

## FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held in The James Milne Institute, Findhorn on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010

#### **Present:**

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

#### **In Attendance:**

PC Skivington (Grampian Police), Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette), Eva Ward (Findhorn Foundation).

#### ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from R. Shand, Cllr Hamilton, J. Innes (RAFLO).

#### **Public Session**

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

2.1 PC Skivington reported that a number of members of the public had attended the recent mobile Police office session in Findhorn. Concerns raised included 'boy racer' car drivers, fires in the woodland behind the village and litter left by school children following beach parties. PC Skivington proposed to liaise with staff at Forres Academy to highlight the litter problem and potential fire hazards. Access problems caused by vehicles parking on the pavement will also be kept under review. PC Skivington requested a map showing the house numbers in Findhorn Village. P Carroll will request one from Novar. PC Skivington also circulated proformae which could be used as an aide memoire to help in reporting incidents to the Grampian Police call centre.

**Action P Carroll**

The Chairman thanked PC Skivington for his contribution and said how much the Community Council valued and appreciated this increased input from Grampian Police at our meetings and their support in general.

2.2 There was no other competent public business.

#### **Council Session**

#### ITEM 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April were ratified. Proposed G.Verner, seconded I Hampson.

#### ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Dunes Road. P Carroll reported that work to provide a simple sand barrier to discourage cars from driving off road onto the dunes was almost complete with one small section still to be rectified. An invoice would be produced at the next meeting. T Negus reported that The Findhorn Dunes Trust are very satisfied with what has been done.

**Action P Carroll**

4.2 Bird Hide. P Carroll reported that he had established that the Bird Hide structure is owned by Moray Council and they are responsible for maintenance. P. Carroll said that he will shortly be meeting with Cllr Young and Mr Gary Morrison to discuss details of providing workable security arrangements for the hide in order to reduce vandalism.

**Action P Carroll**

4.3 Correspondence from Newton of Struthers Resident. The Chairman reported that he had written to Mr Shoult about our findings regarding Roller Skiers. He had then received a further letter from Mr Shoult written on the reverse of the Chairman's letter regarding alleged illegal sewage disposal. The Secretary and I Hampson had also each received similar letters from Mr Shoult. Copies of all correspondence have

been passed to Grampian Police. The Chairman had spoken with Environmental Health at Moray Council who had indicated that there was no environmental health hazard. The Chairman will write to Mr Shoult accordingly. The meeting wondered if SEPA should be involved. PC Skivington that Mr Shoult had told the Police that he intended to contact SEPA.

4.4 Consultation about proposed traveller site near Forres. The Secretary reported that there has been no Consultation correspondence so far.

#### ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 5.1 The Chairman attended the handing over of keys to the first residents of the Southside development.
- 5.2 Apology received from Mr Jamieson for his absence from our last meeting..
- 5.3 The Chairman will write a letter of welcome to the incoming Station Commander at RAF Kinloss.
- 5.4 The Chairman noted from the local press the very welcome involvement of Service personnel in clearance work at Kinloss Abbey. He proposed to write a letter of appreciation to the station Commander.
- 5.5 The Chairman asked the meeting to think of other suitable environmental projects for RAF involvement.

#### ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 Correspondence. From Mr Shoult see above. From Moray Council with grant cheque (acknowledged). From Digital TV Switchover inviting representatives to a lunchtime information event on 4 June at Eight Acres hotel Elgin. Chairman and I Hampson will attend.

Letter from Strutt & Parker, Land Agents for Novar Estate seeking Community Council's reaction to a proposal to erect a number of sub 500kw wind turbines close to the village. A suggested location is the area between the back of the village and the Dunes Road. Possible that some of the income generated could be gifted to the village for Community projects. This caused some heated discussion and the meeting was unanimous that whilst broadly supportive of the trend towards renewable energy, such a location so close to the historic village was completely inappropriate. The Secretary was instructed to send a robust reply.

**Action T Negus**

#### ITEM 7. TREASURERS REPORT

7.1 Grant cheque of £328.30 received.

#### ITEM 8. ASCC/ JCCM REPORT

8.1 As ASCC representative the Chairman is helping arbitrate on a procedural issue involving another Community Council.

8.2 The Chairman attended a recent Better Community Engagement meeting.

8.3 The Chairman attended the Joint Community Councils of Moray meeting on 13 May. Attention was drawn to the Local Transport Strategy consultation. The Chairman suggested members take a look at this on the Moray Council website. This may be relevant to recent changes in bus service provision. Consultation closes in one month.

8.4. The next JCCM meeting will be held on Thurs 12 August when Mr Richard Lochhead MSP will attend and answer questions. The Chairman suggested that additional FKCC representation would be welcome. Names at next meeting.

#### ITEM 9. MORAY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report in absence of Councillor Hamilton.

#### ITEM 10. RAFLO REPORT.

Nothing to report.

#### ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

11.1 E. Ward gave details of forthcoming events in the Universal Hall.

## ITEM 12. PLANNING

12.1 Correspondence. Reply from Moray Council stating that Findhorn Conservation Area guidelines will be reviewed in early 2011. We will be contacted later this year with further information.

12.2 Applications since last meeting.

Kinloss. Change of use at Seaview Caravan Park Kinloss from 17 Touring vans to 18 Static vans plus managers residence. The meeting felt that the proposed changes would probably represent an aesthetic improvement and no objection would be raised. However, there is growing concern about the gradual erosion of facilities in the area for touring caravans and tents. Not only did this send out a discouraging message to tourists visiting the area it also greatly increases the likelihood of illegal camping in the dunes area and car parks.

Findhorn. New Summerhouse at Tannachie. No objection

New Sign at Findhorn Marina. No objection.

Demolish cottage and erect new 1 ½ storey house at 105 Findhorn. Consultation interest notified. No objection but proximity to location of previous Bronze age archeological find highlighted to Council.

Application for development at Dunelands to be discussed at next meeting. J Willoner will invite Mr Caddy to explain application in public session of next meeting.

## ITEM 13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

13.1 A Skene said that youth representation on the Community Council seemed a worthwhile aspiration. The Secretary confirmed that this was in accordance with the constitution. A Skene agreed to speak with Forres Academy to try to take this forward. T McLaren thought that some press coverage may help.

**Action A Skene**

## ITEM 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.30pm in Kinloss Primary School.**