

**FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (F & K CC)**  
**Minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – Cumming Hall, Kinloss**

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

**In attendance:** Sel Williams (39 Engineer Regiment), RSM Joe Aldridge, Tanya McLaren (Forres Gazette), Constable Chris Page (Police Scotland), 2 members of public.

**Item 1: Apologies:** Derek Morton, Peter Finch (Findhorn Foundation), David Haytack (Community Warden), Jade Kellas, Heather Schoeman, Cllr Skene, Cllr Cresswell, Cllr McLean, Cllr Alexander.

**Item 2: Public Business:**

**2.1 Police report:** Between 15/4/14 to 23/5/14, 7 crimes reported. 5 offenders identified. Crimes include assault, theft, disorderly behaviour, vandalism and road traffic offences. Crimes currently being investigated include theft of pedal cycle and items stolen from vehicle.

**2.2** A complaint was received re speeding on Kinloss to Findhorn Road (Kinloss end). Local Community Policing Officers trained in use of muniquip speed detection equipment have carried out patrols. 9 drivers were stopped for exceeding speed limit. A request has been made to have North East Camera Unit to deploy speed survey in the area.

**2.3** An incident of damage to fence at 'The Paddock' in Findhorn has been highlighted. Police have been in contact with owner.

**2.4** Operation Cedar –was launched on 14/5/14 across Aberdeenshire and Moray to increase road safety in area.

**2.5** Neighbourhood Watch Scotland – in association with NFU, Gamekeepers Association and Police Scotland are currently devising a Farm Watch product based on existing good practice. Further info at: <http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/>

**2.6** Highlight of following websites: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) [www.parentlinescotland.org.uk](http://www.parentlinescotland.org.uk) Police Scotland are keen to highlight their social media – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk) <http://www.twitter.com/policescotland>  
Constable Chris Page left meeting.

**Any other competent public business:**

**2.7** Mr Hamish Grigor advised of low flying aeroplane/s doing circuits and flying over Findhorn village on 28<sup>th</sup> May. He wanted to phone Kinloss tower, but could not find a telephone number for Kinloss or Lossiemouth Air Traffic Control. They were apparently doing circuits all morning and afternoon. Sel Williams advised that Lossiemouth controls flying at Kinloss. Aircraft identified as King Air, twin turbo prop. In addition, Mr Grigor advised he had tried to access link for the venue and time of our meetings on the Moray Council website, but this was not working.

**Action:** Sel Williams agreed to raise issue with Lossie and highlight need for contact number to be accessible.

**Action:** Jen O'Hagan to request Tracey Rae sorts out Moray Council link to FKCC meetings venue and time.

**Item 3: Ratification of Minutes of meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014.** Amendment made to 4.2 as agreed. Now reads – “The Findhorn members unanimously agreed to object to R5 proposal to change to 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.” Minutes thereafter ratified proposed Pat Carroll, seconded Frank Allan.

**ITEM 5 brought forward**

**Item 5 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

**5.1** RSM Joe Aldridge advised he is looking forward to continuing the engagement with the local community, following his choosing to be posted to Kinloss on promotion. This posting is different to his previous postings and he welcomes the opportunity to support the Force Regiment.

**5.2** Sel Williams advised that it is a busy time with Normandy 70 years anniversary. The CO has an important role behind the scenes. Armed Forces Day June 21st – a lot of effort goes into this event which is free, open to the public and includes a Medal presentation. Summer leave at Kinloss is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August for 3 weeks.

Sel Williams and RSM Joe Aldridge left meeting.

#### **Item 4 Matters Arising:**

- a 2.1 Mr Urquhart's fence. Les Morgan has passed information on to Police.
- b. 4.4 Tom Brown advises he has checked Paths for All and this covers lots of funding bodies. He has made initial link with Highland and Islands Enterprise. Follow up at next meeting. **Action: Tom Brown** ongoing.  
Further discussion re path and fence near Yacht Club and risks to public. FKCC Letter drafted has not yet been sent.  
**Action:** Jen O'Hagan to send FKCC letter to Yacht Club with our proposal.
- c. 4.6 Access to Streets – **Action: Pat Carroll** - ongoing
- d. 7.2 Development Plan – Jen O'Hagan put in objection as agreed in 4.2 of last minute
- e. 12.1 Planning response – Action complete
- f. 13.2 Response to lighting questionnaire – Holding response received from Moray Council.
- g. 13.3 Erosion/Garmouth liaison – Jim Mackie (Garmouth) has arranged a seminar on 16<sup>th</sup> June re raising awareness of erosion. **Action: Pat Carroll and Les Morgan** will attend. Concerns discussed as per email from Richard Summer – He has photos highlighting coastal erosion and the risk of the bomb shelter falling into the sea in Findhorn.  
**Action: Harvey Morton** to write to Moray Council sending info from Mr Summer (after seeking permission to share photographs).

#### **Item 6 Chairman's Report:**

- 6.1 Emergency Plan – awaiting printing with Moray Council. Next step to publicise plan and compile asset register, e.g owners of 4X4, inflatable boats etc.
- 6.2 Discussed size of notice boards in Findhorn. Larger boards can be procured if required by Findhorn.  
**Action: Findhorn Councillors** to assess requirement.
- 6.3 Garry McCartney, Forres Gazette requested info on public use of MOD facilities. Chairman provided info on history of funds provided following the sale of Kinloss Southside.

