

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held in Kinloss Primary School on Thursday 25th February 2010

Present:

L. Morgan(Chairman), R. Shand, G. Verner, H Morton, A. Skene, P. Carroll, T. Dindwall, J. Willoner, I. Hampson, T. Negus (Sec).

In Attendance:

J. Innes (RAFLO) plus 1 member of the public.

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hamilton, Eva Ward & Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette)..

Public Session

ITEM 2. ANY COMPETENT PUBLIC BUSINESS & GRAMPIAN POLICE REPORT

2.1 No Grampian Police Report in absence of representative. (No apologies received)

2.2 No other Competent Public Business.

Council Session

ITEM 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2010 were ratified. Proposed P.Carroll, seconded J.Willoner.

ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Noticeboard in Kinloss. The Chairman reported that the new noticeboard is now in place on the East wall of the Spar shop in Kinloss.

4.2 Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland. The Treasurer confirmed that he had completed application and a standing order for the annual membership fee. Confirmation of receipt is awaited.

4.3 New Constitution. The Secretary confirmed that the new constitution has been ratified by Moray Council and a signed copy has been put on file.

4.4 Changes at Kinloss Sewage Works. The Secretary reported that he had been in contact with Scottish Water and that he had received an apology from Mr Stephen Scott that we had not been kept in the picture about the changes at Kinloss Sewage Works. He had confirmed that Kinloss site will become a pumping station with effluent being pumped to the Forres works for treatment. He maintained that this would have advantages for water quality in Findhorn Bay and that it would offer cost savings. Following discussion the Secretary was instructed to correspond further with Mr Scott regarding capacity and water quality issues.

Action T Negus

ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5.1 The Chairman reported that the post on the trustee board of Forres Golf Club previously held by R Walker (former Chairman of F&KCC), had been filled by a representative of one of the other local Community Councils.

5.2 Following discussions at the meeting in Llanbryde at which Community Council funding arrangements were discussed, the Chairman suggested that the original sub-committee comprising L.

Morgan, J. Willoner and H. Morton should reconvene. They would review their original recommendations, update them if necessary, and report back to the next meeting.

Action L. Morgan, J. Willoner, H.Morton.

ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 Correspondence: letter from SNP Councillor Pearl Paul about concessions they claim to have achieved in Moray Council budget cut programme. Scottish Bathing Waters report 2009. (Findhorn achieved top rating during bathing season). Letter and leaflets about Quarriers Carer Support services.

6.2 e-correspondence. Update on 'Better Community Engagement' Project. Scottish Government Planning Bulletin. Includes information on proposals to allow Local Authorities to use web based Communication rather than local press. (Chairman to raise issue with JCCM to urge Moray Council to maintain status quo). Community Planning e-bulletin. Copy of JCC e-mail regarding Local Licensing Forum's forthcoming review of arrangements for BYOB functions. Offer from Moray Gig to give short update presentation. (Booked for March meeting in Findhorn). Notice of meeting about draft Allotment policy. E-mail from anti-social behaviour co-ordinator & Grampian Police partnership rep offering to come to future meeting. (booked for April meeting in Kinloss). E-mail about Scottish Government Land use strategy workshops in Inverness and Aberdeen, Letter from NHS Grampian about telecare lifelines/alerts. (Secretary to request flyers & posters). Poster for Moray Energy Efficiency Fair 24 March. (Sec to forward to PC,RS,AS).

ITEM 7. TREASURERS REPORT

7.1 £20 paid to APRS. (see 4.2 above).

£3000 has been transferred from No 1 Account to No 2 (capital projects) account.

7.2 The Treasurer asked members to suggest possible projects that could be financed from the No 2 account and the following were noted.

- a. The placing of boulders at selected locations on the margins of the beach road to prevent off-road driving damaging the dunes. Secretary to investigate possible costs. **Action T Negus**
- b. Financing of asset or facility for Kinloss School that would not normally be covered by Local Authority Funds. J Willoner to speak with Head Teacher. **Action J Willoner**
- c. T Dingwall suggested supporting some form of Christmas Festival event. R Shand pointed out that such events already occur under the auspices of the Findhorn Residents' Association.
- d. The Chairman suggested that more effort be made to gauge public opinion. Other Community Councils were considering surgeries for constituents etc. It was suggested that the boxes in the Post offices that contained ratified minutes could also double as suggestion boxes. The Secretary will re-label the boxes and monitor them at regular intervals. **Action T Negus**

ITEM 8 ASCC/JCCM REPORT

8.1 Nothing to report from ASCC.

8.2 The Chairman reported on the recent JCCM meeting which had included an interesting presentation on Moray's recycling efforts. Another item was the encouragement of youth membership of Community Councils which could also be linked to the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme. The meeting was also told of the welcome pack given to new Councillors by Elgin Community Council. On review it would seem that items in the pack are either already covered by or not relevant to Findhorn & Kinloss CC.

ITEM 9. MORAY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report in absence of Cllr Hamilton.

ITEM 10. RAFLO REPORT.

10.1 Six Tucano aircraft visiting from 1-12 March. Some night flying up to 2200hrs expected 1-5 March.

10.2 RAF Kinloss Station Commander, Gp Capt Noel will be giving a presentation on the forthcoming changes at Kinloss to the local Community in Forres Town Hall on Thursday 4th March at 7.30pm.

10.3 There will be an event at RAF Kinloss to mark the retirement of the Nimrod MR2 on 26th March. There are limited tickets still available for interested veterans. Further details from kincco@btconnect.com or from '26 March Event, RAF Kinloss, IV36 3UH'.

ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

11.1 Eva Ward had submitted a written report highlighting forthcoming events at the Universal Hall.

ITEM 12. PLANNING

12.1 Notification of Planning Aid Training Day in Aberdeen Sat 20th March.

12.2 Applications notified since last meeting:

Kinloss – 28 Jan. New House on site South of Muirhead Farm. Consultation requested. Discussed in detail – appears to conform to policy H8 therefore no objections. Sec to inform Planning control.

Findhorn Foundation – No applications

Findhorn Village – New porch and wall gate at Feald Cottage, 44 Findhorn. No objection.

12.3 Planning Application expected for development at Kinloss Golf Club. Preliminary site visit arranged for Sat 20th March at 10am. **Action All**

ITEM 13. EVALUATION OF CC ELECTION PILOT

13.1 An evaluation questionnaire had been received from the Scottish Government regarding pilot funding the first round of the Community Council Elections. Questions answered by consensus of meeting. Secretary to complete & send fair copy. **Action T Negus**

ITEM 14. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

14.1 I Hampson reported on a consultation process notified to us by Peter Peacock MSP. The subject was the UK government aspiration to improve broadband speeds throughout UK. Some funding had been identified and it is very important that Scotland, including rural areas, should get a fair share. The meeting supported this sentiment and the Chairman agreed to flag up the issue with JCCM. **Action L Morgan**

14.2 R Shand noted that Moray Council workers had recently carried out a clean up at the Bird Hide and viewing Platform car parks.

14.3 P. Carroll was pleased to note that the mobile library service appears to have been reprieved from the recent Council budget cuts although visits would now be three weekly rather than fortnightly.

14.4 P Carroll deplored the inadequate arrangements for re-cycling plastics. It was agreed that he would e-mail Moray Council's waste management team to obtain further information. **Action P Carroll**

ITEM 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25th March 2010 at 7.30pm in the James Milne Institute Findorn.