

Findochty and District Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2013 at Findochty Town Hall at 19:00.

Present

Gayle Calder (GC) - Vice Chairperson, Martin Legge (ML) – Treasurer, Ruth O'Hanlon (RO) – Secretary, Henry Marshall (HM), Councillor Anne McKay (AMcK), Gordon McDonald (GMcD),

Apologies were received Ryan Main (RM) – Chairperson and John Oliver (JO)

1. Introduction from Chairman and Apologies

GC opened the meeting at 19.05 and welcomed all attendees. She advised that she would be working from the minutes from the January meeting as February's minutes were not available.

2. Update from Grampian Police

No one present

3. Update from Community Warden

No one present, however it was advised that bottles are being dumped in the ditch on the Findochty to Rathven Road, opposite the parking area for the cycle path. Please could people keep an eye out and report any persons seen dumping.

Dog Fouling is still an ongoing concern. A box of Dog Waste Bags have been delivered to the Post Office.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

Work requiring to be done in and around the village –

Outstanding

- Site of former Bus Shelter – Concrete needs addressing. JO to action.
- Oil / diesel spillage reported on footpath on Seaview Road, opposite Keystore. This has caused damage to the footpath. Cllr Anne McKay to pursue on the Community Council's behalf. This has been recorded. Also noted that there are a number of cars parked causing obstruction to pedestrians.
- Electric Box is all rusty and needs repainting. GC to action in the New Year.
- No traffic signs for 'Craigview' and Castle Street is out of view. RM to contact traffic dept.
- Snooker Table. 2 reply's received. It was suggested that we Contact Nick Goodchild to see if any other Hall would be interested in the Table. RO to action.
- Compass Rose Garden Feature. We are still in the running for this. Closing date is 15th March. Pete MacDonald has been approached to complete the wildlife information. Gardiners have been approached to do the concrete plinth. Rotary Table is being refurbished to go on top.
- Newsletter. Adverts for local business to be charged.
- RO to speak to the Council again regarding the potholes outside the public toilets. Seafield Estates have confirmed that they do not own the road.

New

- Fence has been fixed at the Strype. HM to paint.
- Flowers – HM has painted all the tubs. Money to be set aside for the flowers to be planted at the end of April. RO to send a letter to the residences of The Steadings seeing if anyone wants to plant and maintain the tubs at the entrance, otherwise they will be removed.
- GMcD to email a map of grass areas that were maintained by the council.

5. Update on current projects

WEBSITE

Meeting with Hedley Enterprises to be organised. Ongoing

FORMER LIBRARY BUILDING

It was agreed that we should focus on this after the New Year. - Ongoing

COMMUNITY DAY

Date has been changed to 26th & 27th July to accommodate high tide.
Next meeting has been organised on 13th May 2013, 7pm

6. Current matters to be discussed and taken forward

Council Cuts

Library – Currently open 4 days a week, Councillors were asked if it would be possible to reduce the number of days rather than close it all together. AMcK advised that one local community have decided to take on the library themselves. GC to look into how the library was funded from Commercial St to the School.

School – It was advised that it would be a few weeks before the Council start discussing what cut backs would take place. The Councillors advised that we need to have as much information available and support from the local community when the time comes. It was advised that the Council can only Close a School on educational grounds. GC and RO to organise a meeting with the School, PTA, Parents, prospective parents and the Community Council to discuss a plan forward. GMcD to email figures and any relevant information.

Harbour – The Councillors were asked what could be done about dredging the harbour at a cost of £2,500.00. In the grand scheme of things this was not a lot of money and is a serious tourist problem. It has been advised that Shearwater is back up and running. RO to email Ashley Mowatt to organise a meeting between the 3 harbours and the community councils.

7. Finance / Administration matters

£3,289.00 in the account.

It was noted that we had received a cheque from Buckie Fighters Charity Fund for £250.00. ML to send out a Thank You letter.

7. AOCB

Date of next meeting 3rd April 2013, 7pm Findochty Town Hall Committee Room.