



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 March 2025 at Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
M La Tourelle	Vice Chairperson	C Low	TFVCC
D Anderson	Minute Taker		
S Worth		Moray Councillors	
R Hutchinson		Cllr Mc Bain	
A Hart		Cllr Robertson	
		Members of Public	

Item 1 - Welcome

- Apologies – S Dominey, A Shepherd, Cllr Van Der Horn
- Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

Item 2 – Public Session

- Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – Police reports are now quarterly so there has been no report since the previous meeting.
- Any other competent public business / public correspondence – to be raised through agenda items.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 30th January 2025, at Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn and from Thursday 27th February 2025, at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 30th January were agreed as being accurate, proposed by M La Tourelle and seconded by A Hart.

3.2 The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 27th February were agreed as being accurate, proposed by S Worth and seconded by M La Tourelle.

Item 4 – Matters Arising from 27th February 2025

4.1 (4.1) (9.1) It as proposed that the Treasurer look at instant access savings accounts for the Kinloss Playground Fund so that some interest could be accrued. **ACTION: A Shepherd to research Instant Access Savings accounts for the Kinloss fund.** A Shepherd has confirmed that a separate account can be set up which will earn interest to boost the funds for the playground. It was agreed by all present that the account should be set up. **ACTION: A Shepherd to set up account and transfer playground funds.**

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 C Low reported that TFVCC have received quotes for repairs to the slip road alongside the James Milne Institute, which is not part of the public road network and therefore not maintained by Moray Council. The costs are significant and therefore will need to be split across relevant community groups.

5.2 C Low confirmed that the southern toilet block will re-open on 29th March and that the Findhorn Village Local Place Plan has been published on the TFVCC website. A Business Plan is currently being prepared for the community purchase of Findhorn Church.

5.3 The main works for the coastal erosion repairs have been completed. However, as an area of gorse has been

cleared, vehicles are now parking on the verge. Temporary measures to prevent this have been put in place whilst a more permanent solution is determined. The final works to be completed will be the upgrading of the slipway onto the shore at the War Memorial. However, there are concerns that following the works, the width of the verge is narrower and that there may be a risk to cyclists should they fall at some locations. C Low has raised this concern with Moray Council.

5.4 Preparations for the celebration of VE Day on 8th May are underway, including readings at the War Memorial and a bring-your-own community picnic event.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 S Kane stated that she was not aware of any complaints made to the barracks about the rally event held on the airfield on 22 March 2025. There is potential for some aviation activity at the base during the Summer – details will follow once known.

6.2 S Kane reported that the regiment is busy with their current commitments and that the request for MOD support for the local bus service is still being reviewed. The Barracks will also have a new community facing social media platform which will be open to the wider community. This platform will be the place where details of events which may have an impact on the wider community, e.g. aviation activity, will be posted.

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 A Skene thanked the organisers of the Findhorn village quiz and those FKCC members who attended.

7.2 A Skene reported that she had attended the mConnect information session on 24th March and noted that it was very well attended. There is some funding available to provide a Findhorn-Kinloss-Forres service on two days per week, however whilst the MOD are considering contributing £15,000 there is a shortfall in funding in the region of £8,000.

7.3 A Skene also attended the Common Good information meeting held in Forres which provided details of the history, current status and future of Common Good Land.

7.4 On 26th March A Skene, M La Tourelle and R Hutchinson attended a meeting at Kinloss Barracks to agree the emergency route for 'blue light' services, should the Kinloss to Findhorn Road be closed to traffic. M La Tourelle highlighted that the route through the PEVF required waymarking and she is investigating the best way to provide signage. R Hutchinson stated that the route for 'blue light' services will be dependent on the point where the road between Kinloss and Findhorn is obstructed and there is a series of route options which can be used. Information on the routes will be included in both Resilience Plans.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 There has been no correspondence.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 A Shepherd provided a written report prior to the meeting as follows:

There have been no general transactions over the past month. Funds held in the Account are:

Admin Grant	£1,974.46
Capital	£1,122.11
(Southside Community Fund)	(£36,234.86)
Total	£39,331.45

9.2 However, grant funding was made available to community councils during March to purchase equipment to support resilience activities. The PEVF Resilience Group, who received £544.23, purchased head torches and a battery storage pack whereas the Findhorn Village Resilience Group purchased equipment to grit and clear pathways during periods of cold weather with their grant of £599.95.

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 The date for the next meeting of the JCC is 22nd May 2025. However, the venue has yet to be confirmed.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 Cllr McBain reported that as there was a new Scottish Conservative elected member, there had been changes to the make-up of the Council's committees and that he was now attending the meetings of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee. He also attended the Common Good meeting which had been organised by the Forres New Academy Forum and highlighted that the Scottish Government funding for the new school was time limited.

11.2 Cllr Robertson highlighted that whilst the recently approved budget had been the first budget in many years not to draw on the Council's reserves, there remains pressures on future budgets due to rising National Insurance contributions and increasing costs associated with council services such as the provision of school transport. The Council will be reviewing operations and budgets to transform how services are provided in the future to meet the on-going financial challenges.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle reported on resilience activities at the PEVF, see item 13.1 below.

Item 13 Resilience Planning

13.1 M La Tourelle reported that she has continued promoting resilience at the PEVF through weekly posts in the Rainbow Bridge community magazine. A meeting will take place with EF to discuss the storage and insurance of resilience equipment at the PEVF and the marking of the emergency route.

13.2 R Hutchinson also highlighted the need for a central storage location within Findhorn village for the resilience equipment and that the Findhorn village volunteers are working on a pamphlet for households providing specific resilience information for the village.

13.3 For further information on resilience activities see items 7.4 and 9.2 above.

Item 14 Coastal Erosion

14.1 Whilst the works for the repair and strengthening of the embankment alongside the bay between the War Memorial and Fyrish Road have been completed (excluding the works noted in item 5.3 above), the extent of the works remains a concern. Moray Council are monitoring the foreshore and embankment. However, S Worth will continue regular checks to assist in the on-going monitoring.

Item 15 Planning

15.1 There have been no planning applications submitted for the FKCC area.

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 two vacancies on the community council to be filled. Discussion took place on how to attract younger members of the communities to stand in the forthcoming community council elections.
- b) A Skene asked members to let her know if they were intending to stand in the elections. D Anderson confirmed that this would be her last term on the FKCC as she will be moving out of the FKCC area in the future.

Item 17 Forthcoming Community Events

17.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall events, including the Spring Film Season, can be seen on website www.universalhall.co.uk

Item 18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 24th April 2025, 7.00pm at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss.