

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held in Kinloss Primary School on Thursday 24th June 2010

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette)

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from H. Morton, T. Dingwall, Sgt Jones, J. Innes (RAFLO) & Eva Ward.

Public Session

ITEM 2. ANY COMPETENT PUBLIC BUSINESS & GRAMPIAN POLICE REPORT

2.1 No Grampian Police Report in absence of representative.

2.2 Dunelands Phase 1a Planning Application. Mr J Caddy, the recently appointed managing director of Duneland Ltd, presented details of the planning application for this development and answered questions. He left large scale plans to assist the Council in their later discussion of the application.

2.3 There was no other competent public business.

Council Session

ITEM 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2010 were ratified. Proposed I Hampson, seconded G. Verner.

ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Street Map of Findhorn showing house numbering. P. Carroll reported that he had requested a map from the current Novar Estates land agent. There is some delay since the new agent is awaiting transfer of relevant files from the previous agent. R Shand said that he possessed a copy of a suitable map. P Carroll to make a copy for Grampian Police use. **Action P Carroll, R Shand.**

4.2 . Dunes Road. Mr Bichan will complete works shortly. Invoice of £200 + Vat will be passed to treasurer on receipt. **Action P Carroll**

4.3 Bird hide. P Carroll has met with Mr G Morrison of Moray Council. Security and anti-vandalism measures together with improved disabled access will be reviewed. In the event of progress on the project becoming stalled because of lack of Moray Council funding, the FKCC may seek solution from local tradesman funded from our Capital project account. **Action P Carroll.**

4.4 Novar Estate proposed wind turbine project. The Secretary has written a suitably robust reply which has been acknowledged.

4.5 Youth Representation on Community Council. A Skene has spoken with the Rector of Forres Academy who is supportive of the concept of youth involvement in Community Council work. However, he felt that it will be preferable to take this forward at the beginning of the academic year in late August. Review progress at September meeting. **Action A Skene**

4.6 Stryplies Project. Reply from Novar awaited. New land agents awaiting handover of files (see 4.1) Continues. **Action P Carroll**

ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5.1 The Chairman was pleased to report that a number of Community projects to be funded by the developers of Southside & Kinloss Park have been agreed. The Chairman stressed that these projects

were all aimed at the wider civilian community as well as the RAF. They include a Community Centre on the site of the former Naafi shop, improvements to the swimming pool, the provision of allotments and contributions to projects at both Kinloss School and Kinloss Church. A press statement has been issued with the agreement of the RAF authorities.

5.2 The Chairman has received a questionnaire from Grampian Police which he had circulated to Community councillors. The questionnaire was discussed by the meeting and a reply formulated. Chairman to send off final response on behalf of F&KCC.

Action L Morgan

5.3 Funding of Community Councils. The sub-committee looking into this issue had selected option 1 (Flat Rate grant of £1000) as their first choice as this would give greatest benefit to F&KCC. Their second choice is option 2 which would also represent an improvement on the status quo. Option 3 was firmly rejected.

5.4. The Chairman circulated a further letter received from Mr Shoult. This contained a number of accusations but since Mr Shoult had indicated that he had already sent a copy to Grampian Police it was felt that no further action was required.

ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 Correspondence: Notification of renewal of our Data Protection Act Registration. Revised Guidance on projects seeking funding from the Landfill Tax scheme.

6.2 e-correspondence. Community Planning e- bulletins 4 June & 16 June. Belated notification of drop-in events related to Transport Strategy consultation. Confirmation of room bookings at Kinloss School 2010/2011.

ITEM 7. TREASURERS REPORT

7.1 Bill for £14 for use of Osprey room for Findhorn meetings.

ITEM 8. ASCC/JCCM REPORT

8.1 L Morgan has been appointed National Treasurer for ASCC.

8.2 The Chairman reminded the meeting that the next JCCM meeting on Thurs 12 August will be attended by Mr Richard Lochhead MSP. This offers an opportunity to question the MSP on relevant issues and he suggested that an increased representation from F&KCC might be appropriate. I Hampson and P Carroll expressed an interest. IH & PC to confirm arrangements with Chairman.

Action I Hampson, P Carroll L Morgan

ITEM 9. MORAY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Nothing to Report.

ITEM 10. RAFLO REPORT.

10.1 Written report submitted by J Innes. CQWI course 5 – 16 July involving 65 visiting aircraft. No weekend flying planned.

10.2 The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to Armed Forces Day parades on sat 26th June in Keith and in Nairn.

10.3 The Chairman also drew attention to an air crash response exercise scheduled for the morning of Thursday 29th July which would involve both service and civilian emergency services.

ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

11.1 Eva Ward had submitted a written report highlighting forthcoming events at the Universal Hall and a 'Big Lunch' event on Sunday 18 July.

ITEM 12. PLANNING

12.1 Correspondence. Consultation response sent re 105 Findhorn. Courtesy copy of comment on 105 Findhorn application received from Dr Stewart.

12.2 Applications notified since last meeting:

Kinloss

7 June Application to erect dwelling house at Miltonhill Kinloss. (Interest declared by G Verner) Plans reviewed and site visited by A Skene. – No objection

17 June Application for Planning Permission in Principle for house in grounds of Braemorven Kinloss. Plans reviewed and site visited by Secretary. – No objection.

Findhorn Foundation

Development of 25 residential units comprising 10 x 2 storey houses, 3 x 3 storey houses, 12 2 bedroom flats with communal ancillary accommodation including common room for residents, laundry, bicycle store, communal boiler access roads and 33 parking spaces at Dunelands phase 1a. (J Willoner declared an interest as a Dunelands shareholder). Application discussed at some length. P Carroll expressed safety concerns about the existing access road within the Foundation and noted that there appeared to have been no ecological impact assessment. The meeting supported these concerns. Secretary instructed to send consultation response supporting application subject to conditions and comments outline above.

Findhorn Village

25 May New porch & attic conversion at 14 Seaforth Place. Seen by H Morton – no objection

1 June Demolish shed and create extension at rear of 8 Findhorn. Seen by H Morton – no objection

16 June Replace first floor windows at 145 Findhorn. Seen by Secretary. – no objection.

ITEM13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS.

13.1 P.Carroll noted that a promised traffic speed survey on the back Road had not yet taken place. The Secretary will chase this up.

Action T Negus

13.2 P Carroll noted that the Jubilee binoculars were missing. I Hampson said that they had been removed for repair.

13.3 I Hampson reported on a meeting he had attended in Elgin regarding Digital switchover. Transmitter changes for this area are expected to take place on 6th and 20th October. Public notification arrangements appeared satisfactory

13.4 R Shand noted that there had been a caravan in the Bird Hide Car Park for a period recently.

13.5 R Shand noted that the bottle recycling bins have been removed from Church Place. He asked if this was to be a permanent arrangement. Cllr Hamilton has requested information. **Action Cllr Hamilton**

13.6 The Secretary noted that one of the small safety signs at the pedestrian exit from the viewing platform car park has been stolen. The meeting authorised a replacement. **Action T Negus**

13.7 The Secretary told the meeting that he had been informed by the Moray Council Cleaner that the West Beach car park toilets had been vandalised recently with 3 lavatories and one hand basin smashed. Moray Council have repaired the damage. In the absence of a Police representative at this meeting, it is not known if the incident was reported to the Police. The Secretary will follow this up with Sgt Jones.

Action T Negus

ITEM 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26th August at 7.30pm in the James Milne Institute Findhorn