



FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held in the James Milne Institute Findhorn on Thursday 29th August 2013

Present:

R.Shand (Chairman), D.Morton, J.Willoner, H.Morton, A.Miller, P.Carroll, Cllr Mclean, Cllr Skene, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, T.Negus(Sec)

In Attendance:

S.Williams (Kinloss Barracks), P.Finch (Findhorn Foundation), Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette), 1 member of the public.

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from L. Morgan, G.Verner, I Hampson, Sgt Jones.

Public Session

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

2.1 In the absence of a Police Scotland representative, the Secretary summarised the report e-mailed prior to the meeting by Sgt Jones. This included several incidents of vandalism at Kinloss including the Rugby Club, former Rose Abbey School and a bungalow at Kinloss Park. The meeting noted some other cases not included in this report including incidents at Kinloss Abbey Cemetery and Kinloss Primary School. Members deplored this trend and wondered what actions are being taken by Police to detect and deter culprits. Motor vehicle related incidents included a driver without insurance at Newton of Struthers, a stolen van (since recovered) at Seapark Kinloss and a driver clocked at 101mph on the Kinloss to Burghead road. Thefts included a bicycle stolen from outside the Spar shop at Kinloss and some gas bottles from Findhorn Bay Caravan Park. A male has been charged following an assault at the Abbey Inn. The Secretary reported that he had received a communication from Police Scotland warning of an imminent review of traffic warden provision in Scotland. Perhaps more worryingly, opening hours and the level of public service provided at local police offices are to be reviewed in the light of the current financial climate.

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 27th June 2013 were ratified. Proposed P Carroll, seconded J.Willoner.

ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Future of Toilet Block at Findhorn west beach car park. Cllr Skene reported that she had followed up the query from the Findhorn Village Conservation Company and had found that the confusing response sent by Moray Council to their expression of interest had been superseded and was no longer relevant. Cllr Skene had informed Mrs Hunt accordingly.

4.2 Communal Plastics Recycling Bin. This is now located where originally intended and no further complaints have been received.

4.3 Unauthorised encampment on MOD land. Following earlier eviction the individual concerned returned to the site for brief period but has now left. The Kinloss Barracks guard force is keeping the area under regular observation.

4.4 Revision of Aircraft Noise Contours for planning purposes. L Morgan has been in dialogue with Mr Hartland, Director of Moray Council Environmental Services on this subject. It is of considerable importance, since the additional sound alleviation measures required for buildings affected by aircraft noise planning regulations, can add significant sums to new building and extension costs. Mr Hartland has in turn been in communication with MOD authorities regarding the planned levels of usage of the runway at Kinloss but has not so far received a clear and concise response. L Morgan intends to pursue the matter further.

Action L Morgan

4.5 Community Council Scheme. The Secretary noted that the Community Council Scheme 2013 – 2017 has been approved by Moray Council, and that the list for nominations is now open. The closing date is 4pm on 26th September. Informally, it is understood that there may be more than sufficient nominations



for Findhorn although there are concerns that there may be a shortage of names from Kinloss. P Carroll pointed out that irrespective of numbers of candidates in any subdivision, an election will only be triggered if the **total** number of candidates exceeds the seats available in the Community Council as a whole.

4.6 The Secretary has sent a letter of support to FRA in respect of their intention to lease additional land on the foreshore south of the piers in Findhorn.

4.7 The Secretary noted that the Scaffie shed in Findhorn is considered surplus to requirements by Moray Council, but the James Milne Institute is keen to lease the building for storage purposes.

4.8 Overgrown hedge near Milton Brodie. Cllr Skene has spoken with the owners concerned and it is understood that arrangements are in hand for the hedge to be trimmed back.

4.9 Poor visibility at junction of Station Road Kinloss and the B9089. Cllr Skene had made enquiries with the roads department about reinstatement of the mirror opposite the junction but it transpires that such mirrors are no longer considered safe for use at this type of junction. The Secretary offered to accompany D Morton to evaluate existing sightlines at the junction with a view to seeking improvements from Moray Council.

Action T Negus, D Morton.

ITEM 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Secretary presented the Chairman's report submitted prior to the meeting by L Morgan.

5.1 Discussions continue involving Eric Baker (Unit Welfare Officer), Derek Morton & Glynis Stainton regarding terms of reference for the post of Cumming Hall Treasurer.

5.2 Attended JCC sub group meeting 8 Aug to finalise arrangements for publicising forthcoming Community Council elections.

5.3 Attended JCC meeting (with IH & TN) where Richard Lochhead MSP answered questions.

5.4 Elicited details of proposed revised bus timetable for Findhorn & Kinloss. Service will run from Kingston to Forres via Elgin and will no longer be subsidised by Moray Council. Initial draft showed no early bus service from Findhorn & Kinloss to Elgin suitable for workers or Moray College students. Following representations by L Morgan to Stagecoach, a bus has been added to the timetable which will get people to Elgin by 0830hrs. There appears to be a 2 hourly service during the day.

ITEM 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

6.1 Correspondence. Summary of final draft of Scottish & Southern Energy business plan 2015 – 2023. Comments can be made online. Letter from Mr Lochhead MSP with Scottish Government Consultation on proposed strategy to tackle and prevent litter and fly-tipping. Letter from Forestry Commission inviting comments in advance of their review of the Roseisle Forest design plan. Letter from Mr Tom Brown seeking financial assistance for Kinloss Village Floral Club who have worked hard to provide and maintain floral displays throughout the village and who now propose to create a small nature trail towards the bay shore. A donation of £300 was agreed for this worthwhile cause. (Proposed P Carroll, seconded A Miller).

Action J Willoner

6.2 e-Correspondence: e-mail about SEPA Floodline. A text service is now available to provide alerts about possible impending floods in local area. Launch of revised Community Safety Strategy on 23 Aug. Consultation document on proposed revision of Moray Council License fees. Consultation on Community Care Strategy. Notification of Busking event in Elgin on 5 Oct in aid of CRUSE, the bereavement support organisation. Details of current housing allocations policy. Change of Office location of CCLO. E-mail regretting the lack of camper van facilities in Findhorn.

6.3 Newsletters from Scotways, Moray Parliamentary Office and Moray Council Criminal Justice Team.

ITEM 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

7.1 Cheque to Secretary for £76.59p in respect of Remembrance Day wreaths and piper's fee.

7.2 Cheque for £300 for Kinloss Village Floral Club.

ITEM 8. JCCM REPORT

8.1 Meeting 8 August attended by Richard Lochhead MSP. F&KCC well represented.

ITEM 9. MORAY COUNCILLORS REPORT

9.1 Cllr Skene reported on various training sessions attended. The external strategic review of Schools estate in Moray has commenced. The Broom of Moy bridge will reopen on 5 Sept. Moray Council will debate future library provision on 10 Sept.

9.2 Cllr McLean will be holding a surgery in Forres Community Centre on 18 Sept. He is involved in the strategic review of Sports and Leisure facilities.



9 Cllr Creswell is a member of the main strategic review group. She drew attention to moves to regenerate Forres High Street and Forres Conservation Area.

9.4 Cllr Alexander noted that the planning appeal by East Grange Loft had been refused. He drew the meeting's attention to the Moray dial-a-bus scheme.

ITEM 10. KINLOSS BARRACKS REPORT

10.1 An exercise at RAF Lossiemouth from 30 Sept to 4th Oct is likely to involve increased aircraft activity at Kinloss airfield.

10.2 Lt Col Sturrock hands over command to Lt Col Tom Marsden on 9th/10th September.

10.3 Major D Woods has been posted in as 2 i/c Kinloss Barracks.

10.4 39 Engineer Regiment has been involved in a number of local events recently including The Findhorn Fair, The Findhorn Village Centre Fun Day and hosting part of the Scottish 6 day Orienteering event.

10.5 The swimming pool continues to experience severe funding problems. Previously, a substantial income was generated by charging MOD for regular and frequent use of the pool for dinghy drills for Nimrod aircrew. With the closure of RAF Kinloss and only occasional use by RAF Lossiemouth this source of income is no longer available. There is currently no available funding stream within 39 Eng Regt resources to replace this lost income and at present there is no alternative but to run the pool with reduced staffing and limited opening hours. A. Miller said that the abrupt cessation of the popular Sunday morning sessions was an unwelcome move. S Williams said that those responsible for managing the pool are required to do so within existing budgetary constraints. Every attempt had been made to publicise the changes via the pool manager, the pool notice board and on the website but it was regretted if some people had not been aware of the necessary changes to the timetable.

ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

11.1 Forgiveness Conference 28th Sept.

11.2 Ally Bain & Phil Cunningham appearing at the Universal Hall 25 Sept.

11.3 Guest lodge due for completion by end of October.

11.4 Moray Art Centre to be sold.

ITEM 12. PLANNING

12.1 Applications since last meeting:

Kinloss: 13/01340/APP Change of use and various recreational facilities East Grange Loft. **No objection**

Findhorn Foundation: 13/01425/APP Altered design to house east of Broombank. **Objection sent.**

Findhorn Village: 13/01243/APP Retrospective application for fence and altered shed roof 194 Findhorn. **No objection.**

13/01112/APP Demolish existing extension and extend accommodation 164 Findhorn. **No objection.**

13/01407/APP Replacement porch, remove Chimney 112 Findhorn. **Comment sent objecting to proposed closure of path west of the cottage.**

13/01531/APP Replacement windows and repairs 54 Findhorn. **No objection.**

ITEM 13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

13.1 P Carroll. Complaints received about speeding traffic at the entrance to Kinloss on B9011. Sec to write to roads dept requesting traffic survey and consideration of preparatory 40mph limit. **Action TN**

13.2 Caravan located for several days at Bird Hide car park recently. Large amount of litter left behind. Sec asked to write to Moray Council requesting measures to prevent Caravan access. **Action TN**

13.3 D Morton reported that the '20's Plenty' signs have been erected at Southside.

13.4 R Shand reported complaints of sewage smells near the boatyard. He has asked Scottish water to investigate and will also get in touch with SEPA. **Action R Shand**

13.5 R Shand. Complaints received that the road sweeper no longer visits the Church Place cul de sac. Secretary will speak with driver. **Action T Negus**

ITEM 14. FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

14.1 Saturday 21st September. Findhorn Bay Arts Culture Day. Details from www.findhornbayarts.com

ITEM 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26th September at Cumming Hall Kinloss.