

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (F & K CC)
Minutes of meeting held on 27th March 2014 – Cumming Hall, Kinloss

Present: Les Morgan (Chair), Thomas Brown, Francine Rietberg, Frank Allan, Pat Carroll, Mo Hyde, Sue Finnegan, Harvey Morton, Derek Morton, Jen O'Hagan (sec), Cllr Skene, Cllr Cresswell, Cllr McLean

In attendance: Constable Fox, Constable Mee, Sel Williams (39 Engineer Regiment), Greig Munro (Coast to Coast Architects), Tim Clark (with GM), Beverley Ellis (members of public presenting), 1 other member of public

Item 1: Apologies Peter Finch (Findhorn Foundation), David Haytack (Community Warden), Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette), Jade Kellas, Heather Schoeman, Sgt Jones, Cllr Alexander

Item 2: Public session

2.1 Police Scotland 1) Theft of petrol generator, cement mixer and 2 Stihl saws at Findhorn Sands Caravan Park from within a padlocked area – enquiries ongoing. **2)** Car stopped on B9011 for Road Traffic documentation offences. **3)** Tractor stolen from HRN Tractors, Kinloss. Tractor then driven to Mid-Kintrae Farm causing damage to items of road furniture and parking ticket machine at Roseisle. Tractor then destroyed by fire. 2 named suspects – enquiry ongoing. **4)** Quad bike reported being used on Findhorn Bay. Later traced, male cautioned and charged. **5)** Several fixed penalty tickets for speeding.

2.2 Tom Brown raised concern re speeding on the Findhorn Road, particularly at peak times - Police aware.

2.3 Plans presented by Greig Munro on behalf of Tim Clark. Plans are for 5 houses, on east side of Beach Rd past Heathneuk. Questions were invited and answered. There was clarity regarding adoption of road, carriageway lighting and passing places. There was reassurance that the Findhorn footpath at the back of the Foundation will remain. Comments and feedback welcomed as could be incorporated in the plan. Gentlemen were thanked for their presentation and for taking questions, both then left meeting.

2.4 Member of public, Beverley Ellis, highlighted concerns re: an area of land on border of Forres/Kinloss. The Moray Development Plan proposes 2 fields to the left of the B9011 heading towards Kinloss from the A96 roundabout, currently classed as prime agricultural land, be categorised as industrial land. Mrs Ellis had researched this proposal and objects on several counts including the negative impact on tourism and spoiling of the view across to the bay at Findhorn. Mrs Ellis argued the land has poor drainage and considered there to be a more suitable area for industry, alongside the Greshop Industrial Estate. She highlighted the area was originally discounted given its high flood risk and suggested after the significant millions spent on flood alleviation, that this site be reassessed. Mrs Ellis was thanked for her contribution and members were supportive of her proposal, should this be feasible. Opportunities to view the plan on the Moray Council website and responses welcomed. Mrs Ellis then left the meeting.

(Post Meeting Note: Following a request from the Forres Gazette for comment, the Chairman provided an extract of the Minute above, plus a caveat that he will contact Moray Council to ascertain whether Mrs Ellis suggestion to use Greshop is feasible)

2.5 Development plan - Frank Allan aired the concerns of a local resident who had written to him, arguing the impact on 3 or 4 houses with an area being rezoned. Correspondence also presented from Christine Hunt noting her concerns in relation of an aspect of the Plan.

Action: Cllr McLean to look at why change was made. Harvey Morton to look at proposal.

Item 3: Minutes

3.1 Minutes of meeting on 27/02/14 ratified. Proposed Sue Finnegan, seconded Pat Carroll.

Item 4: Kinloss Barracks

4.1 Sel Williams – Reminder about Exercise Joint Warrior – aircraft will arrive this weekend. 24/7 phone line for any questions.

4.2 Pat Carroll enquired about charity work by the Regiment and Sel Williams would welcome enquiries.

4.3 Derek Morton enquired about maintenance issues re: Cumming Hall and a difficulty getting licences. Highlighted that finance is an issue, however, this led to discussion re: the agreement made with the RAF when funds were put into Cumming Hall in the first place.

Action: Sel Williams to chase up maintenance. Derek Morton to continue to explore use of previous funds.

Item 5: Matters Arising

a 2.4 Bayside footpath repairs – Harvey Morton wrote to Yacht Club. Quotes discussed for work that included a new gate. Discussion re: CC sharing cost, as path poses a hazard at present to locals and tourists. Points of view put forward with pros and cons. All agreed for Harvey Morton to progress discussions with Club.

Action: Harvey Morton – progress discussion with Yacht Club.

b. Item 4 5.2 Kinloss Notice Board – Notice board being refurbished. Les Morgan and Jen O'Hagan will have keys for the new notice board once erected. We can place notices free of charge.

c. Item 5 5.1 Emergency Plan distribution - To be discussed in Chairman's report.

d. 6.6 – North Shore erosion – Harvey Morton has permission to use letter and photographs and sent them to SEPA. An accompanying letter was also sent and awaiting a response. Information re: this issue has also been sent to The Moray Council via Tracey Rae.

e. 13.1 – Constitution signatures – Harvey Morton, Frank Allan and Les Morgan have signed the constitution.

