



Findochty Community Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 5th May 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: Findochty Town Hall

Attendance

Community Councillors:

Anne Braidwood (Chair), Jeffrey Masterson, Ron Dawson, Paul Steel, Paul Kerrison

Associate members: None

Members of Public: 2

Moray Council: None

Apologies: Cllr Warren (update provided via Chair)

1. Welcome

Welcome from Chairperson

Anne Braidwood welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr Warren. It was noted that a second advertisement for a Secretary would be posted this week. There is a new member of the public (Tim Smith) who has offered to do weedkilling and other work in the village; so committee members and other member of the public were introduced and Tim was welcomed.

2. Community Police Update

There is no community police update available this month.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **7th April 2025:** The minutes were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by Ron Dawson and seconded by Paul Steel.
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4. Treasurer's Report

Report presented by Paul Kerrison:

Discussion took place regarding bank signatories and it was agreed office holders would be those signatories. So for now, Cheryl Birtwistle; Sean Brown and Morag Campbell would be removed and Anne Braidwood added.

Action: Paul Kerrison to update signatories

The Treasurer detailed recent financial activity:

- **Expenditures included:**
 - £60 catering, Resilience Event
 - £126 gravel/soil for boat feature

- £12.00 paint for boat feature
 - £420 public toilet clean (Visit Moray Speyside grant)
 - £337.33 public toilet refresh – fittings (as above)
 - £38 signs for Sannie Craig
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 - **Income:**
 - £3,399 Visit Moray Speyside grant for toilet refurbishment
 - £285.74 Moray Council Admin Grant
 - £250 Moray Fire & Protection, Buckie Branch, Charity Fund
 - £600 Common Good Fund, Shed
 - **Bank Balance: £9,897.43 (includes all grants)**
 - Admin Grant: £1,670.29
 - Events Fund: £738.10
 - Maintenance Fund: £2,150.75
 - General Fund: £1,833.87
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5. Community Feedback

- **Castle Street football pitch.** Cllr Warren received a response from Grant Speed at Moray Council, indicating improvements made regarding gorse being cut back and new fixings for posts. The fixings are actually quite sharp should a young person fall. Chair has also emailed Grant Speed with no response, will retry given the sharp fixings. There seems little chance of pitch being rotated back to previous position
- **Brown bin permit,** Chair has submitted the request but no permit as yet received; she will send details to Paul Kerrison for follow up

Action: Paul Kerrison to contact Moray Council

- **Dog poo bags** were discussed. The dispenser at Little Hampden has been destroyed. The other three bag stations are all ok with bags in them. It was decided to carry on for now
- **Noticeboard.** Paul Kerrison distributed some examples of what we could procure or did we wish to approach Cathedral Windows regarding a similar noticeboard they provided for the Bowling Club. An A1 noticeboard with wooden supports was probably easiest option
- **Berth in Findochty Harbour,** an issue was brought to the meeting about a resident not being able to access a berth when others had, overriding those on waiting list. There is a waiting list but it was agreed Paul Steel would bring up at next harbour committee meeting as there seems to be discrepancies in disbursement of berths. Anne Braidwood agreed she would advise the resident if he wished to complain after that point, Nicola Moss at Moray Council would be the point of contact for him

Action: Anne Braidwood to contact Moray council

6. Harbour Public Toilets Funding

Inside of toilets are now painted. We have a delay as Julian Holder, the painter, has sustained an elbow fracture during an accident at home. So there is some delay. The upgrade is looking good, we

need keys for machines (Anne Braidwood to ask Sharon Mair) and Jeffrey Masterson indicated the toilet rolls are low.

Action: Anne Braidwood to contact Sharon Mair to obtain keys for the dispensers

7. Community Council Website

The site is progressing well and seeing increased traffic.

8. Community Resilience Planning

The event went very well. Next steps will be discussed at the next meeting of the community resilience group

9. Maintenance of The White Mannie

The Treasurer reported no success with any funding bodies. Ocean Winds were mentioned for another option to pursue. Including Imperial War Museum as it is a designated war memorial. It is a memorial to fisherman and the research we have is that it was installed and unveiled 1959. A quote of £780 has been secured for plinth. Paint would cost roughly £50 for ten litres. It was decided to try gofundme or crowdfunding option for circa £1000.

Action: Paul Kerrison to move forward with crowdfunding option

10. Boat & Anchor Project

Paul Steel reported the project was finished and just waiting for soil and flowers.

11. Caravan Parking at Sannie Craig

Signs have been purchased and put in place to deter overnight parking.

12. To note reports from Local Councillors

Apologies were received from Cllr Warren.

- Cllr Warren updated the group via Chair:
 - Street lights at Burnside Street have been fixed
 - Discussions still taking place with manufacturer for replacements of other lights. They have suggested lantern types
 - Buckie Central High School report should be out this week and will go to ECLS Committee next Tuesday
 - Berthing issue should be brought up with Harbourmaster in first instance and Moray Council (Nicola Moss) after that
 - mconnect Saturday service due to be rolled out from this Saturday. 9-5 pm service and demand responsive i.e. door to door. If people wish to see an extended

service, like Speyside they should write to the relevant Head of Service, in this instance, Nicola Moss again

- Any questions, please contact Cllr Warren she will be happy to help .

13. Town Hall Update

Ron Dawson reported all was fine in regards to the Town Hall.

14. Sub-group Reports

To note reports from Community Council Sub groups

- **Harbour Advisory Group**

Paul Steel attends the Group and was asked to bring up the waiting list for berths in the harbour at the next meeting. No other update from the Group.

Action: Paul Steele to enquire on the berth waiting list

- **Christmas Lights**

The committee reported a a successful 80's evening event and that they had received a donation for £1,000

- **Maintenance/Gardening**

PS reported the boat has now been finished and in place, apart from one or two final tweaks. Paul Steel wondered if next project could be a two or three tier planter based on the green. As stated Tim Smith has offered his support on weedkilling etc. Paul Kerrison requested copies of licenses and risk

Action: Paul Kerrison to review licences and risk assessment

- **Defibrillator**

RD advised that on monthly inspection the battery still holding its own at two bars and we will monitor as will require replacement soon.

17. AOCB (Any Other Council Business)

There were no other items for the committee to consider or discuss at this time.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd June 2025 at 7:00 PM

Venue: Findochty Town Hall

Meeting Closed at 8:05 PM