

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29th October 2015

Present: L Morgan (Chair), F Rietberg, T Brown, H Morton, S Finnegan, J Devlin, J O'Hagan (Minutes)

Attendance: Cllr Creswell, Cllr Skene, T McLaren (Forres Gazette), Constable Kerr and Constable Macrae (Police Scotland), 7 members of public

Item 1 Apologies: P Carroll, F Allan, M Hyde, Cllr Alexander, Sgt A McCarthy

Item 2 Police report and public business:

2.1 During the reporting period 23/09/15 – 24/10/15, there have been 4 reports of crime being committed. 3 offenders have been identified. Between 16th and 18th October 15, a parked car had its tyre damaged on Easter Road in Kinloss. 18 incidents of the 300 reported in the local Policing area related to F & K area. Several calls have been received re the legality of shooting wildfowl in the Findhorn Bay area. Constable Douglas Darling – Wildlife Liaison Officer advises that wildfowl can be shot at this location meantime above and below the high water mark and during the hours of darkness. There are restrictions of wildfowl being shot on a Sunday. Speed checks carried out in F & K area resulted in 3 drivers found exceeding the speed limit. Operation Regard – On 1st October, Insp McCrudden launched this initiative aimed at tackling the rise in reported vandalism throughout Moray. The initiative will seek to employ a multi-agency approach to detect existing crimes, but also prevent further instances through community engagement, effective school liaison and dedicated high visibility patrols.

2.2 S Finnegan raised the issue of speed bumps in Findhorn with the Police. This seemed to clarify that some bus routes in Moray do have speed bumps and therefore further enquires would be made.

Action: S Finnegan to investigate further.

2.3 A member of the public wished to highlight the danger of ongoing issues with cyclists using the pavements in Findhorn. This was noted.

2.4 A member of the public highlighted speeding traffic and general anti-social behaviour on the newly resurfaced Beach Road. The Police noted this and asked the member of public to contact them with as much information as they could. The issues of bins in the area was raised and a suggestion to find out what other areas are doing to combat this issue was put forward. No agreed action for CC.

2.5 A member of the public raised the issue of shooting wildfowl. There was discussion on the understanding of the legislation and some thought to whether raising a petition might be helpful in the hope of introducing a by-law; this however was thought to be a costly exercise. T Brown advised that a resident in Kinloss is already raising a petition and suggested a liaison between the two. Cllr Creswell referred to the Nature Reserve meetings and given that introducing a new by-law is expensive, then other models should be considered. There are a wide range of agencies represented at the NR meetings and Cllr Creswell felt they would be useful to consult with.

Action: T Brown to pass Kinloss residents petition details to Findhorn resident.

Item 3 Ratification of minutes:

3.1 The Minutes of the Meeting of 24th September 2015 – 8.1 of previous minutes – add in “It was agreed that expense claims should be submitted quarterly.” Thereafter, the minutes were ratified; proposed H Morton, seconded by F Rietberg.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

4.1 (5.1) Army participation in Findhorn – 3 uniformed personnel will be available for Remembrance Sunday. Letter of consent from Novar – completed.

4.2 (6.1) Allotment flyers advertised – completed.

4.3 (6.2) Berry Burn application for Beach Road – submitted and acknowledged. Will hear back after 23/11/15.

4.4 (6.3) CCTV procurement – Site visit undertaken – awaiting response from this – ongoing.

4.5 (6.5) Emergency Plan flyer – **Action: J Devlin** to re-design flyer

4.6 (6.6) Defibrillator procurement and funding - L Morgan has looked at this and can get a defibrillator for £400 through British Heart Foundation. This costing does not include money for housing the equipment. The Defibrillator must be accessible to the public at all times – **L Morgan** ongoing

Item 5 Kinloss Barracks Report:

5.1 No report submitted.

Item 6 Chairman's Report:

6.1 L Morgan has been busy this month on the Beach Road repairs. Letters of permission and acceptance of liability had to be provided and as the CC were supplying the materials for the repairs, L Morgan accompanied the works supervisor on several trips to purchase materials. The work is still in progress and due for completion approx. 4th November. Should the supply of tar be insufficient to fill all the potholes, then a few may be filled with compacted stone only. The initial estimate of £1000 proved to be an underestimate as more tar was needed. The final bill will be nearer £1500. An application for funding has been made to Berry Burn Community Fund and any shortfall will have to be made up from F & K CC funds.

L Morgan attended the official opening of Morayvia - aviation heritage centre at the former Abbeylands School, on 17th October. The volunteers have done a great job setting up the visitor attraction. The initial plan is to open at weekends.

L Morgan has been invited to meet with 39ER on 26th November, to discuss the plan for the allotment fund. It is hoped that enough feedback regarding demand will be available by then.

Item 7 Secretary's Report:

7.1 (a) The consultation from the Scottish Boundary Commission re the review of Electoral arrangements and Ward Boundaries is coming to an end. This has not affected F & K and therefore, we have not commented on this. (b) 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' – there is an online survey to find out opinions on the issues to be discussed at the Paris negotiations re 21st UN climate Change Conference. (c) Legal and Democratic Services – there is a consultation of the Gambling Act 2005. This can be found on the Moray Council website. (d) There is a series of community engagement meetings that Moray Community Planning Partnership have arranged. These are about helping shape services fit for the future. The most local is at Forres Academy on 18th November 7 – 9 p.m. (e) Forres Enterprise Scotland are seeking views on the draft land management plan for Roseisle – the deadline is 15th November. (f) NHS Grampian are seeking views on a survey monkey re their Health Point Review. (g) In partnership with local organisations and Innes Community Council, a draft petition to the Scottish Parliament has been agreed. They are looking for support re Invasive – non Native Species – e.g. Giant Hogweed, as little progress has been made in eradicating this. (h) There is consultation out re the review of the National Care Standards. J O'Hagan is tasked with the last item. The Moray Development Plan was handed to H Morton and the Annual Report for 'The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society' is set aside for P Carroll.