Action: Jen O'Hagan to pass to Alison Davidson in the Elections Office for signing off.

f. 13.6 Erosion letter to CCLO/SEPA – (Mr Hoseason's concern) – letter gone to The Moray Council. Any self help ideas welcomed.

g. 13.7 APRS (Rural Scotland) membership – agreed of benefit, so will continue subscription. Standing order (Direct Debit from next year) to be increased to £25 on next renewal. Francine Rietberg will circulate the pamphlet.

Item 6: Chairman's report

6.1 Pat Carroll attended an evening session in Forres re: having a better understanding of The Moray Council structure etc. which was considered to have been informative.

6.2 F+KCC Emergency (Resilience) Plan – Our Emergency Plan has been drawn up and ideas incorporated. This now needs Moray Council approval before we can identify local assets in partnership with public. Hard copies will be printed by The Moray Council and there will be a need to raise local awareness. The plan was welcomed by the Moray Cllrs and it is hoped that other CCs will follow suit.

6.3 Youth members – no input to this meeting.

6.4 Access to Streets – Following discussion, it was agreed F & K CC would like to be involved.

Action: Les Morgan to advise Don Toonan

Item 7: Secretary's report

7.1 Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society – Delivered to Jen O'Hagan; currently subscribed to by F & K CC. Passed to Treasurer for payment details.

7.2 Moray Proposed Local Development Plan – Jen O'Hagan has hard copy. Passed to Harvey Morton for keeping.

7.3 Email from Greig Munro re: Planning; presented this evening.

7.4 The Moray Council's Funding Support website – remit to provide info and support for accessing funding for activities, which fall within their Service Plans. View online on Council website.

7.5 Big Song Relay – Choirs getting together to celebrate the Common Wealth baton event. Details on Council website.

7.6 Legacy 2014: Sustainable Sport for Communities – A £1 m fund is available which will help communities realise their ambitions of owning/running their own sports facilities. Closing date for 23/05/14.

www.legacy2014.co.uk/be-part-of-it/funding

7.7 Consultation on the Community Empowerment (S) Bill – Scottish Government has published responses from wide range of local/national organisations. Analysis is expected soon. View at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/02/2073>

7.8 Email from Christine Hunt re ENV3 designation – passed to Harvey Morton.

7.9 Contact by Beverley Ellis – as presented at this meeting.

7.10 Letter from RAF re: Joint Warrior Exercise. As detailed in Sel Williams report Feb/Mar 2014.

Item 8: Treasurer's report

8.1 All signatories for bank now complete. Once APR subscription paid, balance will stand at £3255.87.

Item 9: JCCM Report – Next meeting on 8th May. Les Morgan and Jen O'Hagan to attend.

Item 10: Moray Councillor's Report – Cllr Cresswell – Involved in Learning Disability board with theme of employment/training opportunities/transition. "Mens Shed" open day – Men's Shed has formed a partnership with Moray Waste Busters. Transition Town Forres AGM – now have a long lease of building.

Cllr Skene – Flood alleviation work on A96 – new road due to open by end of April 2014 and completed by November, with a saving of £6 million. Survey on Sustainable School Review ended on Monday. Feedback to follow shortly; views can be accessed on Council website. Cllr Skene considers worth a look at, as some excellent thoughts/comments made. There is a Forres briefing on 22/04/14 7pm – 2 representatives per Council. Volunteers needed for 'Piping Hot Forres'. The 'Scaffie Shed' is undergoing a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and has new owners. Falconer Museum – not going ahead yet as hoped on 1st April.

Cllr McLean – Councillors met and discussed Falconer Museum. Cllr Skene now involved in Sport and Leisure, however, Cllr Alexander has joined the group. Views can still go in to group at this point.

Item 9: Findhorn Foundation Report

9.1 Francine Rietberg announced a singing conference starting mid April.

Item 10: Planning

Harvey Morton reported no objection to workshop near Universal Hall. Discussion on planning proposal at 209 Findhorn; if all conditions are met, then there is no objection.

Item 11: AOCB

11.1 Allotment funds – discussion on possibility of using allotment funds for improvements to Cumming Hall. Derek Morton is making enquiries into the Cumming Hall accounts, as it appears all works were not carried out as agreed. Difficulty might be in accessing the accounts after RAF moved on. Cllr Cresswell will make enquiries to get assistance from the civilian who was in an account post at the time. Further discussion needed on this matter before allotting these funds; there is no urgency to do this. Cllr McLean offered to approach his contacts for support in future if needed.

Action: Derek Morton and Les Morgan to continue with enquiries.

11.2 Cllr Cresswell - Auchernack Trust has been launched. Those of advanced age can apply within a certain boundary.

11.3 Pat Carroll – Conservation guidelines review put on hold at this time.

11.4 Sue Finnegan – completed lighting questionnaire. Jen O'Hagan to deliver to The Moray Council.

11.5 Sue Finnegan – Has approached Piper, Mr Bichan, who is prepared to pipe on Remembrance Sunday.

11.6 Harvey Morton – Followed up bus enquiry. New service planned – feedback to Stagecoach welcomed.

11.7 Harvey Morton – Sub Station fence – Harvey Morton has been in contact and it will be fixed.

11.8 April litter pick campaign – Information online.

11.9 Earth Savings on Findhorn website.

Item 12: Forthcoming community events

12.1 Mo Hyde – Scottish Crafts and teas 1 – 5 pm on 5th April Findhorn Village Centre.

Item 16: Date of next meeting

24th April 2014 7.30 pm in Findhorn

Minutes by Jen O'Hagan