



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

DRAFT Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 25 September 2025 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

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

Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – D Anderson, S Dominey, A Hart, Cllr P McBain, Cllr D Van der Horn
- b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

Item 2 – Public Session

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – There has been no new quarterly Police report received.
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence – also to be raised through agenda items.
 - i) A Skene provided an update on the enquiry submitted to Moray Council regarding the motorhome site at the Captain's Table boatyard. The response from the condition compliance officer stated that the site has been classed as a Certified Aire Site under the auspices of the CAMpRA Rally Group allowing for a maximum of five motorcaravan pitches for year-round use. The FKCC will seek further information about spacing, length of stay and outlets for chemical waste.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 25th August 2025, at Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 25th August were agreed to be accurate, proposed by A Shepherd and seconded by R Hutchinson.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.1 (4.1) (4.1) (4.1) (4.1) (9.1) (4.1) A Shepherd reported that she had been investigating additional funding and preparing proposals for replacement play equipment at Southside, Kinloss. She had investigated the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund but found that it involved a lot of work and grants had already been awarded to the local area. EB Scotland applications have a lighter touch and A Shepherd will pursue when applications open in October, and also look at Awards for All. A Shepherd reported that she would be meeting with a playground supplier to look at designs and equipment. Cllr Robertson advised asking for support from Moray Council. **ACTION: A Shepherd to contact L Cameron, the Moray Council Support Unit Officer, to request help in the application process.**

4.2 (4.3) (13.3) R Hutchinson confirmed work on the list of items and their value to enable the add-on to the community council insurance to cover the resilience equipment is on-going. **ACTION: R Hutchinson to compile list of equipment in consultation with M La Tourelle. COMPLETED**

13.2 ACTION: R Hutchinson to supply full details of costs for Fire warning signage. COMPLETED. (The FKCC and FVCC each paid 50% of the costs.)

Discussion followed about the location and positioning of fire warning signs in both Findhorn and Kinloss. It was agreed that a clear protocol was needed for the erection and duration of signposting, for example, High Risk/Extreme Risk.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 The FVCC now own the two telephone boxes in Findhorn and will consult the community on preferred use. A popular idea is to have them accommodate defibrillators. It has also been proposed to have a defibrillator at the north toilet block, close to the beach. It was suggested that there should be signage indicating where the defibrillators are situated around the village. Kieran's Legacy will be consulted.

5.2 The FVCC offer to buy Findhorn church from the Church of Scotland has been accepted in principle and part funding has been secured. The working group aspire to employ a project officer/coordinator to work on the project and business plan.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 S Kane reported that there will be a regimental exercise from 6-16 October which will see increased activity on the base.

6.2 On 2nd November Condor Motor Sports will be holding a car rally on the base. Neighbours have been notified.

6.3 A change of provider for the nursery is ongoing and progressing. It is hoped that the facility might include wraparound care.

6.4 S Kane was asked if there was fire equipment on the base which could assist in local emergency situations. Now that the runway is inactive, there are no emergency fire vehicles on the base.

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 There is no separate report other than items covered in the agenda.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 A request for funds has been received from the Kinloss Gardening Club to enable them to improve the half barrel planters in front of the Spar shop and Primary School entrance. The club has 10-12 enthusiastic members and a children's gardening club has now been formed. Several garden initiatives have already been undertaken. It was agreed to give the Gardening Club the requested funding.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

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

Admin Grant	£1,933.23
Capital	£ 347.70
Total	£2,280.93

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 No JCC meeting. The next JCC meeting is scheduled for 13th November.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 Cllr Robertson reported that she had attended the recent Forres Academy Parent Council meeting and learned that the ban on mobile phones was working well. There is an all-day restriction for both staff and pupils.

The planning application for the new Forres Academy has been lodged. Public comments can be submitted through the normal planning channels. A new postcode will be needed for the new school as technically there is closure of the old school and a new school is being built. Consequently, a relocation consultation is taking place and parents are being asked to contribute to the consultation by agreeing to the move of location.

There is a new Moray Engage Platform where all consultations can be found. It is a space to share ideas about issues, projects and activities in Moray <https://engage.moray.gov.uk>

Moray Council received a positive external audit report for 2024/25 confirming improvements in governance and performance management.

Cllr Robertson thanked the FKCC members for their work and commitment over the last CC term.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 September Events:

On the 6th an Enterprise Fair was held. There were over 40 exhibitors and it was well attended. A Walker (Ekopia) received the annual award for services to the Community

On the 17th there was an Emergency Resilience Planning meeting with the Title Holders Association manager and A Marland regarding proposed new arrangements for the above. Work in progress

On 19th there was a SFRS Fire Safety Presentation by Mark Fowler Mark.Fowler@firescotland.gov.uk Tel 01463 723023 Mob 07825 938897

On the weekend of 19th-21st the first Ukulele Festival was held in the Ecovillage which attracted over 100 players who took part in workshops and concerts.

On the 20th there was the first meeting of the Carbon Action Group

On the 21st there was a Caring Community Circle (CCC) Steering Group meeting. The CCC service includes Findhorn Village, Kinloss and surrounding areas.

On the 24th a meeting was held with Findhorn Dunes Chair (Steve W.) regarding wildfire safety

On the 24th a meeting was held with M Richards, a licensed drone operator, regarding wildfire support.

Item 13 Resilience Planning

13.1 R Hutchinson reported that it was time to move into phase 2 of resilience planning and that there would be a change of direction at meetings. They would become more practical and workshop based, to look at protocols and equipment use. Over the last 2 years, the resilience planning group has developed successfully and become well established. Now is the time to move towards action and consolidation. He added that the group are aware of the approach of the winter season and possibilities of storms when support in the community may be needed.

Item 14 Remembrance Service

14.1 S Worth reported that he had contacted all stakeholders and had received feedback from most. The Piper had been contacted and wreaths had been purchased. The Kinloss minister will be in attendance at the Findhorn War Memorial for the Remembrance Ceremony at 9.45am and the religious service will be held at Kinloss Church at 10.15am. The Remembrance Ceremony at Kinloss Abbey will be at 9.15am.

Item 15 Planning

15.1 Four planning applications in the FKCC area were discussed.

25/01151/APP Alter and extend dwelling house at Kirtomy, 2 Fyrish Road, Findhorn. No representation submitted

25/01039/LBC Internal alterations and proposed new external entrance door to flat B at Flat B&C, Findhorn House, Yacht Club Road, Findhorn. No representation submitted

25/01050/APP Internal alterations and proposed new external entrance door to flat B at Flat B&C, Findhorn House, Yacht Club Road, Findhorn. No representation submitted

25/01014/APP Erect welfare building at Findhorn Sands, Findhorn. Contact will be made with the planning department to seek more information.

Item 16. Any Other Competent Business

- a) Recruitment to FKCC – A Skene has contacted the Forres Gazette regarding an article about the forthcoming Community Council elections and has put information notices on the CC noticeboards. The FKCC website and Facebook pages will also be updated with details of the establishment of community councils for the next term. Anyone wishing to stand as a Community Councilor must be on the Electoral Register - **Tel. 01224 068400 for electoral roll number. Nominations will open on Monday 6 October and close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 22 October. For more information about the Community Council elections please contact the elections helpline on 01343 563334 or email elections@moray.gov.uk**

Item 17 Forthcoming Community Events

17.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall events, including the new 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.

Item 18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27th November 2025, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn