

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (F & K CC)
Minutes of meeting held on 24th April 2014 – James Milne Institute, Findhorn

Present: Les Morgan (Chair), Thomas Brown, Francine Rietberg, Frank Allan, Pat Carroll, Mo Hyde, Sue Finnegan, Jen O'Hagan (sec).

In attendance: Sel Williams (39 Engineer Regiment), Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette), Cllr Skene, Cllr Cresswell, Cllr McLean, Cllr Alexander, 3 members of public.

Item 1: Apologies: Harvey Morton, Derek Morton, Peter Finch (Findhorn Foundation), David Haytack (Community Warden), Jade Kellas, Heather Schoeman, Sgt Jones.

Item 2: Public Business

2.1 Police Report - (No Police present) Sgt Jones now posted to Elgin and Sgt McCarthy to replace as Liaison Officer. Thanks sent to Sgt Jones and welcome to Sgt McCarthy. 1) A complaint has been received re speeding within 30mph limit in Kinloss. Officers to undertake speed survey. 2) Police Scotland and partners launch major national campaign to tackle doorstep crime. Doorstep crime consists of 2 main types of offence; bogus callers and rogue traders, both having devastating effect on victims. Campaign will increase awareness among communities and give confidence in dealing with cold callers. **Action.** Chairman will raise directly with police Mr D Urquhart's concern about his paddock fence being cut.

2.2 Proposed Moray Development Plan - Mr Willing expressed support to Mrs Ellis re objection to (i)8 site, as highlighted recently in Forres Gazette. Discussion ensued re the consultation process and a feeling that in 2012 when first consulted on, people may not have fully understood implications. Mrs Ellis was confident they had followed the advertised response procedure, however, it was suggested from the floor that it may have been beneficial if Forres Moray Councillors had been advised.

Item 3: Ratification of Minutes of 27th March 2014

Minutes of the meeting ratified. Proposed Frank Allan, seconded Tom Brown.

Item 4: Matters Arising

4.1 2.4 I(India) 8 Forres: The Chairman informed the meeting that he had spoken with Mr G Templeton, Moray Council Planning Officer, who explained that Moray Council had considered using Greshop rather than I8 but SEPA had advised that, even after flood alleviation works, some available land should not be built on for soak away reasons. However, new data received from SEPA is being interpreted and may be possible to use more of Greshop than previously thought. Moray Council is aware there is a short period on the Kinloss road when an uninterrupted vista towards Findhorn and beyond is available and this sight-line would be preserved if possible. This was discussed at length and notwithstanding advice that community council objections to I8 on the grounds of loss of vista may not be sustainable, the Findhorn members unanimously agreed that the community council should register an objection to industrial development on I8.

4.2 2.5 ENV3, R5 and R1 – Inclusion of R5 within ENV3 (Findhorn). The Findhorn members unanimously agreed to object to R5 proposal to change ENV3, on grounds that it could actively discourage access to the beach. Furthermore, the Council objected to the change of designation, because of the loss of ENV land to the village. R1 (Findhorn, Beach Road west side) - Despite receiving one letter of objection to residential development on this site, the community council was unanimous in not wishing to object to this in the Development Plan.

4.3 4.3 Sel Williams – Cumming Hall - down pipe and moss on to-do list. DIO is only authorising emergencies. Acknowledgement that this is not cost effective.

4.4 5.a Frank Allan gave update re footpath repair. Harvey Morton has contacted Yacht Club. A meeting took place to look at extending the path and Yacht club have agreed in principle. Quote of £1,940 + VAT. Community council would contribute in principle, but yet to agree split. Hardcore needed on top of this and suggested this would be costed to community council. Tom Brown suggested researching an organisation 'Paths for All', who may contribute. **Action.** Tom Brown offered to research "Paths for All".

4.5 5.e Constitution signed.

4.6 6.4 Pat Carroll is in contact with, and will meet, Don Toonen re Access to Streets. **Action.** Pat Carroll

4.7 11.1 Funds remaining - Cumming Hall £12,117 – Allotment £36,235.

Item 5 Kinloss Barracks Report

5.1 As from 1st April, 39 Regiment will no longer be tagged with 'Air Support' and will be a 'Force Support' engineer regiment. This will mean they become involved in a greater range of engineering tasks supporting a wider range of military organisations as well as the RAF. At any one time, a third of the Regiment will be on 'very high readiness' to support tasks worldwide. As part of new role, the Regiment will be equipped with a range of 'Protected Mobility' vehicles which will start to arrive in Kinloss later this year.

