

**Minutes of Meeting of Findochty Community Council**  
**Held at Findochty Town Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Persons Present:** Lesley Loades, Elizabeth Campbell, Ian Gardiner, Andrew Slater, Martin Legge, Lorna Breetzke

**Guests Present:** Tracey Rae, Fiona Rolt

**Apologies:** Craig Breetzke, Councilor Gordon McDonald, Councilor Anne McKay

As this was the inauguration of the Findochty CC Tracey Rae opened the meeting and welcomed the newly elected members. Congratulations were given on the success of the Cheese & Wine Open Evening as all vacant seats have been filled so no need for further elections.

**Election of Office Bearers**

**Chairperson:** Lesley Loades – Nominated by Elizabeth, seconded by Andrew  
**Vice-Chair:** Elizabeth Campbell – Nominated by Lesley, seconded by Martin  
**Secretary:** Lorna Breetzke – Nominated by Lesley, seconded by Elizabeth  
**Treasurer:** Martin Legge – Nominated by Lorna, seconded by Lesley

**Guest Speaker** - Fiona Rolt, a local Community Support Officer gave a brief talk on the role of Community Support. She explained it has been put in place to identify the needs of the community, eg help with funding applications, facilitating any CC member training, help setting up activity groups etc. Fiona advised a meeting will be set up with the office bearers to find out if any extra support would be beneficial.

**Matters Arising from Previous month's meeting**

**Library Move** – Elizabeth informed the CC that the library is due to open at Findochty Primary School on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm. A member of the CC will attend.

**Any Other Business**

**The Stripe** - Lesley raised the matter of the recurring blockage at The Stripe.

- **Action** – Lesley to contact Grant Speed to try and resolve this issue.

**£1000 Coastal Grant** – Lesley informed the CC of a £1000 grant available for communities to undertake coastal related projects. The CC discussed the badly eroded steps and rusty hand rail at McKenzies Beach and whether this would qualify for the grant.

- **Action** – Lorna to email Tracey Rae to find out the funding situation for harbour repairs.

**Xmas Parties & Xmas lights** – Lorna raised the matter of the children's and over 60's Christmas Party. Due to the collapse of the Amenities the question was asked whether the CC would be able to arrange and fund the Christmas parties and Christmas lights. It was clear that if the CC were to take over these responsibilities volunteers from the village would be essential.

- **Action** – All members to approach potential volunteers for community events / fundraisers etc.

**Play park at Findochty Primary School** – Andrew asked the other members if the newly built play park is meant to be for public use. Due to the park being inside the school grounds the public are unable to use it during school hours.

- **Action** – Lorna to look into this and report back to CC on next meeting.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.