Item 8 – Treasurer's Report:

8.1 F Rietberg presented the year end accounts and gave a brief summary. There are expenses from last year's accounts not yet cleared and therefore not showing on the bank balance as yet. There is also £115 of un-used grant that needs a decision on regarding spend. A cheque is yet to be written for the Beach Road and the decision of Berry Burn will possibly affect our capital grants. The annual accounts were thereafter proposed by R Rietberg and seconded by J Devlin.

Item 9 - JCCM Report:

9.1 Next meeting 12th November 2015.

Item 10 – Moray Councillors' Report:

10.1 Cllr Creswell has continued to be busy with the Health and Social Care integration. There is lots of work going on with the workforce in Health. Cllr Creswell attended the Handy Persons AGM today and has also attended the Domestic Abuse conference. The Bogton debate will be debated again at full Council in November. Cllr Creswell advised that Auchernack Trust applications should be put in. The Trust considers applications every 6 months. Cllr Creswell has been busy generally attending meetings and networking.

10.2 Cllr Skene advised on the outcome of discussions at P & R (The Moray Council) re the Bogton debate. She explained her disappointment that at the 11th hour, the traditional approach was aborted and this takes away the debate/choice for the people of Forres. This will be heard again in full Council in November. Cllr Skene advised that she had attended the opening of a new residential provision in Elgin; this has been a long time coming and will house 6 children/young people between 2 houses. It is hoped that residents will be moving in early December. Cllr Skene explained that this will be important for children/young people who currently live out of the area and will be moving back to their local area with all the benefits of this. Cllr Skene has been busy interviewing for teachers and Head Teachers. There is a planned pilot scheme in Moray targeting spouses of forces personnel. This is an exciting opportunity and will benefit all. Cllr Skene spoke briefly about the school rezoning and advised that locally, it was proposed that children attending Alves Primary School attend Forres Academy in the future. This needs to go to consultation though. Cllr Skene attended Morayvia for the official opening. She spoke about the planetarium and that it was well worth a visit. There was a great turnout at Kinloss Church to celebrate 250 years. Cllr Skene has been asked to join the Universal Hall as a rep. This will be a good link.

L Morgan commented that he was invited by Findhorn Foundation to attend a provisional meeting re the possibility of a welcome centre on the site of the shop. This was on condition that they were successful in their application for lottery funding, however, this was turned down.

Item 11 – Findhorn Foundation Report:

11.1 Save the date 11th December Winter Gathering – The Friday night is for adults and the Saturday is for the children. F Rietberg handed out the FF annual brochure.

Item 12 – Planning:

12.1 01352 Bunty roof – permitted; 01264 change of use of beauty salon to pizza shop in Findhorn – refused; 01641 no further action from CC; decisions need to be made on new applications: 01628 house at Kinloss Golf Club; 01864 House at Kinloss Golf Club; 01949 3 houses at Kinloss Park. The Kinloss Cllrs have looked at all the Kinloss ones and have no comment.

Item 13 AOCB:

13.1 Allotments – T Brown and L Morgan undertook a site visit with the Army; there is a lot of work to do on the site. We had agreed to publicise the allotments to establish demand. The Army have advised that they are not interested in taking on any of the allotments and therefore, we would need to put together a management committee too. L Morgan will be meeting the Army on 26th November at 9am to review what interest there is and decide the way ahead. T McLaren agreed to advertise in the Forres Gazette, so thanks to her. Southside and Kinloss Park residents have priority, but this opportunity is open to the rest of Kinloss village too. Discussion heard ideas of how to further promote the allotments and whether the school, for example, might wish to take on one or more allotments. Cllr Skene expressed an interest in attending a planning meeting to push forward this agenda.

13.2 J Devlin met with Sylvia Jamieson – Community Support Unit. There is more training tomorrow re being 'more digitally engaged' and all are encouraged to attend. J O'Hagan advised that this training had been offered some time ago and there was no expressed interest.

13.3 H Morton has kindly made a list of 2016 meetings. This is to go on the notice boards locally, in addition to being sent to the Moray Council.

13.4 S Finnegan advised that there is a plan for the lamp post issue to be addressed (in one of the lanes in Findhorn) shortly. This has been a long standing issue, but thanks were given to Cllr Alexander for his help in sorting this.

13.5 A resident in Findhorn had requested a sloping pavement on the south side part of Beach Road. It is apparent that white lines have appeared and this suggests this is being addressed. No further action for the F & K CC.

13.6 H Morton commented on the erosion of Moray Coastal Path north of the base. He considered that the Forestry Commission development plan highlighted that the MOD had already agreed action some years ago (see page 28, 3.4) and that CC efforts had been wasted looking at this.

Item 14 Forthcoming Events:

14.1 21st November at Kinloss Church – Christmas Fare; 27th November quiz night at Church in aid of Church funds.

14.2 Christmas bizarre at FVC 5th December 1.30 p.m.; Craft tables and Santa at 2.30 p.m.

14.3 28th November Christmas lights being switched on in Forres; Bonfire night 7th November in Forres.

Thanks given to all for attending.

Date of Next Meeting: 26th November 2015, Kinloss Church 7pm