

Minutes of Meeting of Findochty Community Council
Held at Findochty Town Hall on 13th January 2010

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

Apologies: Craig Breetzke

Matters Arising from Previous month's meeting

The Plinth – Lesley advised the CC that the display for the plinth at the Hythe will be fitted shortly. Also, a generous donation has been received from Buckie Shipyard.

Council Cut Backs – Martin attended the Budget Consultation meeting in Buckie and handed over the responses we received from the locals. He explained to the CC the format the meeting took; however felt that when asked questions about the cuts the Council were extremely vague.

Lesley again expressed her concern over the 'Areas where future investigation is proposed' and the CC felt they were not given enough time to gather opinions as the Consultation meeting was called at very short notice.

£1000 Coastal Grant – Lorna read the guidelines of the Moray Firth Partnership Community Grant Scheme and the CC agreed that the plans to rebuild the steps to McKenzies beach should qualify for the grant.

- **Action** – Lorna to complete and send of application form

Condition of the Town Hall – The CC have agreed to hold a fund raiser in order to improve the condition of the Town Hall. Lesley asked Councillor McDonald if there is someone we can contact within the Council to check how safe the Town Hall is from being closed down before we organize the event.

- **Action** – Lorna to contact Tracey Rae

Dog Fouling – This is still a huge problem in the village so the CC has decided to contact the Dog Warden.

Costs for CC – Martin handed out Expenses Forms to all members of the CC.

Any Other Business

The Moray Way Association – Lesley read out an invitation to their meeting to discuss the proposed Moray Way map and guide book.

Moray Local Outdoor Access Forum – Lesley informed the CC application details have been received for anyone interested.

Findochty Library – The CC are appalled at the way this situation has been handled. Councillor Anne McKay advised the CC she had spoken to Alistair Campbell that morning and apparently the re-opening has been delayed as no Completion Certificate received. Lesley raised concerns over this response as the interior has yet to be painted and would like to know why it is taking so long.

- **Action** – Lesley to write a letter to the Chief Executive

Sea Level Indicator – The CC would like there to be a sea level indicator at the entrance of the harbour in order to give a guide as to the depth of the water for children jumping off the pier.

- **Action** - Councillor McDonald to raise the issue at next Harbor Committee meeting.

Booking of the Town Hall – Elizabeth informed the CC of the changes when booking the hall. We now only have a limited time per day to make a booking – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-11am and Monday and Friday 10am-12.30pm. The CC felt this could cause problems. Councillor McDonald advised this matter is to be raised at an upcoming meeting.

LEADER funding – Lorna read an email regarding the LEADER funding for those CC's who participated in the Scottish Government Pilot. Receipts of all expenses for the Pilot need to be sent to the Council to support the application.

- **Action** – Martin to send receipts of expenses

Flooding on Strathlene Road – Andrew raised the issue of the rain water lying on Strathlene Road.

- **Action** - Councillor McDonald to raise with Moray Council.

Date of next meeting is 10th February at 7pm in the Findochty Town Hall