



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

DRAFT Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 April 2025 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

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			
A Shepherd			
		Members of Public	

Item 1 - Welcome

- Apologies – S Dominey, Cllr Robertson
- Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

Item 2 – Public Session

- Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – The quarterly Police report has been received. There were no reported incidents within the Community Council area.
- Any other competent public business / public correspondence – to be raised through agenda items.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 27th March 2025, at Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 27th March were agreed as being accurate, proposed by M La Tourelle and seconded by A Shepherd.

Item 4 – Matters Arising from 27th March 2025

4.1 (4.1) (4.1) (9.1) A Shepherd has confirmed that a separate account can be set up which will earn interest to boost the funds for the Kinloss Playground Fund. It was agreed by all present that the account should be set up. **ACTION: A Shepherd to set up account and transfer playground funds.** The account has been set up and all playground monies transferred. The next steps for the project are to agree the changes to the playground. To engage with the Southside Factor, contact needs to be through one of the residents. Cllr McBain agreed to be this point of contact. **ACTION: A Shepherd and Cllr McBain to discuss playground and set up on-site meeting with Southside Factor and interested residents during May.**

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 C Low reported that the Forres Gazette published an article on the new viewing platform at the beach and that costs for the next project in the village, repairs to the slip road to the side of the James Milne Institute, have been received. It has been a busy Easter period for the camper van stop over and car parks. All public toilets at the Beach are now open.

5.2 C Low confirmed that work is on-going for the proposed community purchase of Findhorn Church.

5.3 Whilst the main works for the coastal erosion repairs have been completed, the upgrading of the slipway onto the shore at the War Memorial has yet to take place. Concerns remain about the width of the verge opposite 207/208 Findhorn. C Low has raised this concern with Moray Council who are currently investigating the matter.

5.5 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. A poster will be published providing full details of the events.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 S Kane reported that there will be aviation activity planned at the Barracks from 25 April through to the end of May. Once more details are known they will be shared with the community. S Kane also confirmed that the surface of the new car park at the new accommodation block had to be re-laid as it did not meet the required specifications. All works associated with the re-laying of the surface were met by the contractor.

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 There has been no activity to report due to the Easter holiday period.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence has been received from the Moray Residents Association Co-ordinating team regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) which support renewable energy generation, generally from wind farms. **ACTION: A Skene to respond to the email highlighting that there are no BESS in the Community Council area.**

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 A Shepherd reported that she would soon be applying for the second part of the Admin Grant and that funds held in the Account are:

Admin Grant	£1,974.46
Capital	£1,122.13
Total	£3096.59

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. Moray Council's new Chief Executive will be attending the JCC. As this is the penultimate meeting of the current term, CC members are encouraged to attend to discuss the forthcoming elections.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 Cllr McBain reported that he had attended briefing held by the Moray Integration Joint Board which covers health and social care in Moray. The focus was on the service that paid and unpaid carers provide, in particular young carers.

11.2 Cllr McBain also highlighted the disappointing news that Moray Council will not be supporting the introduction of a Findhorn-Kinloss-Forres bus service at this time. He is however aware that there will soon be seven new buses for the mConnect service. A Skene asked, if possible, whether one of these new buses could be for the Forres area to increase capacity. M La Tourelle reported that conversations about the possibility of extending the Finnerne Community Bus to Findhorn, after they had completed their trial, were on-going.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that the Friday Conversation Cafes held at the PEVF are well attended and offer the opportunity to raise queries and discuss community matters. On 20 April the new Light of Findhorn Sanctuary opened. It is currently open for visitors but there will be restricted access in the future to prevent misuse/vandalism of the building. She also highlighted that following a recent visit to another community, a community member expressed an interest in strengthening links between the PEVF and the wider community, including taking a table at the next Findhorn Quiz and other Findhorn village events.

12.2 M La Tourelle also reported on resilience activities at the PEVF, see item 13 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. There will be a meeting on 29 April to develop the neighborhood clusters and a wider meeting on 15 April regarding wildfire defense, which benefits the whole of the Findhorn peninsula.

13.2 The locations for the way marking of the emergency route through the PEVF have been agreed and a quote received for installing signs on wooden posts. A contribution from FKCC to part fund these signs was discussed. However, it was agreed that the posts for the signs should be metal to ensure they have a long lifespan. **ACTION: M La**

Tourelle to obtain quotes for the installation of the signage using metal posts.

13.3 M La Tourelle queried who should insure the resilience equipment which is currently stored at her home. However, she is seeking to find a more permanent storage solution at the PEVF. R Hutchinson stated that his understanding is that resilience equipment is owned by the FKCC and therefore covered by the insurance that is provided for all community councils. **ACTION: R Hutchinson to contact Moray Council to confirm arrangements for insurance of resilience equipment.**

13.4 R Hutchinson reported that there are 28 committed resilience volunteers for Findhorn Village, each of whom has been assigned an area. A pamphlet for households providing specific resilience information for the village will soon be distributed through letterboxes. If people are at home the resilience volunteers would appreciate talking to them so they can build up information on where to target support during any event. A copy of the leaflet will also be placed on the village noticeboard.

Item 14 Coastal Erosion

14.1 S Worth will continue to occasionally check for any coastal erosion. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Item 15 Planning

15.1 There have been three planning applications submitted for the FKCC area which were discussed.

- 25/00305/APP Change of use from Pottery shop back to previous use as a chip shop takeaway at The Bunt, Findhorn
- 25/00337/APP Removal of existing kitchen extension and replace with new kitchen and sunroom at 208 Findhorn.
- 25/00361/APP Erections of new house at Wagtail Lodge, Whiteinch Small Holdings, Forres

15.2 It was agreed that there was no requirement to make representations. 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.
- b) A Skene asked members to let her know if they were intending to stand in the forthcoming elections.

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
- Kinloss Gardening Club first Monday of every month at 2.00 pm at The Abbey Inn, Kinloss.
- Children's Garden Event on 4th May at 11.30 at The Abbey Inn, Kinloss.
- Findhorn Village VE Day Event on 8th May starting at 6.30pm outside Findhorn Church.
- 9th May Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club event at the piers to celebrate 10 years of the skiff Joppa.

Item 18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 29th May 2025, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.