

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 30th April 2015 - Kinloss Church, Kinloss

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

Attendance: Capt Oehring (Kinloss Barracks), Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, T McLaren (Forres Gazette), 2 members of public.

Item 1 Apologies: M Hyde, Cllr Skene

Item 2 Police report and public business:

2.1 S Finnegan read the Police report in their absence. In summary; during period 20/03/15 to 26/04/15 13 reports of crime being committed in CC area. To date 8 offenders have been identified. Crimes included Theft, Assault, Domestic Disturbances, Dangerous Dogs, Breach of the Peace, Careless Driving, Drunk Driving and Road Traffic Offences. Following an incident on 23/03/15 Roads Policing Officers reported the driver of a large goods vehicle for travelling at speed in Kinloss. On 13/04/15 a male driver appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court having been stopped driving under the influence of alcohol on B9011 at Kinloss. Enquiries ongoing are; between 23/03/15 and 14/04/15 an unsecured purple coloured ladies pedal cycle was stolen from the Findhorn Foundation. On 15/04/15 a male out running on Findhorn beach was bitten by a dog which was not under the control of its owner. Officers attended 371 incidents across the Forres Local Policing Team during reporting period, 41 related to this CC area. Any information on crimes – usual numbers 101 or 0800 555 111 or in person at Forres Police Office.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes:

3.1 - 2.3 Post meeting note: change 'land usage' to 'land use designation'. 2.4 Omission from minutes - Member of public raised concern re erosion on bay side and H Morton was actioned to follow up (see 4.2 below). 4.c Spelling of house name, change to 'Oir na Mara'. Minutes then proposed by P Carroll and seconded by H Morton.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4.1 2.4 L Morgan advised of E Penny's reply from the Moray Council (MC). There was some confusion and discussion on the nature of the problem at the junction and a possibility that signage may help resolve this matter. This should be an ongoing item to be discussed further at next meeting. **Action L Morgan** to keep on agenda.

4.2 (from Item 3.1 above) H Morton advised of the reply from Mr Gowans (MC) on the erosion issue. The response advises that it seems clear that the road is not at risk and makes reference to the land owner's responsibility to take any action to protect their property/land. Action complete.

4.3 10a Lighting **Action ongoing Cllr Alexander.**

4.4 13g Youth Members **Action ongoing J Devlin.**

4.5 Item 6. Three members attended presentations on the Local Plan, Developer Contributions and Rural Grouping. A number of interesting observations were made. Of noted concern was that once the CC's comments have been put forward to the Proposed Moray Local Development Plan, other changes from various sources could be made without the knowledge of the CC. When the plan is at the Reporter's stage, there is no opportunity to have a voice. It is hoped lessons may have been learnt for when the plan is reviewed. Action complete.

Item 5 Kinloss Barracks Report:

5.1 Capt Oehring reported that units are deployed in France, Kenya and the Falklands and will be busy up until the summer leave. Discussions are continuing whether or not work on Dunes Road can be used as a training exercise.

5.2 L Morgan raised the issue of Kinloss swimming pool and reminded everyone that the pool was originally built with funds from the Nuffield Trust. Discussions are also ongoing with DIO in respect of the allotment funds. L Morgan has completed a 'Statement of Need' and forwarded to DIO, but has not yet heard back. Capt Oehring was thanked for his contribution and left the meeting. **Action ongoing L Morgan**

Item 6 Chairman's Report:

6.1 S Finnegan was congratulated on her recent appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant for Moray. L Morgan reported that the Emergency Plan Table Top exercise was a successful event. Donna MacLean from MC will prepare a post event report. S Finnegan noted that many vulnerable people may be in need should the plan be put in action and it was a concern that important agencies were missing from the event, including NHS and Social Services. RVS should also be involved. When the plan is reviewed in June, further consideration will need to be given to increasing volunteers and it was acknowledged that this may require an increase in advertising.

6.2 L Morgan gave thanks to R Shand from Findhorn Residents Association for the contribution of £150 towards the upgrade of the public path past the RFYC.

6.3 L Morgan advised that there may be funds available from the Community Resilience fund that we can apply for. This is for any communities that have a Community Emergency Plan in place. **Action all** – to consider suitable purchases to inform an application for funds.

6.4 L Morgan raised the recent communication regarding CC funding by MC. When M Councillors voted to accept a policy document on CC funding, they were not made aware of an appendix which significantly altered the funding principles. Cllr Alexander was confident that the Committee had voted for the 'status quo'. To gather data, all CC members agreed to keep a record of their expenditure on CC business for a month. This would include time, phone calls, paper, ink, petrol etc. **Action: All**

6.5 Following discussion it was agreed to invite Mike Rodgers (Scottish Orienteering Org) to our May meeting at JMI, to give a 20 minute presentation on the forthcoming big event in Moray. **Action L Morgan** to confirm.

6.6 It was agreed that Rosemary Pannell from MC should be invited to the June meeting, to enable her to give a brief outline of the project 'Welfaremap'. **Action J O'Hagan** to invite.

Item 7 Secretary's Report:

7.1 Gmail updates: Training for new members on the role of a CC. 1st session 11th June - Principles of Participation for Community Groups; 2nd session 2nd July – Conflict Avoidance and Resolution. Both evening sessions at Elgin Academy. Interested parties to speak to Tracey Rae.

7.2 Open meeting invitation from Kathryn Logan – Manager at Moray Firth Partnership. Meeting on 18th May 11 – 4.30 pm in Thistle Hotel Inverness on 'Regional Marine Planning' Planning for the future of the Moray Firth. Places booked online with Eventbrite by 12th May for CC members.

7.3 The 'National Confidential Forum' is set up to enable people who spent time in institutional care as children to come forward and share their experiences, whatever they are. Anyone interested please see www.nationalconfidentialforum.org.uk

7.4 The Proposed Moray Local Development Plan examination report has been published. Available to view at DPEA and MC websites.

7.5 There's a consultation out on Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership 10 year plan – responses need to be in by 22nd May 15.

7.6 Letter received confirming J Devlin's Co-option.

7.7 Consultation out on Draft Supplementary Guidance on Developer Obligation – up until 29th June 15.

Item 8 Treasurer's Report:

8.1 £25 paid for APRS subscription. Total balance £1,310.84 MC Grant and other grant money balance standing at £2,826.59. Total balance of £4,137.43.

8.2 Awards for All have funded part of the hand rail. **Action F Rietberg** to complete appropriate paperwork.

Item 9 JCCM Report:

9.1 Next meeting 14th May. There will be a presentation from Tish Richford from Criminal Justice Social Work. **Action L Morgan** to attend.

Item 10 Moray Councillors Report:

10.1 Cllr Creswell reported a vacancy on Forres Golf Club Board following a retirement. All happy to have been consulted and support proposed replacement. The Osprey bus has no booking clerk at present, so Eric Duguid to take bookings. Cllr Creswell will forward on contact details. 18th April saw the launch of FAYZ (Forres Area Youth Zone). There is now a directory for older peoples' services. The Health and Social Care integration continues to be a challenge and Cllr Creswell continues to be on the Board moving this forward. Cllr Creswell has a visit arranged to the new Skate Park in Inverness.

10.2 Cllr Alexander gave an update on the lamp-post issue in Findhorn. This is an **Ongoing action**. Cllr Alexander will be busy over coming weeks with school placement appeals. Cllr Alexander also wanted to raise the profile of the risk of rogue traders at this time of year e.g. driveway replacements. No 31 bus should now be on new timetable with an increase in service. The bus should now be turning at the Health Centre in Forres and have a bike rack on the back. Cllr Alexander advised of Forres Heritage Trust events, past and future. See Forthcoming Events.

Item 11 Findhorn Foundation Report:

11.1 F Rietberg reported on a pilot programme for 10 people who have learning disabilities.

Item 12 Planning:

12.1 H Morton reported the following activity since the last meeting:

597 1 House Kinloss Country Golf Club	No Objection
666 Alteration and extension 9 Kinloss Park.	No Objection
668 Internal alterations + Parking space 158 Findhorn	No Objection
493 PPP Remove 3 Garage Blocks, build 3 houses.	Consultation

No Objection with 3 Conditions

- Change of use to be agreed with MC
- Developer upgrades track from site to Main Rd west of site.
- That the developer agrees a sharing of the access at the West corner of the site to allow 188 Findhorn to have the access previously enjoyed. This is to preclude neighbour access problems once the development is complete.

733 13 Elvin Place Planning not required.

517 5 Whiteinch. No Objection (This was a late advice)

693 Acarsaid. Static caravan. No objection.

The meeting was advised of approvals granted since last meeting.

Item 13 AOCB:

13.1 J O'Hagan received a **call** from a member of the public outwith our CC area. He was raising concern about the pot holes in the road heading towards the back of the boat yard. The member of public had already made some enquiries. After discussion it was agreed that we are unable to address this matter at this time due to funding issues. **Action J O'Hagan** to advise of outcome.

13.2 P Carroll handed round a plan to be considered re fence near dinghy park. All agreed to proposed plan. Cost of work has been from grant from Berry Burn and from Findhorn Residents Association. Cost falls short of £70 and this was agreed could come from CC grant fund. A sign being could be erected recognising this as as a joint project of FKCC, Frankie Whyte, FRA, Berry Burn etc. A member of the public attending this meeting, Mr MacCallum, kindly offered to loan a Vibrator/Packer to support the path work required.

13.3 P Carroll advised that with the funds from Auchernack and from the Big Lottery, there is £5 shortfall for the cost of the hand rail. It was agreed that the Treasurer should arrange payment from CC funds.

13.4 There is CCllr training on 17th June re planning. H Morton is to attend, although raised the issue that it may be appropriate for others to increase skills in this area. No other member able to commit to this at present.

Item 14 Forthcoming events:

Forres Heritage Trust – 26th May; Clarsach concert, £15 per ticket, numbers limited.

1-7th June is Volunteering week.

Scottish Week including Army Wives Choir 16th June at St Johns Church.

The Toun Mercat is planned for 19th June.

27th June is European Pipe Band Championships in Grant Park.

18-20th June Exhibition at Kinloss Church on 'The way we were'. Event includes school children visiting to see exhibition, BBQ and Church Service.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 28th May 2015, at James Milne Institute Findhorn 7 p.m.