



# Findhorn and Kinloss

## Community Council

### DRAFT Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2024 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
D Anderson	Minute Taker	C Low	TFVCC
A Shepherd		D Duke	Moray Council CLO
S Worth		Moray Councillors	
M La Tourelle		Cllr K Robertson	
		Cllr S Lawrence	
		Cllr P McBain	
		Members of Public	
		Two members of the public joined the meeting.	

#### Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – S Dominey, R Hutchinson
- 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 – four items:
  - 1) Remembrance Sunday – Request from Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club  
Correspondence was received from C Weller, the captain of the Findhorn Coastal Rowers Club seeking support for the laying of a wreath at the Findhorn War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. All FKCC members agreed to support this required. **Action: A Skene to write to C Weller confirm that the community council support the laying of a wreath by the Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club and the salute by rowers to represent the users of the bay and those on the water.**
  - 2) Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils  
D Duke, the Moray Council’s Community Council Liaison Officer (CLO) spoke with regard to the consultation seeking suggested revisions to the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils, which can include provision of clarification, suggested changes to CC boundaries etc.  
There is online survey open until 23 October 2024 on the Moray Council website (see [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_156899.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_156899.html)) which is open to all residents in Moray to complete. **Action: FKCC members to review Scheme of Establishment and complete survey.**

#### Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024, at Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

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

#### Item 4 – Matters Arising from 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**4.1 (2.b.1)** Funds held by Ministry of Defense (MoD) for the community from the sale of the Southside development have been transferred. A Skene was to check with the CLO to see if they could be held in a separate higher interest account. As the CLO was present it was discussed at the meeting agreed that as the funds will need to be regularly accessed and utilised in the coming year, there would be little benefit.

**4.2 (b.3)** The CLO confirmed that there was no requirement for a vice-chairperson (see item 7.2 below).

**4.3 (6.5)** S Kane confirmed that a works order has been raised for the cutting back of the hedge to the west of the Kinloss Primary School. However, at this time there is no date for the works to take place.

**4.4 (9.1)** A Shepherd confirmed that she now has full access to the FKCC bank account (see item 9.1 below).

#### **Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company**

**5.1** C Low reported that the payment barrier for the car park is now fully working and as a result there has been more use of the car park to the east of the village (accessed via the Dunes track). The motorhomes stop over has been very busy and the platform at the step free access to the beach is now complete. There has been positive feedback about the platform. Signage is to be erected on the B9011 warning of the height restriction on the dunes track and repairs are to be undertaken to the bulwarks on the bay.

**5.2** The motorhomes stop over is currently paying full value for rates. However, there should be an exemption as TFVCC is a charity. There has been a request for the filling of potholes at the James Milne Institute and a handrail will be erected at Baron House Lane. A quote has been received for maintenance of the fire break which will take place later in the year. All of the maintenance works come at a significant cost with income from parking and the motorhomes stopover covering some but not all requests for works.

**5.3** C Low also asked is there could be a bulk order of wreathes for Remembrance Sunday to reduce postage costs. It may be too late for this year for some of the groups laying wreathes but it certainly could be the case for 2025. C Low to contact the Findhorn Coastal Rowers to see if they wished to combine their order.

#### **Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report**

**6.1** S Kane confirmed that the barracks does not have any electricity generating equipment which would be suitable to power a rest centre such as the Findhorn Village Centre in the event of a power outage. She also confirmed her understanding that the flying exercises taking place at the Barracks from 15 September to the 4 October will be completed prior to the 4 October.

**6.2** The Barracks will be hosting a further Motorsports event on 16 November 2024 where vehicles will be using the runway. Full details of the event will be provided at the new meeting and residents closest to the airfield will be informed.

**6.3** A date has yet to be set for the Major Incident Plan desk top exercise. A Griffin/S Kane will co-ordinate dates with A Skene and R Hutchison regarding the exercise.

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

**7.1** A Skene reported that she had attended the Forres Locality Planning Meeting on 3 September 2024 where the Forres and Lossiemouth Locality Priorities and Action Plan for 2024/25 were discussed. A minute of this meeting will be shared with FKCC members once it is available. She also attended the community update from the Commanding Officer for the 39 Engineer Regiment along with M La Tourelle on 10 September 2024. At the meeting information was provided on both the Strategic Context and the Regiment's Mission, along with their current and forthcoming operations. The regiment provides support to Ukraine and NATO, UK immigration services, is on stand-by to assist with climate change and extreme weather events, terrorism and extremism. The regiment also supports the local community though taking part in STEM activities at schools, local cadet and scout groups, ceremonial activities and community projects. The Commanding Officer will provide future community updates, Finally the regiment will soon receive new vehicles to replace land rovers. These vehicles are larger and will be liveried in yellow and called 'Mastiffs'.

**7.2** As D Duke the CLO was present A Skene sought confirmation as to whether a vice-chairperson was a requirement for the community council. D Duke confirmed that there is no statutory requirement for a vice-chairperson, unlike a chairperson, treasurer and secretary.

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

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

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

**9.1** A Shepherd reported that the changes to the signatories for the account are complete, following assistance from the bank. There remains one further action to remove historic signatories, C Brenton and S Moat. It was agreed that the two historic signatories can be removed, leaving three signatories on the account, A Skene, A Shepherd and D Anderson.

**ACTION: A Shepherd to seek removal of historic signatories.**

**9.2** There have been five transactions on the Admin account which include the payment of hall hire for both Kinloss Church and the James Milne Institute, the payment of room hire for two meetings to discuss the removal of No. 32 bus service and the purchase of wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. The monies associated with the Southside development

have also been transferred from the MoD. The accounts balance is currently £38,788.19 of which £36,234.86 is funds held on behalf of the Southside community.

