



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2026 in the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
Sheila Urquhart	Minute Taker	C Hunt	TFVCC
M La Tourelle			
S Symonds		Moray Councillors	
P Lewington		Cllr Robertson	
W Ritchie			
R Hutchinson			
		Members of Public	

Item 1 - Welcome

a. Apologies – A Hart, A Shepherd, H Cooksley, C Low, Cllr McBain

b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

Item 2 – Public Session

2.a Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – There had been 1 incident of vandalism reported in Findhorn.

2.b Public correspondence: it was stated that on the approach to Findhorn village where the signage transitions from 40/30 the sign is hidden behind a tree. This has been reported to the transport team for corrective action to be taken.

2.c A presentation was given by T Mackay, Moray Council Service Manager Transportation and D MacRae, Moray Council Public Transport Manager, to address the issues that had been raised by FKCC.

a. Road Safety concerns at Kinloss Primary School – it was agreed that there was no pavement on the opposite side of the road from the school and that there was no crossing to allow the children to cross safely over to the rugby pitch. In the discussion that followed we were informed that a crossing couldn't be installed as the road would need to be widened to accommodate this and the land was owned by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation. Other measures were discussed such as extending the 20mph limit to the whole of Kinloss, speed traps and traffic calming measures. There was a suggestion that a School Crossing Patroller (SCP) could be employed as a much cheaper and safe solution. We were informed that there were no exceptions to the Moray Council (MC) cuts to SCPs. A volunteer SCP couldn't be considered as they would need to be covered by insurance. A crossing would cost approximately £100,000. S Kane has agreed to enquire if the MOD would give up the land required to allow for a crossing or road widening with a traffic island as there are many children of personnel at the Barracks attending the school. Members of the Public also have a need to cross safely. **ACTION: S Kane to make enquiries with relevant MOD personnel.**

b. Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at Bayview Crescent, Kinloss: T Mackay reported that he had asked his team to undertake an audit of the VASs across Moray. Some are reaching the end of their life so a view needs to be taken as to which ones can be repaired or which need to be replaced, subject to identification of suitable funding.

c. H Cooksley had contacted Moray Council re bus services to Findhorn. He raised the issue that the first service by Stagecoach was at 11.23 which didn't allow passengers to have morning appointments or get to work. He also advised that M Connect needed 2 weeks prebooking and that there was only a 50% chance of making a booking which didn't always support the public's need. The M Connect covers a large area and currently, MC do not have funding to put on an additional bus. It was noted that M Connect bus is often empty and that if it ran at set times, it would be easier to

use. We were told that this would not be possible as the bus had varied uses. Stagecoach had been contacted and they had advised MC that they did not have the resources to put on a morning bus. It was noted that there is no service to the train station. **ACTION: H Cooksley to contact T Mackay and D MacRae who would be happy meet with him.**

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 28th May 2026 in the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church

3.1 Following one amendment about time and venue of the Kinloss Gardening Club, the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 28th May 2026 were agreed as being accurate, proposed by S Symonds and seconded by P Lewington.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.1 Cllr Van der Horn had met with W Ritchie to look at the Kinloss woods. It was proposed that it may be the salt marsh causing the trees to die back or a Scots Pine disease which had been identified by Forest Research UK.

Moray Council will fully assess in July. **ACTION: W Ritchie to contact Forest Research UK.**

4.2 Highland Council are managing to replace the non-compliant lanterns in their aim to get dark sky status. R Hutchinson continues to liaise with Moray Council and local Councillors to promote this for Findhorn.

6.3 Kinloss School Crossing Action completed

17.1 Planning App 26/00518/APP: FKCC comment submitted and action completed.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 Parking charges have been increased from £1.00 to £2.00 at the West Beach car park. The East carpark is free.

5.2 The Dunes Road has been upgraded.

5.3 Findhorn Church is now under TFVCC management. A business plan is being prepared to cover the next few years. Costs to repair/refurbish the Church are estimated to be £100,000 - £150,000 and Loans that were given for the purchase of the Church need to be repaid at a cost of £60,000. Ideas for use of the church include exhibitions, for example, ball gowns; a memory garden, a memory wall and tree of thoughts. It is hoped to open the Church on a weekly basis. A committee member is considering a pilgrimage centre proposal. H.I.E is very supportive. They would also like to increase parking.

5.4 The Land Registry is being consulted about access to the beach huts if more huts are to be built.

5.5 Some sets of beach steps have large gaps underneath the bottom step. This will be reviewed by TFVCC

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 Command Change: Command of the regiment has transferred to Lt Cdr Gledhill, effective immediately.

