

Minutes of Meeting of Findochty Community Council **Held at Findochty Town Hall on 4th November 2009**

Persons Present: Lesley Loades (Chair), Ian Gardiner, Andrew Slater, Martin Legge, Lorna Breetzke, Councillor Anne McKay, Councillor Gordon McDonald

Guests Present: Jackie Innes (member of Findochty Amenities)

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Craig Breetzke.

Lesley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillor Gordon McDonald and Councillor Anne McKay for their help during the last term.

Matters Arising from Previous month's meeting

The Stripe – Lesley has spoken to Moray Council and was told work is due to be done, however after the recent flooding it appears to be too late for some of the residents who live next to the burn. The Council will continue to monitor this situation until the essential work is carried in order to prevent this happening again.

£1000 Coastal Grant – Lorna advised an email has been sent to Tracey Rae to enquire as to whether the £1000 grant could be used to repair the eroded steps. No response as yet.

Xmas Parties & Xmas lights – Jackie Innes came along to the meeting on behalf of the Amenities. It was agreed that the remaining members of the Amenities would join with the CC until the end of the year in order to go ahead with the Over 60's Xmas party and putting up the Xmas lights. Lorna told the CC that the Findochty Community Church have volunteered for any community events such as this and will be happy to help with both the party and the lights.

Jackie informed the CC that the Over 60's party is to be held on Thursday 10th December. It was agreed a meeting will be held on 26th November to plan the event. Jackie asked the CC if we would like to go ahead with the New Year's party – to be discussed at next meeting.

- **Action** – Andrew to organize volunteers for the Xmas lights and contact the other members of the CC to arrange a suitable time to put them up.

Play Park at Findochty Primary School – Lorna advised an email has been sent to Tracey Rae to enquire as to whether the park can be used by the public within school hours, no response as yet. Councillor Anne McKay advised she has spoken to the Director of Education and it has been confirmed that the public are allowed to use the park at all times.

Any Other Business

Lesley informed Lorna that a meeting will be arranged shortly with Gillian Bailey (Community Support Officer) to discuss any support or assistance they can offer the CC. Time of meeting to be confirmed.

Opening of Library – No official letter regarding the opening of the library has been received.

- **Action** – Elizabeth to confirm date and time.

The Plinth – Elizabeth and Lesley have given the go ahead to the company creating the display. Lesley advised still no reply from Buckie Shipyard about the possibility of a donation.

Council Cut Backs – Lesley raised the matter of the recently publicized Council cut-backs. Lesley felt that the Community Councils were being made a scape goat and could face a possible public backlash if made to decide on the local services or facilities to be cut. Councillor Gordon McDonald explained that once the budget report is released the CC's will be responsible for making the information available to the local people in order to obtain their views about the possible cuts. The CC will then be invited to a Budget Consultation meeting to put forward the views of those in their village.

Paired Schools – The matter of a shared Head Teacher for Findochty Primary School was raised by Councillor Anne McKay. A meeting has been held and it is likely this will go ahead. Councillor Gordon McDonald stated that the SNP are strongly opposed to this and wanted to make it clear that they will be fighting to stop it going ahead due to serious concerns they have.

Remembrance Service – Lesley reminded the CC of the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November at 12.45pm.

Open Invitation to CC meetings – Lesley suggested that we put up a notice in the Post Office the week prior to a meeting with any topics to be discussed and an invitation to come along. The CC agreed this would be a good idea.

- **Action** – Lorna to print and put up the posters.

Overgrown pampas grass – Andrew raised an issue regarding the pampas grass at the junction at the top of Station Road.

- **Action** – Andrew to have a look at the issue and report back to the CC.

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm in the Findochty Town Hall