### **Item 10 Joint Community Council**

**10.1** The next meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the venue has yet to be confirmed.

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

**11.1** Cllr Robertson reported that the council was looking into signing up to the Jo Cox civility pledge to demonstrate that it is committed to standing up to poor behaviour and promote positive changes which support civil and respectful conduct by all persons in public service and members of the wider public.

**11.2** Cllr Robertson also reported that she had attended the opening of the Moray Offshore Wind Farm in Buckie which would provide power for some 60,000 to 70,000 homes, along with a visit from the Scottish Government housing minister to Moray to discuss how a lack of affordable homes can have an adverse impact on economic growth in the region. The Register's Office in Elgin is to close with the service relocating to the Moray Council headquarters building. A room within the headquarters building will be dedicated to the holding of services, whilst the citizenship service will now take place in the Moray Council chambers. She also reported that the Council was looking to develop a Moray wide policy on the use of mobile phones in schools. Finally, Cllr Robertson congratulated Cllr Lawrence on becoming the new leader for the SNP group of councillors.

**11.3** Cllr Lawrence reported on the Council meeting of 25 September where the expansion of the m.Connect demand responsive transport service was discussed. There was an option put to councillors for the re-direction of funding from the planned programme of expansion to provide a service which would incorporate Kinloss and Findhorn. This option was not taken forward. However, there are still avenues available which are being explored, including seeking external funding for a service and the possibility of providing a community led service. Cllr Lawrence stated that it is important that people wishing to use the m.Connect service use the booking system because even if they are unable to book for the day/time that they wish, the demand will be logged and can be used as evidence when building a case for options to provide a bus service for the communities. The m.Connect team is meeting to provide an update to the Community Caring Circle at the PEVF and it was suggested that a similar meeting was held in the Findhorn Village Centre and Kinloss to provide information to those communities as well.

**11.4** Cllr Lawrence also shared that the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) for Moray, which is a service which combines elements of the NHS and Moray Council social care, has reported on the support needs and ailments experienced by the residents of Moray through the Locality Plan groups. One measure being taken forward as part of the Forres Locality Plan group is social prescribing which signposts patients to third sector groups which can assist with activities to support wellbeing. There has been 2000 such referrals in the past year and the use of social prescribing is likely to be expanded to other areas in Moray.

**11.5** Cllr McBain reported on the progress being made with the short term let licensing and the introduction of a temporary license to support businesses whilst they seek the various permissions required before they can have a full license granted. There is also a proposal to make the short term let license transferrable when a property is sold.

**11.6** Cllr McBain also shared that at the Council meeting on 25 September the previous decision that there would be no compulsory redundancies was overturned. As part of work to find some £12.7 million of savings at the Council, there will be a workforce review and some difficult decisions to make regarding the level and type of services provided by the Council.

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

**12.1** M La Tourelle reported that activity of the Local Place Plan (LPP) was on-going, including an environmental survey and an event in the Universal Hall, with an aim to presenting the draft LPP to Moray Council on 30 September. Discussions are on-going regarding the community purchase of land at the PEVF.

**12.2** M La Tourelle has also been providing regular updates on the provision of public transport for Findhorn, Kinloss and Forres in the community magazine, Rainbow Bridge, and there are on-going discussions regarding a new community centre and the provision of communal meals within the PEVF.

### **Item 13 Resilience Planning**

**13.1** M La Tourelle reported R Hutchinson and herself met with the Moray Council's community resilience officer R Nicol, and that they would both be attending the Community Resilience Event on 7 November 2024.

### **Item 14 Coastal Erosion**

**14.1** Erosion continues at the embankment alongside the B9011 Main Road, Findhorn. Surveying of the embankment and

road has been undertaken. However, it is understood that works will not commence until October. There are now areas overhanging, where the sandy/gravel below has been washed away/collapsed. The cleaning of the roadside gullies appears to have led to an increase in the erosion.

**14.2** D Anderson asked if the works are not due to start until October, will they be completed prior to Remembrance Sunday? **ACTION: Cllr McBain to speak to Council officers to confirm timing of works and any impact on the Remembrance Service.**

### **Item 15 Planning**

**15.1** The following planning applications have been submitted and were discussed:

24/01335/APP Provide external wall insulation with rainscreen over cladding, new windows and doors, accessible ramp, reinstatement of original roof profile and provision of new insulation roof membrane at The Sands, Findhorn.

24/01473/APP Erect an air source heat pump at front at 85 Findhorn

24/01357/APP Change of use from dwellinghouse to guest house and retrospective consent for use of ground floor workshop/meeting room at Cullerne House, Findhorn.

**15.2** Comments have been submitted for planning application 24/01136/APP which has yet to be determined by Moray Council.

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

- a) Recruitment to FKCC – there are four vacancies on the community council to be filled. Members encouraged to spread the word and interested persons to contact the FKCC.
- b) Remembrance Sunday – S Worth is progressing arrangements for the Findhorn & Kinloss Remembrance events.

### **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)
- Findhorn Village Local Place Plan Presentation 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the JMI, Findhorn
- Halloween Disco 1 November 2024, from 8.00pm at JMI, Findhorn
- Hinterland Trust Walk and Talk 2 November 2024, at 2.00pm

**Item 18 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.

### **POST MEETING NOTE:**

An email was received from Orbex Express Launch Ltd on 3 October 2024 giving notice of forthcoming testing at the Kinloss Barracks. Over wrapped pressure vessel testing will take place during the weeks of 14 to 18 October and 4 to 8 November 2024. There will be two short tests during the first week and three short tests during the second week. There will be a very short burst of noise as part of each test. Noise associated with previous such tests was minimal and was not heard outwith the site.