

**Minutes of Meeting of Findochty Community Council**  
**6<sup>th</sup> August 2008**  
**Findochty Town Hall**

**Persons Present:** Mabel Sutherland, Elizabeth Campbell, Colin Thain, Christine Campbell, Gordon MacDonald, Mairi Innes, Tracey Rae (Moray Council)

**Apologies:** Lesley Loades, Ann McKay, Alistair Kynoch

**Members Situation :** Guest speaker Tracey Rae, of Moray Council's Law and Admin Section department clarified the legislation regarding co-option of community council members to those present. Tracey advised that current legislation stipulates that Findochty Community Council is an 8 member ward and as such is entitled to 2 co-options of members per term. However, exceptional circumstances prevail and she sought agreement from elected members to co-opt Colin Thain, formally and to further co-opt one other member. Thus bringing the total number of members up to 8. Councillor Gordon MacDonald agreed that this was the prudent thing to do in order to ensure that the Community Council ward keeps functioning. It was agreed that Mairi shall invite Mrs Lorna Breetzke to the next meeting of F.C.C. with a view to Mrs Breetzke being co-opted onto the community council.

Tracey went on to say the current term of office for F.C.C. ends in October 2009, at which point the current F.C.C. will be disbanded and the vacancies will then be advertised (these vacancies are normally filled by existing members).

**Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting:**

1. Elizabeth reported that the Reverend Austin was presented with his picture from F.C.C.
2. Garden maintenance – ongoing – awaiting quotes.
3. Building of Plinths at Findochty Harbour – Mairi advised that she has approached Gary Wilson for a price, nothing received to date. Colin suggested that Gill West may be able to price the job. Mairi agreed to try her best to get a price from a builder and get the work started as soon as possible.
4. Right of Way issue at Duke Street – Councillor MacDonald advised that this is an ongoing issue and that Moray Council are looking into the situation.
5. Railings at McKenzies' Beach. Mairi advised that a member of the public made a complaint to her about the dangerous and rusty condition of the steps and railings leading down to the popular bathing beach. Councillor MacDonald agreed to report to the relevant Council section.
6. Piped burn behind Town Hall – Elizabeth advised that the burn and embankment behind the hall is overgrown. Moray Council will not cut this because of the dangerous slopes.

**Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008**