6.2 Aviation Activity: Ongoing aviation activity will continue until 10 July.

6.3 Families Day: Scheduled for the weekend on the rugby pitch. Attendance is unfortunately restricted to 39 families only.

6.4 Road Safety (Council Engagement): No further correspondence has been received from the council regarding road safety, aside from a holding reply issued at the end of last month. The matter has been chased again.

Item 7 Kinloss Playpark Report

7.1 A 50% deposit of £17,999.40 has been paid. No further update currently.

Item 8 Chair's Report

8.1 None

Item 9 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

9.1 Covered in Item 2.b

Item 10 Treasurer's Report

10.1 A Shepherd reported the amounts in the FKCC bank accounts as follows:

Admin Grant	£1,985.24
Capital	£ 297.70
Total	£2,282.94
Savings	£ 18,628.51

Item 11 Joint Community Council Next meeting Thursday 13th August 2026, at Elgin Community Centre.

Item 12 Moray Councillor Report

12.1 Cllr Robertson advised that the Forres Area Community Trust will be holding an emergency EGM to discuss financial problems. Current reserves will last until Jan/Feb 2027. The Town Hall is well used but not enough revenue is being raised. Staff have been made redundant, utility costs cut, and Friends of Town Hall has been launched. The loss of the Town Hall will impact all local communities. There is no public money to fund it. She advised that there were venues like Leancoil and St Lawrence church vying for funding. The volunteer pool is lessening, which doesn't help.

12.2 Cllr Robertson advised that the Forres Area Forum did not have member representation from Findhorn and Kinloss.

12.3 Moray Engage is the online platform that can be used to access news, updates and consultations on Moray Council issues, projects and activities such as the new Forres Academy and pets in council housing.

12.4 The Scottish Government is looking at deregulating After School Care. Local pilots will take place in the MC area.

12.5 The local elections will take place next year.

Item 13 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEF) M La Tourelle reported the following:

13.1 Information: <https://www.visitecovillagefindhorn.uk/>

Miscellaneous events: <https://www.findhorn.org/workshops>

Cullerne Gardens Veg. Box scheme started. www.cullernegardens.uk

Café Events - cafe.events@thephoenix.uk Thursday evenings – food served and music sometimes

Whole Community Meditation – Third Wednesday of the month <https://bit.ly/wholecommunitymeditation>

Pizza for Planet (formally La Boheme) will open in July from refurbished premises, fabio@sccan.scot

Item 14 Resilience Planning

14.1 R Hutchinson advised that getting the monies from the Berry Burn Grant is a complicated process, requiring the goods to be paid for first and then the receipts submitted. This requires a cash outlay first.

15 Flow Park – Event: Yoga by the Sea, swim & beach gathering, 4pm Saturday 11 July, End of Dunes Road, Findhorn.

Item 16 Remembrance Service

16.1 W Ritchie, A Shepherd, A Skene will meet with S Worth on 14th July for the handover of the information files required to run the events. S Worth will do a walk through with everyone at the Findhorn and Kinloss locations. Item 15 Flow Park -

Item 17 Planning

26/00650/APP Erection of 15 additional beach huts to the rear of existing beach hut development, on Dunes at North Beach, Findhorn. FKCC comment submitted

26/00703/APP Erect an agricultural workshop at Woodside Farm, Kinloss. No Comment.

Item 18 Any Other Competent Business - NONE

Item 19 Forthcoming Community Events

19.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Kinloss Gardening Club - last Saturday of the month at 10.00am at the Crown and Anchor, Findhorn
- 6-10 July Royal Findhorn Yacht Club Cadet week
- 13-17 July Royal Findhorn Yacht Club Findhorn week
- Findhorn Village Tombola - Friday 17th July, 7pm for 7.30pm in the James Milne Institute
- Findhorn Village Fair - Sunday 19th July, 1pm-4pm at The Piers
- 11 July or 2 August – Hinterland Biodiversity Walk and Talk <https://findhornhinterland.org/>
- Ecotheatre Summer Camp (Youth) – Laura Pasetti, artistic.director@theatreofthe7directions.com
- 31 July – 3 Aug, Ecovillage Lughnasa Festival & Summer Gathering <https://events.humanitix.com/summer-gathering-findhorn-2026>
- Enterprise Fair, Ecovillage, 8 August <https://www.ekopia.org.uk/enterprise-fair-2026/>
- Universal Hall Events - <https://universalhall.co.uk/>

Item 20 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27th August 2026 at 7.00pm in the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church