



Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2024 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
D Anderson	Minute Taker	C Low	TFVCC
R Hutchison			
S Worth		Moray Councillors	
M La Tourelle			
A Shepherd			
		Members of Public	
		One member of the public joined the meeting.	

Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – S Dominey
- 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 – to be raised through agenda items.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 31 October 2024, at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church.

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 31st October 2024

4.1 (9.1) A Shepherd reported that the removal of historic signatories for the account is ongoing and that she would need to visit the Forres Banking Hub. A Skene offered to assist. **ACTION: A Shepherd and A Skene to visit Forres Banking Hub together.**

4.2 (9.2) Cllr Robertson reported to A Skene that with respect to the vandalism of The Pavillion at Kinloss, the Community Support Officer had provided advice but there was a limitation on what Police Scotland could do as ownership of the Pavillion at Kinloss is unknown. M La Tourelle shared that she was aware that some community members were to undertake repairs to the Pavillion. **ACTION: ALL If possible, using community contacts, identify the owner of the pavilion and share information with Police Scotland.**

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 C Low reported that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of TFVCC will take place on the 10th of December at 7.00pm at the James Milne Institute, Findhorn. At the meeting there will be an opportunity for members of the TFVCC who reside in Findhorn to stand for becoming a director. On the 4th of December TFVCC will be hosting a delegation from Community Land Scotland. Some 32 delegates will be given a tour of Findhorn, highlighting the work that TFVCC have done.

5.2 The southern toilets have now been closed for the winter and TFVCC will be undertaking a winter maintenance plan which includes small-scale works such as mending fences. Bookings are being made for the Motorhome Stopover Site over the Christmas and New Year period. Finally, the recent Local Place Plan event was well attended and TFVCC will

submit the LPP to Moray Council in January.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 S Kane reported that there will be no further motor sports events this year and no other community engagement. Discussions regarding bus services are on-going and The Barracks are investigating the level of demand likely to arise from staff and their families.

6.2 The Major Incident Meeting will be held on 14th January 2025 from 15.30 at the Cumming Hall, Kinloss. A Griffin has a list of attendees to invite, including members of the FKCC. The Moray Council Resilience officer will also be invited. Invitations will be sent out before the Christmas break.

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 A Skene thanked S Worth for the organisation of the Remembrance Services at Findhorn and Kinloss and A Shepherd for representing the FKCC and doing a reading at the Kinloss Service.

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 there have been four transactions over the past month, payments for hall hire, the auditing of the accounts and to the Information Commissioner's Office and the receipt of the admin grant from Moray Council. Funds held in the Account are:

Admin Grant	£1,685.63
Capital	£1,122.11
(Southside Community Fund)	(£36,234.86)
Total	£39,042.60

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 The draft minutes from the November Joint Community Council meeting are available. A Skene reported that it was a meeting at Elgin High School, however attendance from community councilors was low. At the meeting it was reported that Police Scotland have recruited 16 new officers for Moray which will enable the re-establishment of a Schools based officer. There is a new community investigation unit to tackle local issues, and the format and frequency of Community Safety Reports will be changed, following feedback from community councils and other parties. The focus of the reports will be on local priorities with meaningful content linked to communities rather than just reporting the numbers of certain categories of crimes. Police attendance at community council meetings is also under review.

10.2 A Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire was in attendance and thanked the community councils for their support in organising Remembrance events and noted that there were more young people attending the events this year. The Forres and Nairn Riding for the Disabled Association have been awarded the King's Award which is equivalent to an MBE.

10.3 The Community Council Liaison officer (CCLO) has visited 14 CCs to discuss the Scheme of Administration Review. The main points raised were with respect to boundaries. The CCLO has now started planning for the CC elections for next October. The next meeting of the JCC will be on 13th February 2024, the venue has yet to be confirmed.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 No report.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that Ecovillage Findhorn Community Benefit Society (EF CBS) AGM took place on 11th November and a new board was elected. On the 18th November a series of assets at the PEVF were transferred to the EF CBS, including the Guest Lodge, Youth Project building, Bunkhouse, Village Green, Solum (Field of Dreams Green), Phoenix shop building, mobile home land, long let caravans, bungalows and Yurt, along with the Universal Hall, Biomass boiler, Skylab - ex Big Sky, laundry and the associated land.

12.2 On the 17th of November the community celebrated its 62nd birthday by holding a series of events over a 4-day period and on 25th November the final community consultation event for the PEVF LPP was held. The agreed plan will be available shortly for circulation and will be submitted to Moray Council in January.

Item 13 Resilience Planning

13.1 M La Tourelle reported that along with R Hutchinson and S Worth she attended the Moray Council Emergency Resilience Conference on 7th November at Inchberry Hall, following submission of the PEVF Resilience Plan to Moray Council. Following the event, she submitted an updated version of the plan on 27th November, which once approved, a redacted version can be shared with the FKCC.

13.2 R Hutchison reported that voting for the Participatory Budget had now closed and whether the generator/battery project for the Findhorn Village Centre was successful will be known later in the year. Whilst at the Moray Council Emergency Resilience Conference he learnt about the HELP group set up in Deeside and Torphin following the impact of Storm Beatrice on that particular community. The Findhorn Village Resilience Plan has also been submitted to the Moray Council.

13.3 Both R Hutchinson and M La Tourelle suggested that a meeting with refreshments to thank their respective resilience volunteers would be good to hold in December and sought funds to support these events. It was agreed that a sum of £40 for each resilience group should be provided for their meetings. The next Findhorn Village resilience plan meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December at 7.00pm in the Findhorn Village Centre.

Item 14 Coastal Erosion

14.1 The tender for the repair and strengthening of the embankment alongside the bay between the War Memorial and Fyrish Road has been let and it was noted that the contractor visited to determine the location of pipework and utilities. It is understood that repair works will not start until January 2025.

Item 15 Planning

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

24/01332/APP Erect dwellinghouse on site to rear of 208 Findhorn

24/01726/APP Retrospective application for rock armour coastal protection works at Elderslie House, Findhorn.

15.2 S Worth will continue to monitor the weekly planning application list and highlight any applications requiring discussion.

Item 16. Any Other Competent Business

- a) Recruitment to FKCC – there are three vacancies on the community council to be filled. A Kinloss resident attended the meeting to see if he wished to become a community councillor. He confirmed during the meeting that he would like to join the FKCC.
- b) S Worth reported that when he put up the minutes at the Kinloss noticeboard in early November, there was dampness within the sealed area. **ACTION: A Skene to investigate when posting this month's draft minutes.**
- c) A Shepherd shared that the advisor for the new equipment at Southside playground has reported that the current equipment does not meet safety standards. It is understood that the Factor for Southside undertakes an annual inspection of the equipment. It is therefore likely that part of the funding available may need to be used to improve the current equipment.
- d) D Anderson drew attention to the email received for the consultation of Scottish Government's A96 Corridor Review. The closure date for the consultation is 21 February 2025. **ACTION: A96 Corridor Review consultation to be included in the Agenda for the January meeting.**

Item 17 Forthcoming Community Events

17.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall events, including the Winter Film Season, can be seen on website www.universalhall.co.uk
- Findhorn Coastal Rowers Christmas Singalong, 8th December 3.00 to 5.30pm, James Milne Institute, Findhorn
- The Findhorn Village Conservation Company AGM, 10th December 7.00pm, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.

Item 18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 30th January 2024, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.