5.2 There was 1 noise complaint during Joint Warrior.

5.3 Quiet period at Kinloss as many of the Regiment are deployed in Kenya for 3 months on training exercise and some senior staff, led by CO, are heavily involved in preparations for the 70th anniversary of the Normandy Landings. One field squadron has recently returned from Falkland Islands and all those personnel deployed to assist in flood relief in England have now returned home. Two members of Regiment were recognised at a reception held at 10 Downing St and hosted by the Prime Minister in recognition of their outstanding work during the recent flooding.

Item 6: Chairman's Report

6.1 Les Morgan advised he had given Forres Gazette a statement re Development Plan objection.

6.2 Questions have been raised from Entrust re funding to Findhorn Village Centre. FVC to liaise with Entrust directly and keep Jen O'Hagan, the point of contact with Entrust, up to date.

6.3 Heather Schoeman had raised issue re increase in bus fares. Les Morgan is awaiting a response.

6.4 Emergency Plan is ready and awaiting printing by Moray Council.

6.5 Noise abatement around Kinloss has been dropped as a planning constraint. Cllr McLean confirmed 1984 footprint level remains round edge of airfield. Pat Carroll suggested this needs advertising.

6.6 Gmail account discussed. Mo Hyde will attach minutes of meeting to the account, and gmail will remain a reference port for reading mail messages to our CC.

Item 7: Secretary's Report

7.1 Response from SEPA re risk of erosion along shoreline at end of Dunes Road. They are unable to incorporate any erosion factor into the maps, however, they have undertaken a strategic study to identify areas naturally susceptible to erosion. They are in process of working with LA's to characterise coastal areas and help inform the most sustainable measures to alleviate flood risks.

7.2 Moray Local Development Plan/Proposed – our deadline for responses has been extended to 5pm, 23 May 14. **Action.** Sec to submit responses as per 4.1 and 4.2 above.

7.3 Dog Fouling leaflet drop done in Kinloss by Community Warden.

7.4 Justice of Peace recruitment campaign in Grampian. Applications welcomed from under represented groups.

7.5 F & K CC is registered with ICO as a data controller – annual fee of £35 DD. Passed to treasurer.

7.6 Moray Community Health and Social Care Partnership is looking to work closely with local communities in the development of 2 new joint 10 year plans 1) Mental Health and wellbeing 2) Physical and sensory disabilities. Draft plan out for consultation by end of year.

7.7 P3 Virtual Network – Royal College of GP's (Patient, Partnership in Practice). Anyone interested in taking part, deadline is 30th April 2014.

7.8 Jen O'Hagan attended the Sustainable Education Review at Forres Academy.

Item 8: Treasurer's Report

No movement on funds. Current balance - £3,255.87

Item 9: JCCM Report

9.1 Les Morgan attended Community Council Empowerment Seminar at COSLA, Edinburgh. He will post report when available. Next JCC meeting on 8th May – Jen O'Hagan and Les Morgan to attend.

Item 10: Moray Councillors Report

10.1 Cllr Cresswell – Very involved in NHS and Council merger. Attended presentation on SDS funding. The Development Plan is creating a lot of work. Is working alongside Waste Busters, Menshed and Parental Council.

10.2 Cllr Alexander – Busy with Sustainable Education Review. He has been relieved of some duties e.g. Licensing Board and LRB.

10.3 Cllr Skene – Busy with Sustainable Education Review. Lots of interesting dialogue noted by Cllr Skene at these briefings. Recognition and congratulations from Cllr Skene to Tom Brown for all his endeavours in the Kinloss Church "Hall" which is another great asset for the area.

10.4 Cllr McLean – Corporate Director Environmental Services – interviews in May. Shown round flood alleviation work at Elgin and Forres. Leisure Review – another steering group mtg tomorrow. Attended Licensing Board up in Tomintoul.

Item 11: Findhorn Foundation Report

No report, but a recognition of the successful Earthsings event.

Item 12: Planning

12.1 Extend planning consent 11/00066/PPP for erection of dwelling house on 209 Findhorn. Recommend that it should be approved with conditions as before. **Action.** Harvey Morton

Item 13: Any other competent business

13.1 Youth members – discussed members commitment in attending meetings.

13.2 Lighting questionnaire – not yet received an acknowledgement from Moray Council. **Action.** Sue Finnegan to enquire with Tracey Rae.

13.3 Erosion on Bay side. Discuss at next meeting after enquiries have been made with Garmouth Community Council. **Action.** Harvey Morton

Item 14: Forthcoming community events

14.1 Priority setting event – Cllr Cresswell would like to invite F & K CC to Forres to take part.

14.2 3rd May – Scottish Teas and Crafts at FVC.

14.3 Findhorn Heritage Centre – Open as of 3rd May every weekend through to June, then every day for three months until August.

14.4 Nelson Tower – Open 2 – 4 p.m. until end of September.

Item 14: Date of next meeting

7.30 p.m. 29th May 2014, at Cumming Hall, Kinloss