



# Findhorn and Kinloss

## Community Council

### Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 29th May 2025, Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
M La Tourelle		C Low	TFVCC
A Shepherd	Minute Taker		
S Worth		Moray Councillors	
R Hutchinson			
S Dominey			
		Members of Public	

#### Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – D Anderson, A Hart, Cllr Robertson, Cllr Mc Bain, Cllr Drake
- b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

#### Item 2 – Public Session

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – No Police report this month, Police report issued quarterly. There were no reported incidents within the Community Council area.
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence – to be raised through agenda items.

#### Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025, at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

**3.1** The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 24th April were agreed as being accurate, proposed by M La Tourelle and seconded by S Worth.

#### Item 4 – Matters Arising from 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**4.1 (4.1) (4.1) (9.1)** A Shepherd met with L Cameron from Moray Council. The next step for the project is to understand the role of the Southside factor in the improvements to the playground. A Shepherd has contacted Cllr McBain, who kindly agreed to be the Southside point of contact. **ACTION: A Shepherd and Cllr McBain to discuss playground and set up on-site meeting with Southside Factor, this will be followed by a meeting with interested residents during June.**

**8.1** A Skene met with the Moray Residents Association Coordinating Team to inform them that there are no Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the Findhorn Kinloss Community Council area. **NO FURTHER ACTION.**

**13.2** M La Tourelle obtained two quotes to install metal posts with signage for the emergency route through the PEVF. Funding sources were discussed and FKCC agreed to pay half of the required amount. **ACTION: M La Tourelle to contact Moray Council to explore additional funding sources and commission work.**

**13.3** R Hutchinson has reviewed the Community Council Insurance policy documents and confirmed that existing provision does not cover resilience equipment, but that an add on can be purchased for this additional cover. **ACTION: R Hutchinson to list and value the purchased equipment for both Findhorn Village and the PEVF and send to Moray Council.**

#### Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

**5.1** C Low reported that the car park has been busy and work is ongoing to establish a contribution from the beach hut owners to the upkeep of the access road.

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

**5.3** Community right to buy has been completed for re-registration of the Engine shed and attached building (43c) due to its importance to Findhorn's cultural heritage.

**5.4** C Low raised reports of an overhanging tree and new 'no cycling' sign at Osprey House. **ACTION: S Worth to contact the owner of Osprey House.**

**5.5** C Low raised concerns over cycling on pavements in Findhorn, including electric bicycles. Bicycles should not be using the pavement in the residential area of Findhorn village, but it was agreed that signage may be unclear when switching from pavement to road on entering the village and additional signage may be helpful. **ACTION: A Skene to discuss with D Anderson.**

**5.6** Further concerns were raised regarding parking in Findhorn. Cars are routinely parking on pavements, blocking pedestrian passage and parking illegally on double yellow lines. A Skene raised this matter with Insp N Morrison at the JCC meeting. Parking scores low on the threat, risk, and harm matrix, and therefore it is not a priority for officers to attend parking issues.

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

**6.1** S Kane reported that there will be aviation activity at the Barracks from 2-20 June and some night flying is anticipated between 9-13 June. Kinloss Barracks will be hosting a Families Day on 14<sup>th</sup> June from 1100-1700, this is a closed event. The contract to run the Barracks nursery is out for tender on the MoD portal and will remain open.

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

**7.1** No further activity to report.

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

**8.1** No Correspondence received.

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

**9.1** A Shepherd reported that the Admin Grant has been received and that funds held in the Account are:

Admin Grant	£2285.05
Capital	£1122.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3407.18</b>

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

**10.1** The date for the next meeting of the JCC is 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025. However, the venue has yet to be confirmed. CC members are encouraged to attend to discuss the forthcoming elections.

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

**11.1** Cllr Drake reported that he is following up on the M-connect app after some complaints about it and he has written to planners to get a clearer picture on the material weight of LPP's prior to LDP being adopted, this has been raised at other CCs. A new round of Just Transition funding is available, and details can be found at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/just-transition-fund/pages/what-you-can-apply-for/>.

