



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 July 2025 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
D Anderson	Minute Taker		
S Dominey			
S Worth		Moray Councillors	
R Hutchinson		Cllr Robertson	
A Hart			
A Shepherd			
		Members of Public	
		H Grigor (representing the James Milne Institute)	

Item 1 - Welcome

- Apologies – M La Tourelle, Cllr Mc Bain
- 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 29th May 2025, at Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 29th May were agreed as being accurate, proposed by S Worth and seconded by A Shepherd.

Item 4 – Matters Arising from 29th May 2025

4.1 (4.1) (4.1) (4.1) (9.1) A Shepherd has confirmed that dialogue is on-going regarding the Kinloss Playground and a meeting is to be set up with the Factor after the holidays. **ACTION: A Shepherd and Cllr McBain to discuss playground and set up on-site meeting with Southside Factor and interested residents.**

4.2 (13.2) M La Tourelle's written report confirmed that Moray Council were unable to provide funding towards the signage and that the signage has now been erected.

4.3 (13.3) R Hutchinson confirmed that a list of items and their value is required to enable the add on to the community council insurance to cover the resilience equipment. **ACTION: R Hutchinson to compile list of equipment in consultation with M La Tourelle.**

4.4 (5.4) S Worth confirmed that he has spoken with the owner of Osprey House regarding the signage and the overhanging trees. No further action.

4.5 (5.5) D Anderson, speaking in her role as a Moray Council officer, confirmed that cycling on the pavement was a matter for Police Scotland and that all signage and road markings at the end of the shared cycle track was present and in good condition.

4.6 (14.1) S Worth reported that he had contacted the local groups who lay wreaths at the Remembrance Services to see whether they would like to do a bulk purchase. Some groups have responded. He is awaiting responses from others.

4.7 (16a) H Grigor presented the proposals for the replacement windows at James Milne Institute (JMI), Findhorn and

asked if the FKCC was willing to submit the planning application on behalf of the JMI so they could benefit from reduced planning fees. Some discussion took place and queries were raised in relation to the design of the replacement windows. H Grigor provided further clarification, and it was agreed to submit the planning application in FKCC's name.

4.8 (16b) No update available currently on the transfer of the two phone boxes in Findhorn to the community.

4.9 (16c) A Skene has contacted the host of the FKCC website and asked for it to be updated to reflect the end of the FKCC term and the forthcoming elections in October.

4.10 (16d) S Worth attended two events on affordable housing and community facilities. The first was a large open meeting in the Universal Hall and the second was a smaller closed meeting in Cullerne House. S worth highlighted that there are already several existing community facilities in Findhorn.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 No report

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 S Kane reported that the Barracks are moving into their holiday period and there will be reduced activities. There was some discussion on whether Army assistance was sought for the recent wildfires on the Dava Moor. S Kane confirmed that as it was not classed as a major incident, assistance was not sought.

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 There is no report for June due to holiday period.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence has been received from a member of the public with regards to parked vehicles blocking access to the lane which serves no's 78/79/80/81 Findhorn. There are double yellow lines and a stop present, on which vehicles should not park. D Anderson confirmed that vehicles blocking exit from a property access are a matter for Police Scotland and should be reported. However, vehicles parked blocking entry into an access would not be moved on by the Police.

8.2 There was then further discussion relating to the parking which takes place on the footways in Findhorn, with some parked vehicles leading to pedestrians having to step into the road to pass. D Anderson confirmed that Moray Council had reviewed the locations put forward to community councils when the council was considering exemptions from the Pavement Parking legislation and orders were in place where it was considered acceptable to park. Criteria for the assessment of locations for exemptions were provided by Scottish Government and the footway in Findhorn did not meet the criteria.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 A Shepherd reported the amounts in the FKCC bank accounts as follows:

Admin Grant	£2,214.15
Capital	£1,122.13
Total	£3,336.28

Transactions during June included payment to the Information Commissioners Office and expenses.

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 The date for the next meeting of the JCC is 14th August 2025. However, the venue has yet to be confirmed.

Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report

11.1 Cllr Robertson reported that Moray Council's new management structure had been agreed and will be effective from September. The Council is taking steps to improve engagement and interaction through the introduction of a new digital platform in August called Engage HQ, with a focus on improving customer service.

11.2 Cllr Robertson highlighted that the pre-planning application consultation was underway for the new Forres Academy and that there will be a meeting on August 19th (venue to be confirmed) where members of the public can find out more information. She encouraged attendance from the wider Forres Academy catchment as to date most people engaging in the process are from Forres.

11.3 Cllr Robertson also shared that the emergency services will have a meeting following the recent wildfires to share

information and review the response.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle sent a written report highlighting the continuing Friday Conversation Cafes which offer the opportunity to raise queries and discuss community matters, along with other more formal monthly meetings. The Education Circle is meeting on a fortnightly basis and there is a fortnightly Community Learning Circle which focusses on providing information to new people living at the PEVF. The Caring Community Circle which is based at the PEVF has appointed a new coordinator who is now in post.

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's written report highlighted that the signs for the emergency route through the PEVF have been installed and that representatives from various groups have been meeting to discuss how best to share information on resilience and health and safety. She also reported concerns regarding the recent wildfires in Moray and highlighted that actions have been taken within the PEVF including setting up a Whats App group for emergency communication and that a fire drill will be held in the future.

13.2 R Hutchinson reported that the Findhorn village resilience group has a wildfire sub-group who have been mapping the location of fire hydrants, using What3Words to identify their locations and will be meeting shortly to consider the overall wildfire plan.

13.3 Discussion took place on how to raise awareness of fire risk and whether signage could be erected in the dunes highlighting risk and the Outdoor Access Code.

Item 14 Coastal Erosion

14.1 FKCC councilors will attend the Moray Council Coastal Adaption meeting on Tuesday 8th July along with other invited community representatives.

Item 15 Planning

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

Item 16. Any Other Competent Business

- a) Recruitment to FKCC – A Skene confirmed that she would be attending Forres Highland Games to promote Community Council membership, along with other community councilors from the Forres ward area. Members of FKCC would be welcome to join her.
- b) A Skene asked members to let her know if they were intending to stand in the elections. S Dominey confirmed that she would not be standing for the community council for the next term.
- c) An untidy, and potentially dangerous, building site has been reported to FKCC in Findhorn Village. ACTION: A Skene to report the site to Moray Council Building Standards.

Item 17 Forthcoming Community Events

17.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall events, including the Autumn Season Programme, can be seen on website www.universalhall.co.uk
- Summer Festival at the Phoenix Café 11-13th July
- The Game of Transformation 26-29th July
- Kinloss Gardening Club first Monday of every month at 2.00 pm at The Abbey Inn, Kinloss.
- Findhorn Coastal Rowing Club Tombola, JMI Findhorn, Friday 25 July.
- Findhorn Village Fayre, Sunday 27th July.
- Victory in Japan Service, St Lawrence Church, Forres, 15 August at 2.00pm

Item 18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 28th August 2025, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.