



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th March at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
S Urquhart	Minute Taker	C Low	TFVCC
M La Tourelle			
A Hart		Moray Councillors	
S Symonds		0	
P Lewington			
W Ritchie			
		Members of Public	
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Item 1 - Welcome

a. **Apologies** – A Shepherd, R Hutchinson, Cllr Robertson, Cllr Van der Horn

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

Item 2 – Public Session

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – There has been correspondence from Superintendent Jason Carrigan to all Community Councils. He advised that an Officer would try to attend meetings at least once every 6 months and that reports would be distributed once a quarter with information that is specific to each area. P Lewington suggested that this could be done via zoom so that it didn't take up too much police time. **ACTION: A Skene to contact Inspector Neil Morrison with this proposal.**
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence – to be raised through agenda items.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 26th February 2026 at the Osprey Room James Milne Institute, Findhorn

-3.1 The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 26th February were agreed as being accurate, proposed by A Hart and seconded by M La Tourelle.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.2 The Dark Sky International Community status is ongoing. **ACTION: R Hutchison**

16.1 A Skene had a telephone call from Moray Council Transport Department in response to her email re the traffic-activated signs on Findhorn Road at Kinloss which have not worked for some time. She was advised that the company that does the repairs was no longer in business but another company has now resumed this activity. There was no timeline as to when the repairs could be made. The cost would also need to be taken into consideration.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 C Low reported that the North toilet block will be closed next week for maintenance, but the South block is now open for the season. Works have been carried out at the motorhome stopover as well as at the parking barrier area. The maintenance of the Dunes Road potholes is ongoing.

5.2 Fire signs will go up around the dunes area car park in line with the Resilience Group plan. It was thought the signs could be stored in the Regatta Shed when not in use. **ACTION: TFVCC and R Hutchinson to liaise with M La Tourelle to discuss collaboration between the resilience groups and work towards consistency of signage.**

The disabled parking signs at the end of the Dunes Road will be replaced as the previous ones have been stolen.

5.3 The wildlife information boards at the car parks and Church slip are needing replaced and TFVCC are trying to find out who is responsible for them.

5.4 The funding is now in place for the purchase of Findhorn Church and completion is anticipated very soon.

5.5 The TFVCC are meeting with the Marina spokesperson to hopefully get a mutual arrangement for the repair of the road leading to the Marina.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 There will be a reduced presence of personnel on the unit as the Regiment is fully deployed.

6.2 The childcare facility will be transitioning to a new provider from March 27th. There will be a one-week closure from March 30th to allow for minor upgrades and decoration. It will re-open w/b April 7th under RAFAKidz.

6.3 The local authority has not yet responded to the concerns re road safety on approaches to Kinloss Primary School. The Commanding Officer has reiterated these concerns separately. A Skene reported that she had received correspondence from the Moray Council transportation service manager to say that he planned to visit the location to better understand the issues being discussed and that he would report back after the Easter break.

Item 7 Kinloss Playpark Report

7.1 W Ritchie advised that the playpark subgroup had been in contact with Caledonian Play and Kompan to secure 2 more quotes for equipment. They are hoping to complete this process over the next 2 weeks in order that they can invite parents to the public session of the next FKCC meeting where each of the 3 quotes could be presented. This would give parents the opportunity to express their views on choice of equipment and allow the project to move forward to the next stage. Southside Parents will be contacted via 'School Bag Mail'.

Item 8 Chair's Report

8.1 A Skene reported that she and P Lewington had attended a Moray Council Planning Training for Community Councillors. The discussion focused on 4 key areas, namely the Local Development Plan (LDP); Development Management; Climate Change and Nature; Building Standards. Community Councillors are encouraged to get involved in the development of the next LDP, which is being prepared for 2027. Local Place Plans will be taken into account and there will be a 12 week consultation process. The new LDP will be adopted in 2028 and will be in place for 10years. The Strategic Planning and Development team have sent out an invitation to Community Councillors to join them to discuss the various aspects of the LDP and the role of CCs in the whole process.

Item 9 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

9.1 There had been correspondence from a member of the public regarding parking on pavements in Findhorn. Four vehicles had been hit at considerable expense to the owners. It was suggested that a likely cause of these incidents was due to restricted space on the narrowed carriageway resulting from pavement parking. Pavement parking in Findhorn is illegal. **ACTION: A Skene to write to Moray Council Transport Department and Inspector Neil Morrison to highlight the issue.**

Item 10 Treasurer's Report

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

Admin Grant	£2,120.54
Capital	£ 297.70
Total	£2,418.24
Savings	£36,549.40

Item 11 Joint Community Council

10.1 Next meeting Thursday 14th May, Elgin Community Centre.

Item 12 Moray Councillors' Report

12.1 There were no reports as no Councillors were present.

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

13.1 After a meeting with those concerned about tree management the Park Planning Group agreed to refine their tree policy. The Titleholders Association will take on the work carried out by NFD, and the new organisation will be renamed THA Park Services. The Community Care Circle (CCC) has launched a survey to assess the current and future needs of the community, particularly the ageing members. The Ecovillage Findhorn (EF) Board has highlighted the importance of strengthening communication with members and the wider community. The Findhorn Foundation Trust have granted a license to EF to allow them to start taking guest bookings for the Central West area. Cullerne Garden – work is forging ahead with a large project to regenerate the garden.

13.2 P Lewington attended an online meeting hosted by Lossiemouth CC who presented an overview of their work. It was an informative meeting and an opportunity to meet with other community councillors from across Scotland.

Item 14 Resilience Planning

14.1 R Hutchinson reported that The Findhorn Village Community Resilience Group (CRG) was delighted to announce an award of £5,532.70 from the Berry Burn Community Fund towards the Findhorn Village Community Emergency Preparedness & Resilience Project. The funding will be used to purchase essential equipment to support CRG's work. This will help ensure the group is better prepared to support the village during emergency situations, with a particular focus on supporting vulnerable residents. Thanks were due to Tfvcc for short term cashflow support and to FKCC for its ongoing support of the CRG.

14.2 M La Tourelle has given an update in the Rainbow Bridge on all the resilience work in the Ecovillage. She said they are also looking into food and water security, and she is organising signs for assembly areas. She will liaise with R Hutchinson re fire signs.

Item 15 Flow Park

15.1 Four local CCs had met to discuss this. A Skene attended for FKCC. Members were keen to put the Flow Park on the Joint Community Council agenda. It was suggested that leaflets may be distributed in the various communities.

Item 16 Remembrance

16.1 It is hoped that a few CC members will take on the responsibility for organising the two ceremonies at Kinloss and Findhorn. To be discussed.

Item 17 Planning

17.1 There were no applications in the last month.

Item 18 Any Other Competent Business

The Noticeboard at Southside has been damaged. It was suggested that it might be repaired or indeed moved to a better position. **ACTION: S Symonds to look into this.**

Item 19 Forthcoming Community Events

17.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall events can be viewed on website www.universalhall.co.uk
- Kinloss Gardening Club first Monday of every month at 2.00 pm at The Abbey Inn, Kinloss
- Findhorn Park Ecovillage (PEVF) Celtic Wisdom Lectures 31st March and 7th April in Universal Hall. All welcome
- PEVF Easter Conference 3-5 April with Saturday Market and activities for children and families
- PEVF Whole Community Meditation 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5.15pm in the Sanctuary. All welcome
- Phoenix Café musical events programme – See Rainbow Bridge
- April 18th - Big Splash piped procession 11.00am Findhorn pier to the sea: Big Bash Ceilidh 7.00pm JMI, Findhorn

Item 18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 30th April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn