

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 25th September 2014 - Cumming Hall, Kinloss

Present: L Morgan (Chair), J O'Hagan (Minutes), F Allan, P Carroll, S Finnegan, M Hyde, F Rietberg, J Devlin, T Brown

In attendance: Sgt K McPherson, T McLaren (Forres Gazette), Cllr Cresswell, Cllr Skene, J Caddy

Item 1: Apologies: H Morton, Cllr Alexander, Capt E Brown (Kinloss Barracks), Sgt McCarthy, E Ward (Findhorn Foundation), Cllr McLean

Item 2: Police Report and Public Business

2.1 Sgt McPherson – During period 24/08/14 – 22/09/14, 6 crimes been reported - 4 offenders been identified. Crimes include Assault, Vandalism, Careless Driving and Theft. Ongoing investigation of theft - custom built orange mountain bike stolen early evening on 14/09/14, from cycle shed in Findhorn Foundation. Residents reminded to lock up valuable property as unsecured items can easily be removed. Any information on crimes in the area, contact Police Scotland on 101, or Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111, or call in person to Forres Police Office.

Operation Cedar – During May 2014, operation was launched across Aberdeenshire and Moray to increase road safety in area. Aim is to address poor driving standards by education and enforcement. 21 – 23 Sept, patrols included deployment of speed detection at various locations in F & K CC area. Drivers dealt with for variety of traffic offences.

Police Scotland Consultation Survey now in progress. This will help set priorities for the next year, as well as assisting development of locally focussed strategies to keep people safe and develop local tactics for communities.

Operation Avon – Police Scotland, with partners from Youth Justice and Moray Council Community Wardens, have carried out several patrols over summer. The aim is to target anti-social behaviour and underage drinking. Patrols will be carried out throughout coming months and beyond.

S Finnegan enquired about a short period of road closure for Remembrance Sunday in Findhorn. Since the introduction of Police Scotland, previous arrangements with local Policing are not so informal.

Action: Cllr Cresswell to find out from Moray Council (MC) if permit is needed.

2.2 Presentation from Mr Caddy on Findhorn Hinterland Group changes – Mr Caddy, Convenor of FHG, gave a presentation of the history of FHG. He discussed its structure, management committee, membership and the 5 year plan, among other issues. Questions from Councillors led to a discussion including: who the land owners are; any planned building on the land; why FHG are looking for a new legal structure; any intent to change the land; who made up the Board and clarification was sought on who owns what? Mr Caddy was looking for a letter of support from the CC for these changes. Whilst it was generally agreed that it would be good to have an integrated conservation plan, it was decided that the CC needed further discussion before reaching their decision. Mr Caddy was thanked for his time and presentation and left the meeting.

Item 3: Ratification of Minutes of the Meeting on 25 Sep 14

3.1 pg 4, 3.11 should read P Carroll, not F Rietberg. Minutes of meeting then ratified – proposed L Morgan, seconded P Carroll.

Item 4: Matters Arising

- a) **4 a Paths for All** – T Brown advised all funds are now allocated from Paths for All. T Brown had heard about possible dredging in Findhorn River and this might come in useful for filling paths/pot holes. Other funding may be available from Forres Area Forum.

Action: T Brown – Follow up funding for path repairs.

4 b Access to Streets P Carroll attended a presentation and met with Don Toonan from MC. P Carroll advised that no funding is available, but we are asked to complete a checklist in relation to blocked pavements etc. T Brown advised that Kinloss church is willing to move the stone wall to widen the path. This would be funded by the Kinloss Church of Scotland, but the path would need to be made fit by MC. Anyone aware of access difficulties on paths is asked to advise P Carroll. The blocking of the path from the back of the Spar in Kinloss onto Glebe Road was discussed. This was thought to be easily resolvable.

Action: P Carroll to complete checklist

Action: T Brown to speak to staff at Spar

13.1 Funding for Safety Rail Actions followed up by P Carroll. A J Engineering will give an estimate for work. P Carroll advises the home owner has agreed to cut back the bush and this will also help.

- b) **6.1 Emergency Plan electronic distribution** Plan now distributed to a variety of sources. Donna Maclean from MC will advertise in the MC Connect magazine in collaboration with J O'Hagan.
- c) **6.3 Community Event** M Hyde, F Allan and L Morgan to attend and give support to this event.
- d) **6.5 F & K CC representation on FACT and FAF meetings** J Devlin agreed to attend FACT meeting and J O'Hagan agreed to attend FAF meeting.
- e) **8.1 Cancellation of Standing Order to ASCC** Cancelled. Action complete.
- f) **8.2 Contribution of Moray Community Awards** Contribution cost paid.
- g) **9.1 Suggestions to Keith Radio to promote CCs** Nothing put forward.
- h) **9.2 Suggest candidates for Moray Community Awards** J Devlin sits on Committee for awards. Nominations will appear in Northern Scot and Forres Gazette. There will be a ballot in key areas.
- i) **12 Register concern re access on to B9011 from Seapark House plots** H Morton has completed and put some comment in on planning applications.
- j) **13.2 Request additional Findhorn 20mph signs** L Morgan has put request to Elaine Penny (MC). Awaiting response.
Action: J O'Hagan to follow up with E Penny
- k) **13.3 Beach Road funding and whin-cutting machine** Cost is £240. MC will do work. Issue of pot holes raised again.
Action: T Brown to write to Cllr Skene re left over stones from Flood Alleviation to fix Dunes Road.
- l) **13.5 Letter to OC 39 ER re Allotment Funds** Action completed. Agreed extra funds not going to Cumming Hall. Any other ideas can be put forward, but allotments in Forres area are considered to be a tremendous success.
- m) **13.5 Investigate availability of private land for Allotments** P Carroll looking at land. Discussion around possible lease as alternative to buying. Issue of water, fencing, shed etc discussed. Various options discussed and will be followed up.
Action: P Carroll to follow up land options
- n) **13.10 Coastal erosion. Follow up with MC and 39 ER** Action complete with no resolution.
- o) **13.11 Admin for co-option for vacant Kinloss seat** Paperwork complete.
Action: J O'Hagan to hand paperwork to T Rae

Item 5: Kinloss Barracks Report No report

Item 6: Chairman's Report

6.1 Cllr Cresswell and Community Event - 400 invitations to community groups. 3 facilitators from F & K CC will participate in workshops and undertake training for the evening event.

6.2 Whins publicity – Would be good to advertise the work by the F & K CC re cutting whins. MC will advise L Morgan who will arrange suitable publicity/photos. Publicity material to go to T McLaren. **Action: L Morgan**

6.3 J Caddy's presentation was discussed at length and there were reservations about giving a letter of support. In discussion it became clear there were doubts about the need for our support. It was thought an application for SCIO status can be processed without our support. Before Councillors decide whether or not to support the FHG in general, more information on the reasons for amalgamations and ownership issues required clarification. Cllr Skene undertook to find out more on our behalf.

Action: Cllr Skene to follow up more information as above.

Item 7: Secretary's report

7.1 Administration Grant Oct 14 - Mar 15. Letter from Tracey Rae with form to complete for BAC transfers in future.

Action: J O'Hagan to return completed form

7.2 Letter from RAF confirming Joint Warrior exercise planned for early October for 2 weeks.

7.3 Community Councils online – available on our Gmail; Interesting read. J O'Hagan urged members to read.

7.4 Short questionnaire online re: JCC (advertised on our Gmail). Individuals to complete if desired.

7.5 Short survey monkey re: customer satisfaction re: weekly ward lists. Available on our Gmail.

7.6 Available on our Gmail – press release from Sustainable Education Review – embargo until after midnight.

Item 8: Treasurer's Report

8.1 Paid out £30.75 for use of James Milne Institute. £50 paid to Community Awards. £57.19 paid for poppy wreaths. Balance now standing at £3,396.90. Paperwork completed for BAC transfer for future MC Grant. Brief discussion re use of funds and claiming back expenses.

Item 9: JCCM Report Nothing to report.

Item 10: Moray Councillors' Reports

10.1 Cllr Cresswell has been busy with the merger of NHS and LA. Waste Busters had a strategy day and was involved with this. The school estate is also taking up time.

10.2 Cllr Skene apologised for arriving late to meeting. An event at Kinloss Abbey on 30th October was promoted. Cllr Skene has written a 7 scene play and is working in collaboration with P 6/7 children who will perform on night. The Abbey will be floodlit. There is a free BBQ and event is free to raise awareness of the history of the Abbey. 5.30 – 7pm.

10.3 Cllr Skene raised awareness of the Findhorn Bay Arts Festival – highlighting that there are lots of events on.

10.4 Cllr Skene raised a question on behalf of Moray Cllr Alexander who had received representation about a planning application at Elderslie House, Findhorn. Reference was made to previous F+KCC Minutes at which this application was discussed and no objection registered.

10.5 The Sustainable Education Review is a serious piece of work and will be debated on 8th October, then at full Council on 3rd November. Press release tomorrow. 19th January will see the beginning of statutory consultation.

10.6 There are vacancies for Corporate Directors and interviews will be held shortly.

Item 11: Findhorn Foundation Report

11.1 320 to attend summit hosted by FF, on how we think about ourselves and inspiring pathways for our planetary future.

11.2 Youth empowerment programme – in partnership with AFC, MC and FF to help youth move to positive destinations.

Item 12: Planning

12.1 Seapark House – concerns about the access of vehicular traffic on to B9011 noted and passed to MC Planning.

12.2 Planning for fence agreed by MC. Awaiting new quote before work carried out.

Item 13: AOCB

13.1 a) Bus services in Kinloss – Letter received from R Lochhead MSP in response to resident in Glebe Road, Kinloss raising an issue. This highlighted that the Bus Investment Fund will have £3 million available annually for 3 years. The aim of fund is to give incentive and enable partnership working in Scotland. This partnership working would be to improve bus services and infrastructure. Issue of bus shelter discussed at new Health Centre in Forres.

Action: Cllr Skene requested to progress request for a bus shelter at the Health Centre in Forres to Cllr Alexander.

Action: T Brown to speak to Glebe Rd resident and give feedback.

13.2 Bus service at 08:31 from Findhorn to Kinloss/Elgin raised by F Allan on H Morton's behalf. On non school days, this is available to the general public but on school days it is not. If not, on school days those in Findhorn are deprived of a much needed service.

Action: Cllr Skene to take up with Moray Council.

13.3 M Hyde has followed up the memorial bench proposed in Findhorn. It is likely to be in situ in 6 weeks.

13.4 Apology from T Brown for change of venue for tonight's meeting.

13.5 The community event on 2nd October – The Osprey bus is available for older adults or those with LD.

13.6 S Finnegan advised that MC have sent out a lighting questionnaire to all in Findhorn village. This repeats the survey work for MC already undertaken by S Finnegan earlier this year. Some Findhorn residents reported they had not received the MC questionnaire.

Action: Cllr Cresswell to take up this issue with MC.

13.7 Remembrance Sunday – H Morton to lay wreath in Findhorn, L Morgan in Kinloss. S Finnegan to continue making detailed arrangements. **Action: S Finnegan**

Item 14: Forthcoming events

14.1 14th Nov - Sausage and Mash night Kinloss Church for Abbey Trust

Item 15: Date of next meeting

15.1 30th October 7.30 pm at James Milne Institute, Findhorn