

Minutes of Meeting of Findochty Community Council
Held at Findochty Town Hall 3rd June 2009

Persons Present: Lorna Breetzke, Colin Thain, Leslie Loades, Mable Sutherland, Councillor Anne McKay, Councillor Gordon McDonald, Police Officers Phil Gordon and Jenna Smith

Apologies: Elizabeth Campbell, Craig Breetzke, Bryan Reid

Matters Arising from Previous month's meeting

- **No Ball Games Sign** – Councillor Gordon McDonald confirmed the Council did put up the sign and that the Roads department are to approach all the residents in the vicinity to find out the general consensus in regards to whether they feel there is a problem. Also, it was confirmed by the Police that playing football in the street is not an offence, only if damage done.
- **New Play Area Planned for Findochty Caravan Park** – Councillor Anne McKay advised that the Council have deemed the current play equipment unsafe and it must be removed. Various proposed plans for the upgrade were shown to the Community Council. Councillor Anne McKay suggested that if Mr & Mrs Main were unhappy with these proposals then the equipment could be given to the Primary school instead, however it would mean there would be no play area at the Caravan Park. An open meeting is to be held for the plans to be discussed.
- **Planting of Flower Tubs** – Leslie advised the flowers are to be delivered in the next few days. Plant pots have been allocated to each member of the Community Council for weeding and planting.
- **Maintenance of The Stripe** – The Council have confirmed that the problem area is to be maintained by the Community not the Council.

Any Other Business

Youths Littering Village

Lorna and Colin raised two separate incidents in the village. Firstly on Saturday 30th June a large group of youths were camping in 'Mini Hampden' and left the park full of litter. Then, a day or so later, a group of teenagers were spotted drinking alcohol down MacKenzies beach and one in particular urinating against the harbour wall up on the road. Obviously this is unacceptable behaviour and the Police Officers advised if anyone

sees anything like this again to contact the Police straight away. Telephone numbers for the local Police and the Community Police Officer were handed out.

Play Area at Findochty Primary School

Councillor Anne McKay reported that the play area erected at Findochty Primary School has been deemed unfit for use and is a medium-high risk. Among the issues are - the site has been poorly laid out and there is not adequate space for the swings and the netting used is incorrect for its purpose. The equipment will be removed; however the future of the play area is uncertain due to the extremely high cost in replacement. Lorna suggested the proposed play equipment for Findochty Caravan Park could be given to the school instead.

Dog Fouling

Leslie advised the new signs are being blatantly ignored and the dog fouling by the KeyStore is still an issue.

Faulty Boiler in the Town Hall

Colin advised the urn in the Town Hall is faulty due to the thermostat being broken. Colin is to write a letter to Moray Council.

Date of next meeting will be 1st July 2009 held at Findochty Town Hall