



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting

held on Thursday 28th May 2026 in the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church.

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
Sheila Urquhart	Minute Taker		
M La Tourelle			
A Hart		Moray Councilors	
S Symonds		Cllr McBain	
P Lewington			
R Hutchinson			
		Members of Public	
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Item 1 - Welcome

a. Apologies – A Shepherd, H Cooksley, W Ritchie, Cllr Van der Horn, Cllr Robertson, C Low

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

Item 2 – Public Session

- Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – A Skene and Sgt Michael Howitt have corresponded and he is willing to attend our FKCC meeting on the 27th August.
- Any other competent public business / public correspondence – to be raised through agenda items.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 30th April 2026 in, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 30th April 2026 were agreed as being accurate, proposed by A Hart and seconded by S Symonds.

It was officially recorded that H Cooksley was co-opted on to the FKCC - unanimously supported by members.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.1 A member of FKCC had raised concerns about the fire risk in the woods between Findhorn and Kinloss. The trees are dying as they are growing in the salt march. If they are removed, it would affect the biodiversity.

ACTION: A Skene will speak to Cllr Van der Horn about arranging a Service Manager visit.

4.2 The Findhorn Dark Sky Community designation is ongoing. R Hutchison reported that he had spoken with Moray Council Roads & Fleet Service Manager, M Atherton. To replace the current 4000K lanterns with 3000K, which was the minimal requirement, would cost approximately £26,700 and around £14,500 to replace 53 existing non-compliant lanterns within the village. The 4000K lanterns were already purchased by MC. **ACTION: Cllr McBain will follow up with M Atherton and R Hutchinson will continue to progress discussions.**

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (Report received from C Low)

5.1 Findhorn Church. Insurance was being finalized. Volunteers were planning to clear the garden. Roofing contractor visited to look at remedial works. Awaiting report and quotes.

5.2 The dunes track has been resurfaced. East car park drainage has been improved. Swale has been dug at side of the road to the Marina to take water away from low part of the road. 'Uneven Road Ahead' signs have been put up opposite the south toilet block.

5.3 The TFVCC plan to meet with Mr McCook re proposed addition of 15 new beach huts. There were also concerns about the proposal to allow short-term lets in beach huts. TFVCC were going to meet with beach hut owners' representative to discuss their contributions to maintaining their access as it is part of their title that they contribute.

5.4 The Motorhome stopover is busy. There have been a few IT problems with the change to length of stay from 3 to 5 nights - 5 night stays proving popular. There has been more graffiti in the south toilet block gents.

5.5 C Low asked if the resilience group would put up extreme fire warning signs if the weather continued to be hot and dry, or if Fire Officers had to instigate this. There would be guidance from Fire and Rescue Service.

5.6 Large areas of gorse had been cleared and C Low expressed thanks to the Volunteers. The repaired slip at the Church was being well used. Armstrong garages need repairs - these would be costed and planned for.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 S Kane advised that Aviation Activity is scheduled to take place from mid-June for approximately 4 weeks. There might be some minor noise disruption during this time.

6.2 Family Fun Day planned for 27th June - Regimental community only.

6.3 There had been no further progress with the Kinloss School crossing. **ACTION: A Skene and S Kane to write again.**

Item 7 Kinloss Playpark Report

7.1 W Ritchie advised that Caledonia Play will start work at the Playpark end of July/beginning August this year.

Item 8 Chair's Report

8.1 Nothing further to report.

Item 9 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

9.1 Nothing to report.

Item 10 Treasurer's Report

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

Admin Grant	£2,032.24
Capital	£ 296.70
Total	£2,329.94
Savings	£36,603.19

Item 11 Joint Community Council

No one attended. The next meeting will be on Thursday August 13th, 2026

Item 12 Moray Councillors' Report

12.1 Cllr McBain advised that Moray Council and Hub North Scotland reached financial close for the new Forres Academy £88.6 million development. Fencing would go up at the site beginning of June and spades in the

ground by end of June. Completion date is expected by summer of 2027. The Lord Advocate had approved the use of the Common Good land. Meetings will be held in Forres Town Hall to provide updates on the works.

Item 13 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEF)

13.1 M La Tourelle reported the following:

There had been several events during May: Beltane Festival and Mayday celebrations with dancing around the May Pole. There was a SCIO presentation by the Findhorn Foundation. The fire drill had gone well but the air horns needed to be louder. There was a Celebrating One Incredible Family (COIF) 5th birthday event and links to old films depicting the early days of the PEF are in the Rainbow Bridge.

13.2 P Lewington had a good meeting with C Low to explain the format of the new Experience Week program and to discuss the challenges facing local businesses with a very seasonal influx of visitors. Got some good tips about connecting with the Heritage Centre. A representative group had walked from the entrance around the Ecovillage to look at how to make better and more welcoming signage. P Lewington will trim the grass opposite the entrance to make it tidier. There had been a discussion about placing planters on the verge but this was thought to be hazardous to pedestrians and cyclists.

Item 14 Resilience Planning

14.1 R Hutchinson reported that that group were speeding up the purchase of necessary items.

14.2 The seasonal high-risk fire signage has been installed in Findhorn Village in collaboration with TFVCC. The Fire Service will issue more signage if the risk is extreme.

Item 15 Flow Park

15.1 There will be a 'No to the Flow Park' stall at a street event in Nairn

Item 16 Remembrance Ceremonies – Findhorn and Kinloss

16.1 W Ritchie and her partner along with A Shepherd had agreed to organize these. A Skene will meet with them to hand over all the documentation. S Worth, who previously organized the events will offer support.

Item 17 Planning

17.1 26/00518/APP Retrospective application for replacement of existing timber windows with UPVC type, replace front door with composite type, install composite linings to front porch, composite fascias/bargeboards and install new raised patio area at 169 Findhorn, IV36 3YL.A **ACTION: A Skene to submit a comment with the views of the CC.**

Cllr McBain advised that the planning department does not take any previous comments into account. They appraise each application based on what's in front of them.

Item 18 Any Other Competent Business

18.1 A Skene advised that the poster with all the FKCC members' photos and details had been placed on the 3 notice boards in Kinloss, PEF and Findhorn

Item 19 Forthcoming Community Events

- 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 program – See Rainbow Bridge
- 4th June, Small Growers Fund in the Tolbooth, Forres. MSP A Burgess will attend.
- 5th to 7th June, Findhorn Ukulele Festival
- 13th June, Cullerne Gardens CSA Veg Box Shop opens at 11.00am - <https://cullernegardens.uk>

Item 20 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 25th June 2026 at 7.00pm in the James Milne Institute, Findhorn