

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL .

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held in Kinloss Primary School on Thursday 30th April 2009

Present:

R Walker (Chairman), R. Shand, S.Macgregor, Cllr Hamilton, G. Verner, J. Willoner, H Morton, L. Morgan, T. Negus (Sec).

In Attendance:

Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette), J Innes (RAFLO) plus 2 members of the public.

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from M. Thompson, A Skene, Eva Ward.

Public Session

ITEM 2. ANY COMPETENT PUBLIC BUSINESS& GRAMPIAN POOLICE REPORT

2.1 There was no competent public business.

2.2 In the absence of any representation from Grampian Police there was no report The meeting expressed disappointment that following the departure of WPC Page a few months ago, there appears to be little or no interest shown by Grampian Police towards the Community Council. The much appreciated regular police 'surgeries' set up by WPC Page appear to have been abandoned. The Chairman agreed to once again take up the issue with senior management at Grampian Police. **Action R Walker**

Council Session

ITEM 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2009 were ratified. Proposed L Morgan, seconded G Verner.

ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Kinloss noticeboard. The Chairman reported that he had arranged to meet the new manager of the Spar shop in the next few days with a view to obtaining permission to site the new noticeboard on the front wall of the shop. He hoped to have the board in place by the next meeting. **Action R Walker.**

4.2 Access Road to West Beach Car Park in Findhorn. Councillor Hamilton said that he had requested that the road be repaired but he had no further information on possible timescale. **Continues.**

4.3 Possible Community Service Projects. The Chairman reported that he had encountered considerable difficulty in identifying projects that were acceptable to the organisation. All too frequently, suggested projects were turned down on the pretext that they might be competing with another agency or on Health and Safety grounds. L Morgan suggested asking for a list of recently completed projects in order to gain a better idea as to what types of work might be acceptable. The Chairman agreed to follow this up.

Action R Walker.

4.4 Communications from Scottish Gas. These have been copied and placed in the boxes in both Post Offices.

4.5 Pothole in Road near Findhorn Church. J Willoner said that he had reported this to the Roads department who had carried out repairs extremely promptly.

ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5.1 Letter received from Moray Council Development Services about the start of e-planning arrangements. Secretary nominated as point of contact for Planning. Chairman has forwarded e.mail details.

5.2 Letter received from Mr Baxter regarding a neighbour dispute.

5.3 Invitation received from SEPA to consultation events in Inverness on 14 May and Thurso on 28 May.

5.4 e-Mail received from a visitor to Findhorn from Stirlingshire. Visitor deplored the dilapidated state of the wooden steps on the North Shore and the excessive dog fouling. Chairman has sent suitable reply.

J Willoner will raise this issue at the next meeting of the Nature Reserve Management Committee. R Shand to contact relevant authority at Moray Council. **Action J Willoner, R Shand.**

5.5 The Chairman reported that there had been considerable interest in the sale of the surplus RAF married quarters, particularly those at Kinloss Park although pricing and other details had yet to be finalised. The new developers intend to give a presentation to the June meeting of the Community Council.

5.6 The Chairman reported on a meeting that he had recently had with Officer Commanding Base Support Wing at RAF Kinloss regarding a Community Centre facility in Kinloss. The RAF authorities have a long term plan to provide a Community Centre facility for both military and civilian residents of Kinloss. It is hoped that the RAF, Moray Council and the Southside OMQ developers can collaborate on the project and bring the project timescale forward.

ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 Meetings attended: 24 April - Gypsy/Traveller awareness raising session organised by Moray Council. 27 April - Fund raising seminar organised by Moray Council. 27 April - Lecture by Chief of the Air Staff on 'Air Power in the 21st Century'.

6.2 Correspondence: Invitation to enter best-kept village in Moray competition. Letter & proforma to claim Community Council grant. (reply sent). Letter from REDCO Milne about presentation on 17 April about proposed Bogton Development in Forres. Letter from ICO about DPA registration renewal. (Direct debit already in place). Also information about recent changes to Freedom of Information Act registration. FKCC has been registered as a 'Public Authority' under the terms of the FOI act. (L. Morgan to check status in this respect.). Invitation to presentation about new Forres Healthcentre 1st May. Letter from RAF Kinloss about visiting Aircraft. Renewal Invoice for ASCC membership.

6.3 e-Correspondence. Hastener sent to Moray Council regarding response to request for additional bus stop opposite Findhorn Church.

6.4 Consultations. From BMA Scotland on the way ahead for General Practice. From David Stewart MSP on proposals to create a 'Victims Commissioner for Scotland'.

ITEM 7. TREASURERS REPORT

7.1 Cheque for £15 issued for ASCC subscription.

ITEM 8 ASCC REPORT

8.1 L Morgan recently attended an ASCC meeting in Edinburgh.

8.2 Some Community Councils in Moray remain potential candidates for the proposed trial of revised funding arrangements.

8.3 Following changes to the Planning Act (Scotland) it is proposed that Community Council representatives take advantage of training initiatives being set up to brief Moray Councillors on the revised system. This will be held over until the after the Community Council elections in October this year.

