

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 30th October 2014 - James Milne Institute Findhorn

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

In attendance: T McLaren (Forres Gazette), Cllr Cresswell, Cllr Skene, Cllr McLean, Cll Alexander, Stuart Noble (Chairman, Forres CC), 4 members of public

Item 1 Apologies: J Devlin, Capt E Brown (Kinloss Barracks), Sgt McCarthy, E Ward (Findhorn Foundation)

L Morgan informed the meeting of the death of J Devlin's father and condolences were offered.

Item 2 Police report and public business:

2.1 In the absence of Police Scotland, S Finnegan summarised Police report. Between 22/09/14 – 27/10/14, 7 crimes have been reported. 5 offenders identified to date. Crimes include: Theft by Housebreaking, Theft of pedal cycles, Driving with no insurance, Careless Driving and Assault. Ongoing investigations include: Theft of insecure Apollo mountain bike from Easter Road on 24/09/14, theft of agricultural equipment and vehicle parts from farm property off B9089 Kinloss to Burghead road, valued at a four figure sum. Anyone with info on these crimes or any within Forres Community Policing Area, contact Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers 0800 555 111, or call in person to Forres Police Office.

Action days taken place throughout the Division including: preventing incidences of assault and arresting those responsible for assaults and also enforcement activities on a number of roads.

Police Scotland asks that everyone be vigilant to electronic crime and urge info shared with vulnerable family and friends. One incident detailed was for a sum of £200,000. Telephone fraud has included scammers requesting bank details, after advising that a bank a/c has been compromised. As fraudsters can leave a phone line open and reconnect to themselves, Police are not only asking people to check out their bank phone number as verification, (not the one provided by the person on phone), but to also use another line if possible, or leave for at least an hour before phoning on same line. Wifi and internet security via pop up windows also featured in reported crime. 'Victims of Fraud' leaflet detailing preventative advice, can be obtained from alisonthow@scotland.pnn.police.uk Crime Reduction Officer, or by phoning 101. Anyone with info on drug related crimes are urged to contact 101 or Crimestoppers. Contact Parentline Scotland with concerns about a child - contact: parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk, www.parentlinescotland.org.uk. Use of social media to highlight Police news: www.scotland.police.uk, Twitter feeds @policescotland and @ShireMorayPol, Facebook at <http://www.twitter.com/policescotland> Community Policing issues at ForresCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Police arrived with apologies for late arrival. Questions were answered. S Finnegan thanked Police for providing an Officer for Remembrance Sunday. Chairman thanked Police who then departed.

2.2 A member of public objected to lack of consultation about plans to put a railing at steps in Findhorn (as detailed in previous minutes). Concern was also expressed about technical aspects of the design. P Carroll, who is leading on this topic, explained the safety need and why a central rail had been chosen. Another member of the public, an ex member of F+KCC, reported that a resident had commented to him about the safety of the steps. Following discussion, the Council agreed that on occasions, particularly when safety was an issue, actions should be taken without the need for consultation. There was no support for the objection raised.

Item 3: Ratification of minutes

3.1 The minutes of 25th September 2014 were ratified. Proposed P Carroll, seconded by M Hyde.

Item 4: Matters Arising

- a) **4.b Access to Streets Checklist** – P Carroll completed survey in Findhorn. A number of issues highlighted including: junctions not having ramps, vehicles parking on pavement causing obstructions and danger to pedestrians a few

doors along from Kimberley, where the road is restricted when cars are parked on road and there is no path. The main issue in Kinloss is the width of footpath at the church. P Carroll and T Brown have discussed this and the path could only be widened if the church gave up some of their land. This would require agreement from the church session. The work on the pavement itself would be the Moray Council's responsibility.

P Carroll advised report on Living Streets would be finalised shortly, although again reiterated that as no additional funding is in place, resolutions would not be easy to find.

Action: P Carroll to submit survey to M Council.

Action: T Brown to speak to church council regarding giving up land to widen the pavement.

Action: L Morgan to request M Council reinstate footpath if church agrees to give up land.

b) **4.b Blocked path at Spar** – T Brown explained the problem to Spar staff who have done what they can to keep access clear. He agreed to keep an eye on issue.

c) **13.2** Follow up with E Penny 20 mph signs - Ongoing

Action: J O'Hagan

d) **13.3 Rubble residue** – Cllr Skene raised at M Council who will consider it. Cllr Alexander explained that gravel from river bed will not be available until 2016/17. It may be appropriate to apply for BerryBurn funding.

Action: T Brown to apply to BerryBurn for funding for repairs to Beach Road.

e) **13.5 Allotment land options** – At DIO's request, L Morgan has submitted a Statement of Need for MOD land for allotments.

f) **13.11 Co-option** – J Devlin's co-option needs to be re-submitted once she has been registered with the Elections Office at her Kinloss address.

Action: J O'Hagan to sort co-option

g) **6.2 Whin cutting publicity** – Thanks to Forres Gazette for their coverage on matter. For future consideration Cllr Alexander advised Dava Way Association has tool to cut whins; F Rietberg advised FHG also have equipment.

h) **6.3 Further info on FHG** – Thanks to Cllr Skene for information. Issue covered below in Chairman's report.

i) **7.1 Grant admin** – Relevant paperwork passed to Tracey Rae MC.

j) **13.1 Bus shelter** – Currently bus will only drop off on Grantown road as bus not able to turn around at Health Centre. Whilst the issue is not satisfactory, there is no quick fix to problem. Issue left with Cllr Alexander to work on, given his role with the Forres Patient Participation Group.

k) **13.1 Feedback to Glebe Rd resident** – completed.

l) **13.2 Findhorn – Kinloss/Elgin 08:31 service** – Cllr Skene advised contract has changed resulting in bus not being able to return to Findhorn. There was some discussion on the matter and H Morton voiced his strong views on matter. Essentially, service had been taken from fare paying Findhorn residents by MC in order to provide school transport. H Morton is awaiting response from Donald McRae in MC. If not heard back within a week, Cllr Skene will follow up.

Action: H Morton/Cllr Skene re response from MC

m) **13.6 MC lighting questionnaire** – Apology from MC as questionnaire should not have been sent to Findhorn.

n) **13.7 Remembrance Day admin** - Action complete and everything in place.

Item 5: Kinloss Barrack's Report No report.

Item 6: Chairman's Report

6.1 Youth Members – Heather Schoeman and Jade Kellas have moved on to further education and unable to commit to the CC.

Action: J O'Hagan to seek clarity re their position

6.2 Congratulations to Cllr Cresswell for the community consultation event in Forres; 93 people attended. Thanks to facilitators from our CC, F Allan, M Hyde and L Morgan.

Action: L Morgan to give feedback to Cllr Cresswell

6.3 Three estimates needed for the BerryBurn funding. F Allan has a contact and will seek advice on the issue of hardcore for the path by the yacht club.

Action: F Allan to speak to contact

Action: T Brown to complete application

6.4 FHG – Following on from presentation and discussion at last meeting, L Morgan, P Carroll, F Allan and J Caddy met to discuss the topic. A draft statement of support was produced, subsequently J Caddy recommended the addition of a final sentence. The statement was debated for some time, with the last sentence written by J Caddy being disputed by some members. It was decided to vote on a statement that excluded “to the east of the village of Findhorn”. 6 CC members voted in favour of the following statement, 3 members abstained:

“The Findhorn + Kinloss Community Council (F+KCC) acknowledges the work which has been done by the Findhorn Hinterland Group (FHG) in the past. The F+KCC supports the FHG’s intention to extend to the wider community representation on the FHG’s management board. The F+KCC agrees with the FHG that its future should be sustainable and inclusive and encourages members of the local community to: become members of the FHG, participate in the management of the FHG, and work with the FHG to ensure its future plans benefit the entire community. To this end, the F+KCC also supports the FHG’s wish to engage in further public consultation with regards to the management of land.”

6.5 Thanks to T McLaren for the good publicity for our CC in the Forres Gazette recently.

6.6 Emergency Plan – A poor response so far to request for volunteers and assets. Suggestion that CC target suitable individuals. Ideas put forward and individual members to follow up on their contacts.

Action: All to promote volunteers

6.7 ARCC visit – dates 13th or 14th November discussed. Decided to opt for 14 Nov, time to be confirmed.

Action: L Morgan to confirm arrangements

Item 7: Secretary’s Report

7.1 Proposed Moray Local Development Plan – now been submitted to Scottish Ministers for examination given that our representation has not been resolved. The earliest date upon which the examination of issues raised in representations will commence is 10th November 2014. The plan is available for public viewing in Moray Council’s offices, High Street, Elgin and in all public libraries serving the plan area. It is also available on the Moray Council website.

7.2 Youth member Jade Kellas has decided that she is not able to commit to the CC at present given her new venture at college.

Action: J O’Hagan to respond to Jade

7.3 The Scottish Veterans Fund (SVF) has been established by Scottish Government to assist groups and orgs that in turn offer assistance to Scotland’s ex-Service personnel, their families and dependents. Criteria apply and applications can be found online. Info for CC members on gmail.

7.4 Following round of consultation of polling places/districts in Moray, no change is being proposed at this time, however, some districts/places will be closely monitored in the short term. The Elections Office welcome further comments re arrangements for Polling Places/Polling Districts as proposed. Comments on current polling arrangements should be made in writing to Elections Office, HQ, Elgin, or by email to election.enquiries@moray.gov.uk A final report will be put before the Moray Council on 17th December 2014.

7.5 Greenfingers provides horticultural training, facilitated learning and work experience for adults who can have limited access to further education, training and employment. They are now at larger premises in Cooper Park Nursery in Elgin and are taking orders for quality plants at competitive prices for 2015. Further details on 01343 540032 or greenfingers@moray.gov.uk

7.6 Scottish Right of Way and Access Society magazine is available. Passed to P Carroll.

Item 8: Treasurer’s Report

8.1 Year end summary report presented by F Rietberg. Balance will be £3,156.90 once when cheque and £50 cheque for Community Award are cleared. No invoice has yet been received for the hire of Cumming Hall. Accounts approved by P Carroll and seconded by H Morton.

Item 9: JCCM Report

9.1 Action: L Morgan to attend JCCM on 13 Nov.

Item 10: Moray Councillors' Report

10.1 Cllr Skene – Primarily time spent on Sustainable Education Review. Full MC Committee to discuss 3rd November. Expected to be a spirited debate. Vacancies for 2 Corporate Directors – 1 appointment made – Laurence Findlay, other post to be re-advertised. Reminder about Auchernack Trust, applications welcome.

10.2 Cllr Cresswell - Very busy with the transitional group for integration of adult services with NHS. The new Osprey bus has been ordered and should be available in November. Time of wreath laying confirmed 09:45 at War Memorial in Findhorn, 09:45 at Kinloss Abbey and 10:10 at the Bervie Chipper.

10.3 Cllr McLean – Will be attending Planning Hearings for Lochyhill houses next to Forbeshill and also Link road in Elgin, which is scheduled for 3 days. Will be attending Dyke and Edinkillie Remembrance. Attendance at the Leisure Grp meeting will continue.

10.4 Cllr Alexander – Advised that he has read all letters/emails personally and has been to every meeting re Education Review. Cllr Alexander expressed opinion on recent press coverage on matter and hopes it will be a properly debated review in Committee. He has been busy with a public hearing on proposed housing in Lochyhill.

Item 11: Findhorn Foundation Report

11.1 Eva Ward stepping down. F Rietberg to pass on info from FF. New Story Summit was a success. Hubs all over world tuned in and FB had over 47,000 viewers.

Item 12: Planning

12.1 Various plots at Seapark in Kinloss - H Morton responded. All plots have now been withdrawn. Elderslie – was some concern about flood level. Now been withdrawn. Middlemore out-building – permitted. Consultation request, 110 Findhorn – Cllr Skene left the meeting for this discussion due to conflict of interest. No objection to plan, but our preference is that vehicles can turn within the land, rather than reverse down lane.

Item 13: AOCB

13.1 P Carroll - Application to MC to build beach huts in Findhorn. Proposer would like to present to CC nearer time.

13.2 M Hyde - Memorial bench, all arrangements in place.

13.3 S Finnegan - Wood piling up now encroaching on path. A polite word with neighbour suggested.

13.4 Stuart Noble (Chair of Forres CC) - Spoke briefly about the progress of his CC and described a helpful mapping exercise recently completed to highlight groups in their area. They have also defined their roles and contact information on an easily accessible document for public to view. We agreed this would go on our next agenda for consideration. S Noble looks forward to the two CCs working in collaboration.

13.5 H Morton – Erosion, advised that further concrete blocks are being lost to sea.

Item 14: Forthcoming community events

14.1 See website for Universal Hall programme.

14.2 At FVC. Race night 8th November doors open 6.30, bring own snacks and drinks £3 entry in aid of FVC.

Item 15: Date of next meeting

27th November 2014 at 7.30 pm, Kinloss Church, Culbin Room