

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 29th January 2015 - James Milne Institute, Findhorn

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

In attendance: Capt E Brown (Kinloss Barracks), S Jamieson, Cllr Skene, T McLaren (Forres Gazette), Cllr Alexander, Insp P McCrudden, Mr T Clark, Mr G Munro, Mr I McCook and 2 members of public.

Item 1 Apologies: H Morton, Cllr Cresswell, Sgt McCarthy

Item 2 Police report and public business:

2.1 Insp McCrudden gave an overview of the report provided. In relation to concerns highlighted re speeding traffic when entering or leaving Kinloss, Officers from the Community Policing Team will continue to be deployed in the area with speed detection equipment. Following checks in December 2014 on the Findhorn to Kinloss road, 2 drivers were stopped and dealt with by Police for exceeding the speed limit. The speeding survey on Findhorn Rd, Kinloss May/June 2014, showed the average speed was 25mph with a maximum of 55mph. Emphasis is placed on what 85% of vehicles are doing and results in this case were 30 – 32mph. Recognising that some vehicles exceed speed limits, speed detection equipment will continue to be deployed on this stretch of road. Other roads in Moray with a history of casualties are higher on the priority list for action.

The report highlighted from 21/11/14 to 26/01/15, 6 crimes were reported in the area. To date 4 offenders have been identified. Crimes include Breach of the Peace, Theft, Attempted Theft, Driving whilst unfit, Drunk Driving and Road Traffic Offences. Officers within the local Community Policing Team responded to 622 calls during this period. On 6/12/14 a Road Traffic Collision occurred on the B9089 Kinloss to Roseile Road near Blackstob Wood. The driver was subsequently traced and appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court in connection with various RT offences, including Unlawful Removal, Driving whilst unfit and with no licence. On 29/12/14 a male appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court having been stopped driving within Kinloss whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Crimes currently being investigated: overnight on 2/1/15 an attempt to remove a trampoline from a rear garden in Kinloss and between 3&4/1/15 an insecure vehicle parked on driveway in Kinloss was entered and a mobile phone stolen. Anyone with info please contact Police on 101, Crimestoppers 0800 555 111, or in person at Police Office.

Insp McCrudden left the meeting.

2.2 Mr Clark gave an update on his Dunes Rd development. A condition of the plan was to upgrade the road, therefore an outline of work to be carried out was given. This included removal of top tarmac, laying a new surface, new drainage and street lighting. Once road construction consent is in place, everything is ready to go. Vehicles cannot use the road during resurfacing, which could take up to 3 months, but there will be access for pedestrians. The Findhorn Foundation path might have to be diverted but will be kept open. Moray Council (MC) has now indicated that a pavement should be included, however Mr Clark felt this detracted from the dune land state and may wish to discuss this at a later date with the CC. Mr Clark kindly answered questions regarding the adoption of the road by MC, lighting issues and costs and possible use of materials uplifted to fill in pot holes further along the road. Although no guarantee, it was hoped that MC would adopt the road, once up to standard. Mr Clark agreed to contact the CC asap re road closure, which could be advertised in the Forres Gazette. Site plans are available on the MC website.

Mr Clark and Mr Munro left the meeting.

2.3 Mr McCook briefed the meeting on the Beach Huts development. He gave written information and answered a number of questions that was very helpful, allaying some concerns regarding view from the coastal path, the creation of wind tunnels, right of access and wildlife in the area. Mr McCook explained that the site has been chosen for a number of reasons and is a well trodden piece of land. He considered that the beach huts would sit comfortably in the landscape. As the area has been subject to upheaval previously, ecological issues were not a concern. Mr McCook explained the solid structure of the huts and the fact they would be very vandal proof. The huts will be mounted on wooden piles and be above ground level. The huts are approx. 2 m x 2.5 m and will be set back from each other. 30 were initially discussed, although they would be built in phases depending on demand. There was a suggestion from Mr McCook that the community may be gifted 1 or 2 for rental purposes.

Mr McCook left the meeting.

2.4 Mrs J Miller (member of public) raised the issue of a light on her lane being out since mid-late last year and commented of the dangers. She explained the MC had been out some time ago and they thought that an underground cable may have been damaged by some construction work. MC advised of the complicated

permissions needed and that they needed to know what construction had been going on to identify the cause. Cllr Alexander kindly agreed to meet Mrs Miller the following day to establish the exact location before taking it back to MC.

2.5 Sylvia Jamieson introduced herself as the new Community Support Officer (1 of 5) with the MC. Sylvia's role is to support community groups, to support consultation with MC and she is heavily involved with community assets. Sylvia is usually based on Wednesday at Forres House and covers a number of areas including Forres, Dyke and Heldon. Sylvia was welcomed and the CC looks forward to working with her in the future.

Item 5 was brought forward to allow Kinloss Barrack's Report personnel to resume their duties elsewhere.

Item 5: Kinloss Barrack's Report: Capt Brown introduced Capt Alex Oehring, who was welcomed to the meeting by those present. There will be a shared role in attending future CC meetings. Briefly Capt Brown advised that it had been a quiet winter with nothing much to report. The usual planned events are underway. L Morgan reminded that he was waiting to hear from the DIO in respect of the allotment funds. Capt Brown and Capt Oehring were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

Item 3: Ratification of minutes: Minutes ratified. Proposed P Carroll, seconded S Finnegan

Item 4: Matters Arising:

- a. **4.b. 20 mph signs** with Elaine Penny. J O'Hagan has chased up again. Awaiting a response.
- b. **4.f. Youth members** – J O'Hagan contact T Rae to remove them from CC. Actioned.
- c. **4.h. Yacht Club path** – Path now widened and fence in place. Letter from Mr Willing thanking the RFYC for their work and requesting that the MC improve the surface of the path. Agreed MC unlikely to be able to do this. F Allan has quotes already for this work. H Morton to contact Community Payback to see if they can assist with manpower. Mrs Miller suggested writing to the Findhorn Residents Association to see if they would contribute to the cost (£143.86) of the fill for the path. T Brown, H Morton and F Allan have submitted an application to Berry Burn for the cost of work. We have undertaken to contribute to the RFYC.
ACTION – H Morton to contact Community Payback. J Devlin recommended bidding for Community Payback labour asap as the their works programme is completed well in advance.
ACTION – J O'Hagan to write to Findhorn Residents Association.
ACTION – J O'Hagan to write to Royal Findhorn Yacht Club re reimbursement costs as agreed.
- d. **6.1 Consider nominating a rep to sit on FHG committee.** Much discussion was had with mixed views on whether the CC should nominate a representative from this group. Opinions voiced were that the CC had actively encouraged wider representation and therefore the CC should nominate a representative. An alternative was that we do not nominate on all other groups, so why was this different. Following a vote, there was 6 in favour and 3 abstentions. P Carroll volunteered and therefore it was agreed that he would be nominated as above.
ACTION – F Rietberg to speak to J Caddy re nomination
- e. **13.3 Blocked drain** – Actioned
- f. **13.3 Chairman look into Police Report re speeding on Findhorn Rd, Kinloss** – Actioned
- g. **3.4 Cycle path near FF entrance needs to be cleared of loose earth, stones** – Actioned
- h. **13.4 Overgrown cycle path opposite Seaview Caravan Park-** Actioned
- i. **13.9 Track past G Munro's house.** Actioned.

(Item 5 as above)

Item 6: Chairman's Report:

6.1 Beach Car Park – A member of the public, Mr Robertson telephoned L Morgan with concerns about holes in the car park east of the botyard. It was suggested that scraping this car park would fill in holes. Concern was raised that hard packed sand would then be blown away exposing the stone base and that in-fill is the solution. The M Council promoted tourism in the area but did not provide funds to maintain this car park. A history of the car park was given and Cllr Alexander advised that MC simply do not have funds to contribute. Another suggestion was put forward to use the scrapings from Mr Clark's Beach Rd development as in-fill for the car park and T Brown agreed to follow this up with Mr Clark.

ACTION - T Brown

6.2 Beach Rd Repairs The pot-holed state of the Beach Rd was discussed and in view of the possibility of funding from BerryBurn it was decided that, as the scrapings from Mr Clark's Beach Rd development may be used as in-fill for the beach car park, T Brown should contact contractors e.g. Leiths for estimates prior to submitting an application to Berry Burn for road repairs.

ACTION - T Brown

6.3 Laich Coast Tourism Group initiative. This group has had their first meeting and produced draft aims and objectives. Cllr Alexander pointed out that Moray Council has appointed a tourism development officer making it less necessary for proliferation of tourism groups. Therefore it was felt that we should not be involved at this stage.

6.4 Scottish Rural Parliament and Action Group membership. It was decided not to become members as there were no volunteers to be involved in this.

Item 7: Secretary's Report:

7.1 Thanks given by J O'Hagan on telephone to Mr Willing for his letter.

7.2 Literature handed out from RAF Lossiemouth.

7.3 Gmail correspondence – J O'Hagan trying to tidy up mail box. Drew attention to a number of e-newsletters from 'Public Sector Executive' covering a wide range of topics. CC's invited to Glasgow to discuss 'Future of Local Democracy in Scotland' event passed. 'Consultation on Future of Land Reform (S)' published in December 2014 by Scottish Government. 'Big Lottery Funding' held a Masterclass in December re small grants. Jim Mackie from Garmouth sent helpful info on coastal erosion. Consultation 'Moray Health and Social Care integration scheme', various drop ins and public workshops have been arranged over January, more likely to be announced. New scheme from 1st April re 'water and sewerage charges' for community amateur sports clubs and charities registered with Scottish Charity Regulator. **Community Routes Networking event' on 4/2/15** in Perth. Event free for CC's and an opportunity to share knowledge and learn from each other re maintaining local paths. **New members sought for Moray Local Access Forum, closing date 13th February.** Resident Gerry Taylor advising of speeding issues in Kinloss – he reports 2 accidents, 1 near Blackstob Wood. tsiMoray launching a participatory budgeting programme of small grants for programmes/activities/projects that involve older people – up to £1500. **Info from Police re emerging thoughts from Divisional Commander of both Aberdeen City, Shire and Moray Divisions and how to strengthen Policing. Feedback requested by 9th February.** Annual report from Scotways – passed to P Carroll.

Item 8: Treasurer's Report:

8.1 Balance currently stands at £4,012.43. Chq in from Auchernack Trust for £503.16 yet to be banked.

Item 9: JCCM Report:

9.1 Next meeting 12 Feb includes presentation on "Developers' Contributions". H Morton may wish to attend with L Morgan Other councillors are welcome to attend.

Item 10: Moray Councillors' Report:

10.1 Cllr Alexander – Already covered a couple of issues during meeting. Resident reported a path being blocked by branches and now barbed wire. P Carroll gave history of this ground and he is willing to visit site and let Cllr Alexander know if items are still there. From April 20th, it is hoped that 31 bus is increased. Bus will go to Health Centre and drop off. Funding is guaranteed for 2 years by Scottish Government bus fund. 2 pupils have been chosen from Academy as part of twinning with Mount Dora, Florida. There has been disappointing attendance at the drop-ins for Moray Health and Social Care integration. The new legislation regarding the height of hedges has caused additional work as LA's are under new obligations. Cllr Alexander enquired whether anyone knew about the 1829 floods in Findhorn, as he understood that a medal was given. Name suggested who may be able to assist.

ACTION – P Carroll to check blocked path

10.2 Cllr Skene updated meeting of the current administration. As a by election is due at end of March, this may change some of the committees and it is an interesting time. Cllr Skene encouraged people to look at the webcast of committee meetings, given their interesting and important topics. Again a busy time for Cllr Skene and she has been involved in Head Teacher interviews. The Children and Young Peoples Services Committee will be looking at the principles of rezoning schools. Projection in 5 years shows school places will be short. The future of the Hydro Pool in Forres is in question. The pool is not in a strong financial position currently.

Item 12: Planning:

12.1 Permitted – Reroof clock tower Kinloss, 11 West Whins (FF), New signs Abbey Inn, Extension Le Jardin Milton Brodie, Windows 148 Findhorn.

12.2 Active – 209A Findhorn/Fyrish Rd – CC submitted a consultation on this application. Windows and doors 116 Findhorn, 3 Houses Kinloss Park.

12.3 Static caravan Acarsaid Findhorn, F Allan advised this was going in where existing entry is to right handside. No issues raised.

Item 13: AOCB:

13.1 FHG dealt with above.

13.2 Gmail – dealt with above.

13.3 J Devlin needs adding to Gmail

ACTION – J O’Hagan

13.4 P Carroll applied to Auchernack Trust for £1,058 and received £503.16. This is in part payment for the hand rail on the steps as discussed at previous meetings. P Carroll will apply to Berry Burn but as this will not be heard until end of May, this causes some delay. S Jamieson offered to speak to P Carroll re alternative funding if nothing else comes up.

ACION – P Carroll

13.5 S Finnegan raised the issue of the position of the rail again, after being approached by 1 or 2 residents. It was agreed that the middle of the path would be more suitable. S Finnegan alerted the meeting to lots of track activity on the dunes before Christmas and that someone had witnessed someone removing large amounts of pebbles from the beach in a sack. All are asked to be vigilant and registration numbers to be taken and reported to the Police if this is the case. Also raised was the issue of dog faeces and discarded poo bags. There are limited bins available. Suggestion that David Haytack (Community Warden) be contacted.

ACTION – S Finnegan

13.6 J Devlin is now on the Cumming Hall committee. Thanks to J Devlin for volunteering.

13.7 A suggestion from Cllr Skene that given the length of the agenda, that the meeting starts earlier in future. It was agreed a 7 pm start from now on.

13.8 Tree near Glebe Road, Kinloss. MC has agreed they would remove it. L Morgan will look at last correspondence and progress.

ACTION – L Morgan

13.9 The need for a pavement as part of Mr Clark’s Dunes Rd development was discussed and it was agreed that if required we would support Mr Clark if he objected to the requirement for a pavement.

Item 14: Forthcoming community events:

14.1 12/13th Feb 15 Lads Drama Group at Milton Duff Hall.

Item 15: Date of next meeting:

15.1 26th February 2015 Kinloss Church Culbin Room – **NEW TIME 7PM**