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### FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

#### **Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held at Kinloss Primary School on Thursday 29th April 2010**

##### **Present:**

L Morgan (Chairman), R Shand, G Verner, H Morton (Acting Sec), P Carroll, I Hampson, T Dingwall, J Willoner (Minute Taker)

##### **In Attendance:**

Cllr J Hamilton, Sgt Jones (Grampian Police), J Innes (RAFLO), D Bick (Forres Gazette) and 2 members of the public.

#### **ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from T. Negus and A. Skene.

#### **Public Session**

#### **ITEM 2. ANY COMPETENT PUBLIC BUSINESS & GRAMPIAN POLICE REPORT**

- 2.1 The Chairman read out an email from Sgt Jones in response to questions raised at March's FKCC meeting. It stated that campers camping without permission of the landowner were guilty of an offence and those driving off road on private or common land were also guilty of an offence.
- 2.2 Grampian Police Report. Sgt Jones spoke about a couple of local incidents that had been reported to the Police in recent weeks. These included a hit and run incident at Findhorn which is under investigation and campers on the dunes playing loud music have been spoken to. Concern about under-age drinking and the importance of dealing with it promptly was voiced. It was also reported that the Dunes Road was being used late at night as a race track and this was disturbing residents. Sgt Jones encouraged that all incidents be reported to the police. The Chairman thanked Sgt Jones for his attendance and for his helpful contribution.
- 2.3 There was no report by Mr A. Jamieson from Moray Council
- 2.4 There was no other public business.

#### **Council Session**

#### **ITEM 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March were ratified. Proposed P. Carroll, seconded H. Morton.

#### **ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING.**

- 4.1 Dunes Road Project. P. Carroll visited the Dunes Road with Mr Bichan who offered to rectify the ditches for a cost of about £240+VAT. The committee agreed to this. Cllr Hamilton was assured that access for the disabled would still be possible. **Action P Carroll.**
- 4.2 Kinloss School Donation. J. Willoner reported that a cheque for £1000 had been sent to Kinloss Primary School for playground equipment and wood for building bird boxes. A warm letter of thanks had been received from Mr. Hair, the Head Teacher who also requested that when the equipment was installed some members of the FKCC be available for a press opportunity with pupils from the school. This was agreed.
- 4.3 Stryplies Survey. P.Carroll reported on progress with the Stryplies Survey. Feedback from Findhorn residents was mixed as this is a sensitive issue. He requested permission

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to approach the Land Agents of Nova Estates to gain access to their database on the stryplies and this was granted. He will report back at the meeting in June.

- 4.4 Traffic Speeds on Back Road Findhorn. The Secretary emailed James Smith. He replied to say that a "No Through Road" sign will soon be installed just past the memorial and a new traffic speed survey will be undertaken between the Bunty and the Post Office when equipment became available.
- 4.5 Vandalism Prevention Measures at the Bird Hide. P. Carroll contacted Cllr In Young re the problem of vandalism and misuse at the Bird Hide. Cllr Young was supportive of a combination lock being installed. The FKCC agreed to fund this up to a maximum of £50 and P. Carroll offered to take this matter forward. There is uncertainty about ownership of the hide and Cllr Hamilton agreed to find this out. **Action Cllr Hamilton.**

### ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 5.1 Letter received from Moray Community Health and Social Health Care Partnership.
- 5.2 Spring issue of 'Connect' from Scottish Health Council.
- 5.3 The Julian Hodge Bank has agreed to provide £6,000 to Kinloss Church.
- 5.4 The Findhorn Village Centre's new Chairman is Pat Carroll and John Willoner will continue to be a director as FKCC's representative.

### ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 6.1 Correspondence. Letter from a resident, Mr Shoult, re roller skiers around East Grange. The letter was discussed and it was agreed that there has been no material change to the on-going situation and that there is nothing more that we can do in addition to actions already taken. As T Negus is away until 11 May, the Chairman will write to Mr Shoult. **Action L Morgan.**
- 6.2 The bill for our use of Kinloss Primary School for the February meeting has been cancelled.
- 6.3 Letter from CO RAF Kinloss re exercises in May and June.

### ITEM 7. TREASURERS REPORT

- 7.1 ASCC annual payment of £15.
- 7.2 Donation of £1000 paid to Kinloss Primary School.

### ITEM 8 ASCC REPORT

- 8.1 Meeting in Glasgow 17<sup>th</sup> April. L. Morgan reported that the ASCC is preparing the Association's view on what the next political party manifestos might include regarding CCs. Any suggestions to L Morgan. In the wake of the MPs expenses scandal, MPs are considering recall for MPs who step out of line. At present the Code of Conduct for community councillors is non-enforceable. Perhaps this should be re-visited.

### ITEM 9. MORAY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 9.1 Broom Walk signage has been ordered.
- 9.2 The Nimrod Mk2 fly past celebration was a moving occasion.
- 9.3 Cllr Hamilton will attend the handover of keys to the first new occupants of Southside in June.
- 9.4 All are invited to attend AGM of the Forres/Vienenburg Twinning Association to be held on 19th May in RBL Forres at 7.15 pm.
- 9.5 Kinloss Primary School (KPS) had been in the frame for major funding for

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refurbishment but Milnes Primary has overtaken Kinloss in the priority order as Milnes need was felt to be greater by the majority of Moray Councillors. KPS will be reconsidered for funding in the next financial year.

- 9.6 There is proposal for a Halting Site for Travellers on the back road into Forres, near Benromach distillery. It was suggested that our CC might wish to contribute to the consultation. **Action: T Negus to look out for the consultation information.**
- 9.7 The Young Enterprise for Scotland Awards ceremony was held in Nairn recently. Two of the eleven awards were won by students from Forres Academy.
- 9.8 The Kinloss Abbey Trust has been very active. The Abbot's House is being targeted for Improvement and partnerships with universities are being explored. A work party team from the RAF will be helping with earth moving.
- 9.9 Manpower is available for environmental projects. We are all invited to think of ideas and report them to Cllr Hamilton.

### **ITEM 10. RAFLO REPORT.**

- 10.1 Exercise Combined Strength 9 - 14 May will include some night flying.
- 10.2 325 Expeditionary Air Wing exercise 10 - 14 May in the southern woods.
- 10.3 Four German Air Force Typhoons exercise 10 May - 6 June.
- 10.4 UGSAS present 10 May - 6 June.
- 10.5 Combined Qualified Weapons Instructors Course 5 - 16 July. No flying after 2300.

### **ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT**

- 11.1 No report.

### **ITEM 12. PLANNING**

- 12.1 Proposed new house to be built at 105 Findhorn. This is a conservation area. We await plans.
- 12.2 The planning application for Kinloss Golf Club was approved by Moray Council.

### **ITEM 13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- 13.1 R. Shand advised that a stone wall is being built near the bird hide.
- 13.2 P. Carroll reported that his application to join the local Outdoor Access Forum was unsuccessful.
- 13.3 L. Morgan reported that at the next meeting the Northern Scot will be present to take a photograph.
- 13.4 L. Morgan thanked J. Willoner for taking the minutes at the meeting.

### **ITEM 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 27th May 2010 at 7.30pm in JMI Findhorn.