

## **Minutes of Meeting of Findochty Community Council** **Held at Findochty Town Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009**

**Persons Present:** Lesley Loades (Chair), Ian Gardiner, Martin Legge, Lorna Breetzke,

**Apologies:** Craig Breetzke, Elizabeth Campbell, Councillor Anne McKay,  
Andrew Slater

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

**The Plinth** – Lesley informed the CC that the plinth is currently having the final touches and should be finished shortly.

**Council Cut Backs** – An Open afternoon was held in the Town Hall inviting locals to come and find out about the proposed cuts and to note their opinions so the CC could raise them at the Budget Consultation meeting. 3 responses were received from 5 people who attended. The general consensus is that the village would not like to lose learning support or mobile libraries. Lorna raised the issue of swimming lessons for primary school children being cut and felt that with the local children living so close to the sea swimming lessons are essential. Lesley expressed her concern over the 'Areas where future investigation is proposed' and the severity of these possible cuts. The CC agreed that these services/facilities are of huge importance and should not even be considered.

- **Action** - Martin to attend the Budget Consultation meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December and ask if there will be a further consultation regarding the future cuts.

**Over 60's Xmas Party** – There was a meeting held with the Amenities to discuss the party. Volunteers from within the Amenities, the CC and the village are to make soup and sweets and help at the party.

**Xmas lights** – The Amenities arranged for the lights to be put up. There are some in need of repair but with very little planning a good job was done.

**£1000 Coastal Grant** – Lorna informed the CC of the email response received from the Moray Council regarding the eroded steps at McKenzies beach and the possibility of using a Coastal Grant. Hilary Mott advised that due to budget cuts over the next 4 years it is unlikely there will be sufficient funding for such maintenance work as this. She queried the grant with Coastal Protection Sections but they were unable to help so she has requested further information on the grant.

- **Action** – Lesley to provide further information on Coastal Grant

## **Any Other Business**

**Condition of the Town Hall** – Lesley raised the issue of the current state of the Findochty Town Hall. The CC agreed it is looking run down especially the curtains and could do with a refurb. The CC discussed the idea of a fund raiser. To be discussed further at next month's meeting.

**Steps from Blantyre Terrace down to the harbour** – Lesley advised the CC the issue of the steps being covered in leaves and causing them to become slippery has been brought to her attention. The CC is to look into this further.

**Dog Fouling** – Recurring issue of dog fouling raised again by Lesley, who said it is particularly bad on the path from the Town Hall to the Key Store. The CC discussed the possibility of bringing in the Dog Warden to tackle the issue.

**Costs for CC** – The matter was raised by Lesley who advised the CC that the annual grant we receive from Moray Council is primarily for admin and expenses costs so should be used for that purpose.

- **Action** – Martin to make up a template for expenses.

**Donation from The Admirals** – A generous donation was received for The Admirals for the Over 60's Xmas Party.

- **Action** – Lorna to write a thank you letter

**Date of next meeting is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Findochty Town Hall**