

## FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held in the James Milne Institute Findhorn on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013

#### **Present:**

L.Morgan (Chairman), R.Shand, D.Morton, J.Willoner, I Hampson, H.Morton, A.Miller, Cllr Maclean, T.Negus(Sec)

#### **In Attendance:**

S.Williams (Kinloss Barracks), E. Baker (Kinloss Barracks Welfare Officer), P.Finch (Findhorn Foundation), PC Fowler (Police Scotland), and 3 members of the public.

#### ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from G.Verner, P.Carroll, Sgt Jones, Cllr Skene, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, Tanya McLaren.

#### **Public Session**

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

2.1 PC Fowler presented this month's Police report which had previously been e-mailed to the Secretary. Recent incidents included a driver leaving Seapark Filling Station without paying for petrol. A female has been charged. A cycle was stolen from a house in Southside and PC Fowler stressed the need to keep cycles secure and preferably identifiably marked. In a more serious incident several outboard motors were stolen around 15<sup>th</sup> May. Whilst the report stated these were the property of the Royal Findhorn Yacht Club this was not wholly correct. In fact four engines had been stolen from the Findhorn boatyard and one engine had been taken from the nearby RFYC dinghy park. This latter theft was not noticed until 18<sup>th</sup> May but may have occurred at the same time as the boatyard incident. The Secretary said that he had spoken to the owners of the boatyard who were both surprised and disappointed that despite reporting the theft promptly, they had not so far received a visit from the Police to obtain further details or view CCTV. PC Fowler agreed to pass this on to her superiors. PC Fowler reported that the Police have followed up reports of speeding traffic between the A96 and Kinloss level-crossing and a 'Marksman' traffic survey has been arranged. Local residents reported that the worst times for speeding were around 0800 and 1700.

2.2 A. Miller said that she had received concerns that a travellers' site had reappeared at Roseisle forest. On previous occasions this encampment had then moved to Damhead Wood where they obstructed the parking area. PC Fowler said she would pass these concerns on. The Chairman thanked PC Fowler for her contribution.

2.3 The Chairman welcomed Mr Eric Baker to the meeting. Mr Baker introduced himself as the Unit Welfare Officer for 39 Engineer Regiment. One of his duties is responsibility for activities at the Cumming Hall and he will chair the management committee and he looks forward to working with the local Community.

#### **Council Session**

#### ITEM 3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were ratified. Proposed A.Miller, seconded J.Willoner.

#### ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Traffic issues at Kinloss level Crossing. Publicity in the Forres Gazette following the last meeting led to contact between nearby residents and the Chairman. The Chairman subsequently set up a meeting to listen to the concerns of residents which was attended by people from 6 of the 7 houses affected. A major concern was the vibration felt in these houses caused by heavy lorries travelling at speed on that stretch of road and Moray Council Road Engineers have been asked to review this aspect. Speeding cars also cause safety concerns particularly for residents trying to join the road from their driveways. Moray Council Road traffic department have also been asked to help, possibly by placing appropriate interactive speed signs.

4.2 Following a request from F&KCC for a communal plastics recycling bin, a yellow bin labelled for can recycling has been placed behind the Church. The Secretary will ask Moray Council if such a bin can also be used for plastics.

**Action T. Negus**

4.3 CC Handbook. The consensus of the meeting was that this was an extremely useful publication. Some of the information is however outdated, and the Chairman agreed to inform Tracy Rae (CCLO) of suggested changes.

**Action L. Morgan**

4.4 Community Resilience Planning. Progress is being made and a definitive draft is almost complete. However, some changes are required to comply with data protection issues.

#### ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5.1 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Together with D Morton met with Eric Baker (Unit Welfare Officer) and S.Williams to plan way forward in respect of the Cumming Hall. A possible treasurer has been identified.

5.2 9<sup>th</sup> May. Chaired JCC meeting.

5.3 15<sup>th</sup> May. Meeting to progress Community Resilience Plan.

5.4 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Short presentation given at Edinkillie Hall to promote possible re-formation of Finderne CC. Given cordial reception by local community.

5.5 23<sup>rd</sup> May attended meeting of JCC Community Council election sub-group.

#### ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

6.1 Correspondence. Letter from Mrs Gillian Sutherland expressing concerns about apparent vagrant who appears to be living rough in WW2 pillbox to the west of the Findhorn Road opposite the former Stables Inn. It is believed that this is MOD land so Secretary has written to Defence Infrastructure Organisation office at Kinloss to appraise them of situation. Letter copied to Barrack Staff Officer. S.Williams has agreed to look into the matter.

**Action S.Williams**

Half yearly grant cheque received from Moray Council. Acknowledgement sent. Renewal confirmation of our Data Protection registration. Letter from Moray Council Roads Dept with results of recent traffic survey in 20mph area along bay front. Results over the week long survey in April indicate an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile average speed of 23.2 mph. This is within the accepted national standard.

6.2 e-Correspondence: Response to our offer to fund additional dog bins along dunes road. No action can be taken at present as whole scheme of dog waste management is under review due to budget cuts. E-mails on Community Resilience Seminar in Edinburgh 25 June, Consultation on licensed premises in Moray, Free digital workshops run by Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

6.3 Newsletters from Scottish National Heritage and Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland.

#### ITEM 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

7.1 Grant Cheque £350.78 received from Moray Council.

7.2 £50.23 paid out for paint for Loading Bank benches.

7.3 Confirmation received that the two accounts have at last been merged.

#### ITEM 8. JCCM REPORT

8.1 Next meeting due 8 August. Richard Lochhead MSP will be in attendance. Additional representation from F&KCC will be very welcome.

8.2 Next meeting of Community Council Elections sub group 4 July.

#### ITEM 9. MORAY COUNCILLORS REPORT

9.1 Cllr Maclean reported that he has been very occupied with budgetary issues. As a member of the Planning Committee he is involved with the Redco Milne application which is due for hearing on 12 June. This will be preceded by a site visit. Cllr Maclean pointed out that the issue of planning consent is quite separate from that of possible sale of Common Good land. Ownership of land is not a requirement for submitting planning applications. Cllr Maclean drew attention to Armed Forces Day in Lossiemouth and to the European Pipe Band Championships in Forres, both on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

9.2 Cllr Creswell had previously sent apologies accompanied by a summary of her recent Council related activities.

#### ITEM 10. KINLOSS BARRACKS REPORT

10.1 Work to dispose of buried wartime ordnance involving controlled explosions should be completed next week.

10.2 The possible provision of a fence around the soldiers' barrack blocks has been reviewed. Subject to future changes in the Security state, MOD is not intending to erect a fence at the present time.

10.3 Lt Col Sturrock is to be posted in September and his nominated replacement is Lt Col Tom Marsden RE.

10.4 Good progress has been made towards finding a way forward for the management of the Cumming Hall. It is likely that charges for collective public indemnity insurance will met by 39 Eng Regiment.

ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

11.1 11<sup>th</sup> International Communal Studies Conference 27/28 June. (250 delegates expected)

ITEM 12. PLANNING

12.1 Applications since last meeting:

**Kinloss:** No applications.

**Findhorn Foundation:** No applications.

**Findhorn Village:** 13/00802/APP Extend 64 Findhorn. No objections.

ITEM 13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

13.1 A.Miller expressed concern that there are some Giant Hogweed plants growing just above the families' beach in Findhorn. The meeting felt that the best course of action was for members to dig up or destroy any emerging plants they come across in this area. Wearing of gloves is recommended.

13.2 D.Morton reported that the leaflet drop promised by the Community Warden regarding dog waste has not happened. Secretary to contact Mr Haytack. **Action T Negus**

13.3 D. Morton reported on progress towards creating a 20mph speed limit in the Southside estate. This will be an advisory limit since the creation of traffic calming measures required with a statutory limit would be prohibitively expensive. Julian Hodge Bank has agreed to fund the necessary signage.

13.4 H.Morton said that he had been approached by a resident complaining that Stagecoach buses do not always stop on request to allow passengers to alight on the way into the village. It was felt that with no footpath on the west side of the road, there are some road safety issues to consider. The meeting felt it reasonable that on some occasions bus drivers may decline to stop in the interest of Road Safety. It was agreed that public safety is a paramount consideration and that passengers have the option of remaining on the bus round the village and alighting at the designated bus stops on the east side of the road where there is a pavement.

ITEM 14. FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

14.1 Sat 8 June Commissioning of new MIRO Lifeboat 'Glyn Whitehead II' at Findhorn Boatyard.

ITEM 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Cumming Hall Kinloss. (agenda to be sent out early prior to Secretary's absence)