ITEM 9. MORAY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 Cllr Hamilton reported that following a request from the minister of Kinloss Church, alterations had been made to the Sunday bus timetable to allow congregation members from Kinloss to travel to Findhorn for Services and vice versa.

ITEM 10. RAFLO REPORT.

10.1 A 'Joint Warrior' exercise will be held from 11th to 22nd May. Visiting aircraft will include P-3 Orions, Mirages, Hawks and Falcons.

ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

No report.

ITEM 12. PLANNING

12.1 Correspondence. Letter from Moray Council informing us that outline permission has been granted for plot next to 110A Findhorn. Improvements to the access track (requested by FKCC) have been included in Planning conditions.

12.2 Correspondence. Letter from architect of proposed alterations at Piers Workshop. Both clients involved have written letters to reassure the Community Council that they have no intention of ever interfering with the public amenity activity in that part of the village. (Letters read out).

12.3 Recent Gazette advertisements noted about 2 developments at Kinloss. FKCC has already responded in respect of these.

12.4 Applications registered since last meeting:

Kinloss

Erect 4 wooden Camping chalets at East Grange Farm. (Already in Place) No objection.

Findhorn Foundation – No applications.

Findhorn Village

Repair garden wall and fencing and bury oil tank at 109 Findhorn. No objection

Internal alterations & new Window at 44 Findhornm. No objection.

Conservatory at 14 Seaforth Place. No objection.

ITEM.13. NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME.

13.1 The Secretary informed the meeting that Moray Council is consulting about a review of the current Community Council Scheme. Any changes will come into force following the elections in October. The scheme is being reviewed nationally and FKCC have already been involved in consultations with ASCC

on the subject. A revised model constitution, and standing orders together with a proposed code of conduct for Community Councillors has been approved at national level. Then Secretary proceeded to highlight some changes in the proposed new constitution as compared with that existing. He stressed that the model constitution was a template for guidance at that it may be necessary to make minor modifications to suit our own particular circumstances. L Morgan pointed out that there were changes proposed in respect of young (age 16-18) prospective candidates and there appeared to be some uncertainty about Moray Council's approach to this issue. L Morgan agreed to try and clarify the situation and report back to the next meeting

.Action L Morgan

13.2 Possible revision of Community Council boundaries also forms part of the review. For some time Findhorn & Kinloss Community Council have had concerns about their boundary particularly at the eastern margin. Moray Council has suggested that a solution might be to align this part of the Community Council boundary with that of the Forres ward. This would then include Damhead, Milton Brodie, Miltonhill and the Kinloss golf course. The meeting considered this to be a sensible modification and the Secretary was instructed to inform Moray Council to this effect.

Action T Negus

ITEM 14. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

14.1 The Secretary noted that the new wall surrounding the Findhorn War Memorial was now complete. The meeting agreed that the appearance of the new structure was excellent and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Gary Morrison at Moray Council. **Action T Negus.**

14.2 The Secretary asked the meeting whether all present were aware of the requirement for householders to register septic tanks with SEPA. Registrations received by 31st May will be free of charge, thereafter a substantial registration fee will be charged. A consensus taken at the meeting suggested that this was by no means universally known. Council members were asked disseminate this information where possible.

14.3 R Shand reported that the additional road markings to deter motorists turning right out of the piers access road opposite the Kimberly Inn were not yet in place. He also noted that a number of other lines in the village were indistinct. It was suggested that a review of the white lining in Findhorn be carried out and that lines should be refreshed where appropriate. Cllr Hamilton agreed to speak with Roads Department at Moray Council.

Action Cllr Hamilton

14.4 R Shand said that cyclists riding on pavements and against the one-way traffic system remained a significant problem in Findhorn. It had been hoped that the promised increased Grampian Police presence in Findhorn would have helped the situation. However, following the departure of WPC Page there had been little or no visible Police presence seen around the village and the cyclist problem remained as bad as ever. The Chairman noted Mr Shand's concerns and pointed out that he had already agreed to contact Grampian Police management about policing issues. (see 2.2 above).

14.5 R Shand expressed concerns about the new junction arrangements near Findhorn Church. Despite additional signage he felt there was a high risk of an accident being caused by vehicles coming from Findhorn High Street failing to give way at the Junction. Several others at the meeting echoed Mr Shand's concerns. Whilst initially it was hoped that increasing familiarity with the new junction would ease the situation, this has not proved the case and the situation remains as bad as ever. It was suggested that the Secretary contacts the Council to request a review of the layout of the junction. **Action T Negus**

ITEM 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 28th May 2009 at 7.30pm in the James Milne Institute Findhorn.