#### **Item 7 Secretary's Report:**

- 7.1 Email from Brian McDonald, chair of Forres Area Community Trust. He is happy to come to Community Council meeting to give info on proposed solar meadow.
- 7.2 'Living it up' information event at Elgin Library on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
- 7.3 Confirmation letter received from Tracey Rae re co-option of Tom Brown and Francine Rietberg.

#### **Item 8 Treasurer's Report:**

- 8.1 Cheque from Moray Council banked - £352.37 taking to a total of £3,608.24.

#### **Item 9 JCCM Report:**

- 9.1 Wendy Johnston gave a presentation on 'Tele-healthcare', describing a wide range of equipment that can help people with disabilities live safely and independently. Wendy is recruiting responders throughout Moray to help support vulnerable people in their communities. Community Councils can help by promoting this initiative in their areas. She is happy to give demonstrations to local groups and show the sophisticated support these devices can offer.
- 9.2 Lorna Bernard introduced the 'Living It Up' (LIU) pilot; part of 'delivering assisted living lifestyle at scale', a national scheme to support those living with disabilities and health conditions. Further info at <https://portal.livingitup.org.uk/page/about-us> Jimmy Green spoke about living better with chronic conditions, including sharing experiences online - see <https://portal.livingitup.org.uk/blogs/moray>
- 9.3 Les Morgan represented the JCC at the COSLA's Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy for a facilitated forum, on how to strengthen local democracy in Scotland. A Final Report was produced which is now publicly available at the Commission's website:  
<http://www.localdemocracy.info/call-for-evidence/listening-sessions/26-february-community-councillors/>
- 9.4 JCC rep on Scottish Rural Parliament.
- 9.5 Emergency Plan – our plan could be used as a template.
- 9.6 Youth members discussion at JCC – updated.
- 9.7 Next meeting on 14/08/14. Richard Lochhead MSP invited to next meeting. Let Les Morgan know if wish to attend.

#### **Item 10 Moray Councillors' Report:**

- 10.1 No report

### **Item 11 Findhorn Foundation Report:**

**11.1** Findhorn Foundation will be hosting the 'Climate Finance Advance' 23 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 14 with Christina Figueres (Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), to discuss the role of climate finance in underpinning and supporting global agreements on climate change. Event is by invitation.

**11.2** Eva Ward may resume representing Findhorn Foundation in future in place of Peter Finch.

**Action: Francine** to clarify.

### **Item 12 Planning:**

**12.1** Houses at Heathneuk – from info to date, no objection.

**12.2** Housing development at Findhorn Foundation – as per previous info, no objection.

**12.3** Bunty plot – request to renew application to build house – no objection.

**12.4** No 29 across from Bunty – no objection.

### **Item 13 AOCB:**

**13.1** Les Morgan has looked at refurbished room, named Culbin Room, at Kinloss Church. Hall keeper, Tom Brown, is happy for us to use this for our Kinloss meetings. All agreed this would be better than Cumming Hall for our meetings, allowing more space for members of public should they wish to attend. The first meeting to be there will be 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Action: Jen O'Hagan** to contact Tracey Rae to update venue on link.

**13.2** Frank Allan raised the issue of R5 land and earlier discussion continued. Moray Council consultation period has now closed but Sec will attempt to register amended info as per Item 3 above. **Action: Jen o'Hagan.** Acknowledged that clarity would be helpful if changed to R5 land and Frank Allan and Pat Carroll happy to meet with owner to discuss.

**Action: Frank Allan** to contact owner of land

**13.3** Trustees of Berry Burn Windfarm are keen to consult all adjacent Community Councils. (**Tanya McLaren agreed** to get information and pass info to Harvey Morton)

**13.4** Links View signage not clear (edge on). Harvey Morton suggests sign turns round.

**Action: Harvey Morton** to send photograph to Tracey Rae with proposal to rectify.

**13.5** Sue Finnegan raised issue of hogweed in Findhorn.

**Action: Pat Carroll** to speak to Bob Lawton to see if he can deal with issue.

**13.6** Mo Hyde is concerned about the erosion on coastline due to Moray Walking Festival along coast in June. Assured that one of organisers has taken photos and is aware of the issue.

**13.7** Issue of traffic calming measures rules discussed. The Community Council has been concerned re speeding traffic going through Kinloss for a number of years.

**Action: Jen O'Hagan** to contact Tracey Rae and request definitive info and regulations governing establishment of speed calming measures in Moray.

**13.8** Francine Rietberg advised there is concern re speeding at entrance of Park. Resident wrote to Moray Council last year, raising awareness of 2 double bends on what is currently a 40 zone and suggested a 30 zone. This was refused. Francine advised Kevin Price, Moray Council Roads, will survey in next couple of weeks.

**13.9** Annual Review (newsletter) from Rural Scotland available. Pat Carroll has, anyone else wanting to read, see Pat.

### **Item 14 Forthcoming Community Events:**

**14.1** Vienna Horns with Spynie Brass and Moray Saxophone Quartet - 11<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 p.m. Kinloss Church.

Piping Hot Forres 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Item 15 Date of Next Meeting:**

**15.1** 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 7.30 p.m at James Milne Institute, Findhorn

**Apologies in advance for next meeting:** Mo Hyde, Harvey Morton