**11.2** Cllr Drake also reported that there have been grey squirrels reported in Forres and asked that residents keep an eye out for grey squirrels and report any sightings. Grey squirrels are non-native and carry fatal disease for our native Red Squirrels. Paul Wolverson from Moray Council will be carrying out monitoring after been contacted by a representative of Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels (SSRS) (which is a project led by The Scottish Wildlife Trust) to undertake grey squirrel monitoring in Mannachie Woods, Forres, following a reported sighting.

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

**12.1** M La Tourelle reported that Wildfires remain a concern. A wildfire community meeting took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and volunteer warden training on 29<sup>th</sup> May. M La Tourelle has initiated work on an evacuation plan for the park.

**12.2** M La Tourelle also reported on resilience activities at the PEVF, see item 13 below.

**12.3** M La Tourelle reported on the success of the Rise Dance Festival which took place from the 23rd - 25th May.

**12.4** M La Tourelle drew attention to the Education Circle meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, where Mark Anderson (FF

Trust chair) approached Education Circle inviting it to send a proposal to FF Trust to take on the FF SCIO.

### **Item 13 Resilience Planning**

**13.1** M La Tourelle reported that the Ecovillage Findhorn Community Benefit Society (EF CBS) has agreed to support and hold resilience equipment and planning. Two meetings have taken place with EF Health and Safety officer.

**13.2** R Hutchinson reported that pamphlets for households providing specific resilience information for the village have now all been distributed. Initial feedback has been positive and households that may require additional assistance have been identified. Concerns over Wildfires were raised and R Hutchison has written to C Low regarding maintenance of the firebreak.

**13.3** R Hutchinson reported that the SEN Resilience Fund has opened for funding applications for resilience equipment. R Hutchinson asked for volunteers to support him in writing funding applications. A battery for the Findhorn village centre remains a priority.

### **Item 14 Remembrance**

**14.1** S Worth has initiated planning for this year's Remembrance service. It was agreed that A Shepherd will be the FKCC representative at Kinloss and timing of services will be the same as last year. FKCC welcomed notice from the Moray Inshore Rescue Organisation (MIRO) that they intend to lay a wreath this year for the first time. FKCC will offer to do a joint purchase of wreaths on behalf of local organisations. **ACTION: S Worth to contact local organisations that need wreaths.**

### **Item 15 Planning**

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

- 25/00577/APP Erect a dwelling house and shepherd's hut on The Garden Plot, Findhorn IV36 3YY.....the FKCC will request further information about this planning application.
- 25/00594/APP Alter and extend dwelling house at Ard Beag, East Grange, Kinloss IV36 2 UD....NO objection.
- 25/00616/LBC Remove defective wall harling and repoint original stonework exposed with traditional lime and mortar at Kinloss and Findhorn Parish Church, Findhorn Road, Kinloss IV36 3TX.... NO objection.

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

### **Item16. Any Other Competent Business**

- a) JMI Replacement Windows – The design of the replacement windows was discussed. **ACTION: S Worth to write to the JMI to highlight the original design of the windows for consideration.**
- b) Findhorn Phone Box – C Low has written to BT and the Planners at Moray Council to request community adoption of the two phone boxes in Findhorn. **ACTION: C Low to update FKCC on progress.**
- c) Elections to the FKCC will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. FKCC will host stands at the Forres Highland Games and Findhorn Fayre to attract new members and highlight the work of FKCC. **ACTION: A Skene to investigate updating website and facebook page in advance of elections.**
- d) Affordable housing needs - Affordable housing needs meeting will take place at the Universal Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1900-2100 and a follow up meeting at Cullerne House on 4<sup>th</sup> June 0900-1100. ACTION: S Worth to attend on behalf of FKCC.

### **Item 17 Forthcoming Community Events**

**17.1** The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall events can be seen on website [www.universalhall.co.uk](http://www.universalhall.co.uk)

**Item 18 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss.