllr McBain to find out about the tender process and the timeline for further works.**

### **Item 15 Planning**

**15.1** for Planning Applications see Item 4.8.

### **Item 16. Any Other Competent Business**

- a) Damage to Findhorn War Memorial wall – see Item 5.6.
- b) Recruitment to FKCC – there remains three vacancies on the community council to be filled.

### **Item 17 Forthcoming Community Events**

**17.1** The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall promotions can be seen on website [www.universalhall.co.uk](http://www.universalhall.co.uk)
- Forres Highland Games, Grant Park on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Findhorn Fair on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm
- Morayvia STEM events every Tuesday and Wednesday morning during the School Holidays for more details see [www.morayvia.org.uk/whatson](http://www.morayvia.org.uk/whatson)
- Grant Park 100 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024 11.00am to 7.00pm for more details see [www.grantpark100.com](http://www.grantpark100.com)

**Item 18 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn.