



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 February 2025 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

Present		Attendance	
M La Tourelle	Vice Chairperson		
D Anderson	Minute Taker		
S Worth			
		Moray Councillors	
		Cllr Mc Bain	
		Cllr Van der Horn	
		Members of Public	
		One member of the public joined the meeting.	

Item 1 - Welcome

- Apologies – A Skene, S Dominey, A Shepherd, A Hart, Cllr Robertson, S Kane, C Low
- Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

Item 2 – Public Session

- Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – There has been no Police report since the previous meeting.
- Any other competent public business / public correspondence – to be raised through agenda items.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 30th January 2025, at Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

3.1 The minutes of the meeting could not be agreed as being accurate as D Anderson and S Worth were not present at the previous meeting. **ACTION: Minutes to be ratified at next meeting on Thursday 27th March 2025.**

Item 4 – Matters Arising from 30th January 2025

4.1 (9.1) It was proposed that the Treasurer look at instant access savings accounts for the Kinloss Playground Fund so that some interest could be accrued. **ACTION: A Shepherd to research Instant Access Savings accounts for the Kinloss fund.** As A Shepherd was not present at the meeting, this action will carry forward to the next meeting.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 C Low provided a written report prior to the meeting which highlighted that it has been a quiet month for TFVCC. The gate at the playfields which had a broken hinge has been repaired and TFVCC have sought quotes for repairs to the slip road alongside the James Milne Institute, which is not part of the public road network and therefore not maintained by Moray Council.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 S Kane provided a written report prior to the meeting which confirmed that there will be a rally event on the Kinloss Airfield on 22 March 2025. There is potential for some aviation activity at the base during the Summer – details will follow once known.

6.2 S Kane relayed the request from the last meeting regarding community use of the gymnasium facilities at the base. This will not be possible to security and capacity constraints. A date for a follow up meeting on the emergency route will be issued once it is available (see item 13.1).

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 There was no report from the Chair.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 There has been no correspondence.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 A Shepherd provided a written report prior to the meeting as follows:

There has been one transaction over the past month, a payment for the hall hire at Kinloss Church. Funds held in the Account are:

Admin Grant	£1,974.46
Capital	£1,122.11
(Southside Community Fund)	(£36,234.86)
Total	£39,331.45

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 The draft minutes from the February Joint Community Council meeting are available. The meeting included a presentation from the Moray Growth Deal Project Manager which provided an update on the various projects, along with further discussions on the preparation for the community council elections in October.

The date and venue for the next meeting of the JCC in May 2025 has yet to be confirmed.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 Cllr McBain reported that the Moray Council budget was approved on 26th February. There was a lot of joint working between councilors to try to get the best outcomes for the Moray community. He also reported that the Forres Community Council meeting held this month was well attended as the Forres Community Centre was discussed. He confirmed that there has been no decision made regarding the future of the Forres Community Centre.

11.2 Cllr Van der Horn highlighted that the approved budget includes an increase in Council Tax, which will be followed by further increases when the next two annual budgets are set. He also highlighted the collaborative approach taken to the setting of the budget. As part of the budget there will be funding for a new officer for the next two years whose role will be to identify opportunities and apply for funding associated with Climate Change projects.

11.3 Cllr Van der Horn also reported on the Council meeting held on 19th February where the Council response to the A96 Corridor Review consultation was discussed and agreed and whilst the Council position was to seek the full dualling of the A96 alongside the public transport and active travel measures identified in the Refined Package (which was presented as an alternative to the full dualling), he supports the Refined Package and would seek further public transport, particularly the dualling of the Aberdeen to Inverness railway line.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that Ecovillage Findhorn (EF) and New Findhorn Association (NFA) community group met on 17 February to review activities, including governance.

Item 13 Resilience Planning

13.1 M La Tourelle reported that she has been promoting resilience at the PEVF through weekly posts in the Rainbow Bridge community magazine and that there was a test run to assess the suitability of the emergency route through the PEVF. It was found that the route would not be suitable for a 14 ton fire appliance or ambulance. A follow up exercise is required to determine whether the route would be suitable for 4x4 vehicles loaded with equipment. The MOD will confirm a date when the follow up exercise can take place.

Item 14 Coastal Erosion

14.1 The works for the repair and strengthening of the embankment alongside the bay between the War Memorial and Fyrish Road have been completed. S Worth raised that the extent of the works has not been as far along the shoreline as expected. Photographs of the extents of the works will be sent to Moray Council as a record of the current conditions to assist in their on-going monitoring.

Item 15 Planning

15.1 The following planning applications have been submitted and were discussed:

25/00153/APP Erect extension to Fuaim na Mara, Fyrish Road, Findhorn

25/00049/APP change of use from agricultural building to maturation warehouse and filling station at Upper Hempriggs, Kinloss

15.2 No concerns were raised regarding the above planning applications. It was also noted that permission has been granted for planning application 23/01408/APP which is to amend a planning condition relating at the Damhead development, Kinloss.

15.3 S Worth will continue to monitor the weekly planning application list and highlight any applications requiring discussion.

Item 16. Any Other Competent Business

- a) Recruitment to FKCC – there are two vacancies on the community council to be filled.

Item 17 Forthcoming Community Events

17.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall events, including the Winter Film Season, can be seen on website www.universalhall.co.uk
- M-Connect Drop-in Session, 5th March 10.00 – 1.00 at Forres Community Centre
- Findhorn Village Quiz 14th March 2025 at the James Milne Institute, Findhorn
- M-Connect Drop-in Session, 24th March 10.00 – 1.00 at Findhorn Village Centre

Item 18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27th March 2025, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.