

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held in The James Milne Institute Findhorn on Thursday 26th August 2010

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette), E. Ward (Findhorn Foundation).

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from T. Dingwall, Sgt Jones, J. Innes (RAFLO).

Public Session

ITEM 2. ANY COMPETENT PUBLIC BUSINESS & GRAMPIAN POLICE REPORT

2.1 Grampian Police Report (submitted by e-mail) Recent Incidents include 4 Cycle thefts at Foundation, damage to a house in Kinloss, vandalism to beach toilet block in Findhorn (Moray Council have declined to make a formal complaint to Police). Proactive measures continue regarding underage drinking/camping and misuse of Dunes Road.

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 24th June 2010 were ratified. Proposed P. Carroll, seconded G. Verner.

ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Suitable street maps have been obtained and copies passed to PC Skivington at Grampian Police.

4.2 . Dunes Road. Invoice expected shortly. To be passed to treasurer for payment.

4.3 Bird hide. Site meeting with Moray Council arranged for 5 Sept. Alternative informal estimate has been requested from local tradesman.

Action P Carroll

4.4 Youth Representation on Community Council. Now the new academic year has started, A Skene will follow this up with the rector of Forres Academy.

Action A Skene

4.5 Stryplies Project. A suitable map is now available but land ownership information awaited from Novar. Discussion on what constitutes obstruction of stryplies. Informal case by case approach favoured by meeting.

Action P Carroll

4.6 Grampian Police Questionnaire has been completed and returned on line by Chairman.

4.7 Traffic speed survey on Back Road Findhorn was carried out 31 July to 3 August. 85th centile speed was 20.2 mph and the mean 16mph. This is a satisfactory outcome.

4.8 Glass recycling bins near Church. Information received from Cllr Hamilton that with the introduction of kerbside recycling, the servicing of these bins is no longer economically viable. They have therefore been removed.

4.9 Missing sign at viewing platform. A temporary sign has been placed and a permanent replacement may be commissioned in due course.

ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5.1 The Chairman gave details of successful negotiations between The Developers of Southside AMQs, The RAF and Findhorn & Kinloss Community Council regarding the provision of Community facilities. This had been a condition of sale and £320,000 had been made available by the developers. Projects

selected included upgrading of swimming pool heating system, provision of Community Centre facilities in a former NAAFI shop, 42 allotments together with contributions towards improving facilities at the local school and the parish church. The Chairman stressed that all the community facilities that had benefitted from this funding are equally available to RAF personnel and local civilians.

5.2 The Chairman reported that he had attended a recent JCCM meeting where Mr Richard Lochhead MSP had spoken. Topics included current pressures on central and local government budgets and perceived threats to the future of the 2 Airbases in Moray. Since Defence issues are the remit of UK government, the meeting had been assured that our MP, Mr Angus Robertson is taking a suitably robust approach.

ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 Meetings. 12 July Together with chairman attended informal interview session for selection of Community Support workers.

6.2 Correspondence: Letter informing outcome of Community Support Worker interviews. Letter for Peter Peacock MSP about campaign to improve rural broadband. Invitation for applicants to join NHS Grampian Board. Letter about closure of Forres – Kinloss road. Letter from local resident expressing disappointment in lack of affordable housing including shared equity arrangements in the Southside development. Invitation to Moray Citizens Advice Bureau AGM. Letter from Elgin Rotary Club inviting participation in 'Hold Hands for Heroes' charity event on Sun 12 Sept.

6.2 Newsletters & Flyers. Scotways Summer newsletter. 'SEPA View' summer edition. 'Flyer for Paths for All' networking event in Perth on 23 Sept. Flyer for anti-nuclear power station campaign.

6.3 e-correspondence. Community Planning e- bulletins. Notice of application by Crown & Anchor to revise licence arrangements. E-mail from Kinloss resident requesting that we look into his complaint about the revised bus timetable. (Reply sent by Sec requesting further details but nothing heard since). E-mail from Findhorn summer resident expressing concerns about camping in East beach car park.

ITEM 7. TREASURERS REPORT

7.1 £8.50 paid out for Copying street map.

7.2 £7,000 received & paid out for School & Church community projects (see 5.1 above).

7.3 Receipt for annual subscription to Scottish Rights of Way Society. (paid by standing order).

ITEM 8 ASCC REPORT

8.1 L Morgan will be attending the National Conference in Glasgow on 20th November. Additional representation from Findhorn & Kinloss would be welcome.

ITEM 9. MORAY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report in absence of Cllr Hamilton.

ITEM 10. RAFLO REPORT. (submitted by e-mail)

10.1 6 Tucanos visiting from 31 Aug to 10 Sept.

10.2 2 C-130's visiting 12 – 17 Sept.

10.3 Battle of Britain Church Service Sunday 19th Sept. 10 am at St Laurence Church Forres. All welcome.

10.4 Exercise Joint Warrior 4 -17 Oct.

ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

11.1 Eva Ward outlined forthcoming events at the Universal Hall.

ITEM 12. PLANNING

12.1 Correspondence. Consultation response sent re Findhorn Foundation application 25/6/10.

12.2 Applications notified since last meeting:

Kinloss

25 June. Studio Flat & Extension at Kinloss Home Farm. (Seen by A Skene) No Objections

29 June Outline for new house at East Grange cottages. (Seen by G Verner). No Objections

29 July Erect house at Milton of Grange Kinloss. (Seen by G Verner). No objections.

Foundation

No Applications.

Findhorn Village

12 July Outline permission for 1 ½ storey house in grounds of Elderslie. (Seen by HM & TN). Site is not visible from road. Proposed house will replace existing wooden building. No objections.

ITEM13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS.

13.1 I. Hampson reported that the jubilee binoculars opposite the Church have been repaired

ITEM 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 30th September 2010 at 7.30pm in Kinloss School.

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