



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2026 in the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson		
Sheila Urquhart	Minute Taker	C Low	TFVCC
M La Tourelle			
A Hart		Moray Councilors	
S Symonds		Cllr Robertson	
P Lewington			
W Ritchie			
		Members of Public	
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Item 1 - Welcome

a. Apologies – A Shepherd, R Hutchinson, H Cooksley, Cllr Van der Horn, Cllr McBain, S Kane

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

Item 2 – Public Session

- Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – there had been no report and no further correspondence. **ACTION; A Skene to follow up.**
- W Ritchie and S Symonds gave a presentation on the proposed upgrading of the Kinloss Playpark. They had obtained 3 quotes for replacing the damaged equipment. The surface is in good condition. Caledonia Play came in on budget and offered the most improvement. 2 members of the public attended the presentation.
- Any other competent public business / public correspondence – to be raised through agenda items.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 26th March 2026 in the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church

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

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.1 (4.1) (4.1) (4.1) (4.1) (9.1) Following the correspondence from Insp. Morrison, A. Skene was advised that Sgt Howitt would attend FKCC meetings at least every 6 months but there was no further information. **ACTION: A Skene to contact Insp. Morrison again.**

4.2 The Dark Sky International Community status was still ongoing. R Hutchison reported that he had attempted to contact Moray Council 4 times in order to obtain essential street lighting data (brightness and colour temperature). Until he obtains this information, no further progress can be made. **ACTION: R Hutchison to try to get this information.**

5.2 Fire signs around Findhorn village and the Ecovillage – Resilience Group leaders to collaborate. **COMPLETED**

9.1 Response to correspondence from residents about Findhorn pavement parking and damage to cars. **COMPLETED**

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC)

5.1 C Low reported that Findhorn Church had been purchased on 31st March and volunteers had cleaned the whole church. Work was underway to get insurance and plan an opening event. They were working with consultants on options, appraisal and governance. They are looking to liaise with the other Findhorn venues so that they can work

together going forward. Booking enquiries already coming in.

5.2 The Dunes track will be closed from Tuesday 5th May to allow maintenance work to be done.

5.3 Pot holes on the JMI slip road have been repaired, and the road to the car park and Marina has been patched.

5.4 A team of volunteers uplifted the cut gorse. It took many trips to the dump.

5.5 Both sets of toilets are open

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 There is a training exercise planned for 15th -17th May. There may be some resulting battle simulation noise during nighttime hours.

6.2 The local authority has not yet responded to the concerns re road safety outside Kinloss Primary School. The promised site visit still hasn't happened.

Item 7 Kinloss Playpark Report

7.1 After the presentation about the Playpark, the decision to procure equipment from Caledonia Play was unanimously agreed.

Item 8 Chair's Report

8.1 A Skene attended a Local Development Plan (LDP) meeting for Community Council members. The LDP will go to Committee at the end of September, and a 12-week consultation period will follow. Either the Moray Council or the Examiner will review representations, and the plan may be modified. If the Council disagree or refuse to modify the plan it goes to the examiner or alternatively, the Council can recommend to the Elected Councillors who may agree or disagree. There is a statutory requirement to consider and incorporate Local Place Plans (LPP) in developing the LDP. Council planners will meet with LPP developers before consultations are initiated for the LDP.

Item 9 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence about parked cars on pavements and obstructing traffic flow: Illegal parking in the village continues to be a problem. Moray Council isn't responsible for parking. The bus was held up for 30 minutes one day due the road being obstructed by a badly parked vehicle. The police should be informed about obstructions or damage to vehicles.

Item 10 Treasurer's Report

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

Admin Grant	£2,052.44
Capital	£ 297.70
Total	£2,350.14
Savings	£36,577.64

Item 11 Joint Community Council

10.1 Next meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 14th May, Elgin Community Centre.

Item 12 Moray Councillors' Report

12.1 Cllr Robertson reported that there would be a full Council Meeting on 6th May. Reports to be discussed included the Climate Strategy 10 Year Policy; Emergency Planning Annual Report covering 2 years; The town and country planning results for the proposed new Forres Academy.

12.2 Health and Social Care Moray are encouraging people to set up Power of Attorney to aid decision making for individuals and families.

12.3 Cllr Robertson had visited the Glenlivet Crown Estate and recommended it for families to visit.

12.4 Cllr Robertson commented on the flashing signs on the Dava road alerting people to dangers of wildfires. She congratulated the local Resilience Planning Groups on their advanced planning and work.

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

13.1 Cullerne Garden is being regenerated and will provide organic fresh vegetables for all the local communities. They will offer a vegetable box scheme. They are looking for committed volunteers and donations are welcome. They will be

offering shares in the garden to help fund the project.

13.2 There were several events during April. These included fun events and a 3-day conference called 'Economics As If Life Matters'.

13.3 The Moray Council resilience team had visited the Ecovillage and gave positive feedback on the PEF Resilience Plan.

13.4 PLEASE BE AWARE THERE WILL BE A FIRE DRILL ON 13TH MAY FROM 3.30pm UNTIL 5.00pm AT THE ECOVILLAGE TO TEST THE AIR HORN WARNING SYSTEM. THIS WILL POSSIBLY BE HEARD IN THE VILLAGE.

Item 14 Resilience Planning

14.1 R Hutchinson reported that The Findhorn Village Community Resilience Group (CRG) has started purchasing equipment with the money which had been awarded from the Berry Burn Community Fund towards the Findhorn Village Community Emergency Preparedness & Resilience Project.

14.2 The seasonal high-risk fire signage has been installed in and around Findhorn Village in line with the CRG Fire Risk Management Plan and in collaboration with Tfvcc. The PEF have arranged their own signage.

Item 15 Flow Park

15.1 The Community Council has been advised to withhold comment until there is a formal consultation.

Item 16 Remembrance Service

16.1 W Ritchie and A Shepherd have agreed to organise the Kinloss and Findhorn Remembrance Ceremonies.

Item 17 Planning

17.1 26/00389/APP Alter and extend dwelling house at 11, Kinloss Park, Kinloss. No action required.

26/00500/APP Alter and extend dwellinghouse at Kirtomy, 2 Fyrish Road, Findhorn. No action required.

26/00423/APP Demolish existing lean-to and erect single storey extension, replace existing windows, slate and gutters, remove existing cement render and apply new lime render at 45, Findhorn. No action required.

26/00430/LBC Demolish existing lean-to and erect single storey extension, replace existing windows, slate and gutters, remove existing cement render and apply new lime render at 45, Findhorn. No action required

Item18 Any Other Competent Business

18.1 A Kinloss member raised a concern about fire risk in the woods between Findhorn and Kinloss. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson would raise the issue with the relevant Moray Council officer**

Item 19 Forthcoming Community Events

17.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall events can be seen on website www.universalhall.co.uk
- Kinloss Gardening Club, first Monday of every month at 2.00 pm at The Abbey Inn, Kinloss
- Phoenix Café musical events programme – See Rainbow Bridge

Item18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 28th May 2026 at 7.00pm in the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church