

## FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Council held in the James Milne Institute, Findhorn on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007

#### **Present:**

R Walker (Chairman), I. Brodie, H.Morton, G. Sutherland, G. Verner, S MacGregor, J. Willoner  
L.Morgan, (Secretary)

**In Attendance:** John Innes (RAFLO), Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette).

**Also in Attendance:** 1 member of the Public

#### ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Hamilton, R. Shand, T.Negus, Eva Ward (FFLO)

#### Public Session

#### ITEM 2. ANY COMPETENT PUBLIC BUSINESS

2.1 Nil.

#### Council Session

#### ITEM 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 06 were ratified. Proposed G Sutherland,  
Seconded G Verner.

#### ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 *Cyclepath*. The Secretary wrote to Moray Council on 4 December to seek confirmation that it was still the Council's intention to end the Cyclepath near the entrance to Cullerne House. He raised the subjects of an extension to the 30mph zone and additional street lighting. He requested that the Council Roads department place a 'smiley face' interactive signal in the 40mph zone and one has been in place more than once this year. As there had been no reply to his 4 Dec letter, the Secretary sent a hastener letter but as yet there is still no reply. It was pointed out that, at least, the Council should have acknowledged receipt of the letter by now. See paragraph 1 of the Moray Councillor's Report at Annex A for recommended further action. **Action T Negus**

4.2 *Enclosure on the Loading Bank*. The Secretary has arranged a meeting between agents for Novar Estates, representatives of the Community Council, Findhorn Residents Association and Findhorn Village Heritage to take place on 9 February.

4.3 *Community Website*. I. Brodie gave an update on progress with the Community Council website. The website is almost ready: the pages are set up and photographs are awaited. The Council needs to decide how the website will be managed. The Chairman requested that all councillors send to I. Brodie a digital head and shoulders passport-style photo. **Action All**

4.4 *Bench Seat at Childrens' Playground*. The Secretary is still working on provision of a seat or picnic bench for parents supervising their children at play. **Action T Negus**

## ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**5.1** *Crown Estate Land.* The Chairman reported that he received a letter from D. Willing enclosing a cutting from the Northern Scot on the subject of transfer of Crown Estate lands. Also he had received a copy of a Crown Estate letter to the Chairman of the Fairways Committee on the same subject. Highland Region and Moray Council had set up a Crown Estate Review Working Group and the Group had issued a report containing far-reaching proposals for future transfer of Crown Estate lands; these are opposed by the Crown Estate. For example, it is proposed that the foreshore land is transferred to local Council control. The Chairman had contacted Crown Estate, Scotland, who stated that their land is not for sale. It was decided that the Chairman should request from Moray Council a copy of the report and this topic should be an agenda item for our next meeting.

**Action R Walker and T Negus**

## ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

**6.1** *Correspondence.* Regional Transport Strategy Report from HITRANS inviting comment. L Morgan suggested that the Aberdeen – Inverness bus service be re-routed to include Inverness Dalcross Airport. Agreed, comment to be sent to HITRANS. Invitation to apply for Landfill Tax Grant, no inputs from us. Grampian Fire & Rescue publication on prevention of Road Traffic Accidents, no action required from us. Postwatch Scotland request for input on post office closures, Secretary and Chairman to send e-mail comment supporting retention of Findhorn and Kinloss post offices. Electroloral Reform Society request for volunteers to publicise the new Single Transferable Vote system, no takers. Copy of letter from Mr Blackwood to Moray Council objecting to vehicle access at 44 Findhorn and also smoking area at Crown & Anchor: Community Council has already submitted an objection to the former, with regard to the latter the due planning application process should proceed. SEPA Scottish Bathing waters Report, Findhorn Family Beach rated 'Good', no further action.

**Action L Morgan and R Walker**

## ITEM 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

7.1 No report, Treasurer unable to attend.

## ITEM 8. MORAY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

8.1 Cllr Hamilton was unable to attend and his written report is at Annex A.

## ITEM 9. RAFLO REPORT

9.1 J Innes advised that there were no new items to report.

9.2 Attendance at the memorial service for the 120 Sqn Nimrod crew killed in Afghanistan on the Station on 29<sup>th</sup> January is by invitation only.

## ITEM 10. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

10.1 No report.

## ITEM 11. LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM REPORT

11.1 I Brodie summarised the main points of his report which is at Annex B.

## ITEM 12. PLANNING

12.1 *Correspondence.* Letter of objection sent regarding vehicular access to 44 Findhorn. The Secretary had agreed with Moray Council a late response regarding 116 Findhorn. The meeting agreed not to object to extension and alterations at 116 Findhorn: the Secretary will send a letter to this effect to Moray Council.

12.2 *Planning Applications notified since last Meeting.*

Kinloss.

15 Dec. House at 13 Whiteinch, Kinloss. No objection.

Findhorn Foundation

Nil

Findhorn Village.

19 Dec. Extensions & Alterations to 116 Findhorn. No objection (see 12.1 above)

10 Jan. Entrance canopies at 10A and 10B Broom Walk. No objection.

New build house in ground adjacent to 5 Fyrish Rd. This had been requested and permission denied 10 years ago. As there has been no material change, the Community Council should again raise an objection. POST MEETING NOTE: As the deadline for objections to this is 30 Jan, L Morgan sent a letter of objection on behalf of T Negus.

## ITEM 13 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

13.1 L Morgan reported on business at the JCC meeting on 14 Dec: the debate on the LNFs continues with some CCs opposed to them and some in favour of allowing them time to bed in. It was decided that R Walker should attend the next JCC meeting on 8 Feb and propose that the JCC write to the Scottish Executive to obtain clarification on the boundaries of responsibility between CCs and LNF. The JCC accepted the F+K CC proposal that the JCC write to MPs and others lobbying for the retention of our rural post offices. **Action R Walker**

13.2 S MacGregor reported problems with the JMI hall keeper: the hall had not been opened as required and fire exits were blocked. She will report this to the Hall Committee. **Action S MacGregor**

13.3. L Morgan informed the meeting that Alan Miller is now the local rep for reporting minor items of local Findhorn news to the Northern Scot. Pearl Hamilton does the same for Kinloss and the Forres Gazette. He also reminded the meeting that the F+K CC had agreed to provide an appointed Director to the Findhorn Village Centre. J Willoner volunteered subject to receiving, and being happy with, information on the Director's responsibilities and commitments.

## ITEM 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Thursday 22nd February 2007 at the Stables Inn, Kinloss.**

Annexes Attached: A. Cllr Hamilton's Report  
B. I Brodie's Forres Neighbourhood Forum Report

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