

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Kinloss Church

Present: L Morgan (Chair), J O'Hagan (mins), M Hyde, E Malone, T Brown, S Finnegan, F Rietberg, H Morton

Attendance: Cllr Skene, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), A Kennedy (JCC and Elgin CC Chair), T McLaren (Forres Gazette), 2 members of public

Item 1 Apologies: P Carroll, F Allan, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander

Item 2 Public Session:

**2.1** Grant Macdonald from Forres Community Leisure Ltd gave an interesting presentation on how the company is looking to take ownership of some common good land in Forres. He highlighted the plan for a public consultation in regards to the area of land (Mosset Park/adjoining land to the east). Mr Macdonald explained that the strategy is to broaden the availability of Mosset Park itself. He explained the plans should the company be successful in taking ownership of the land. Mr Macdonald took questions from the floor, which was helpful. Mr Macdonald was then thanked for his 15 minute presentation and he left the meeting.

**2.2** A member of the public wished to speak about litter he had collected from Findhorn Bay and suggests this is down to wildfowlers mainly. He gave some examples of black bin liners, drink cans, hand warmers, geese with breasts removed, cigarette packets, wads (made of plastic) and cartridges (a couple of hundred collected over 2 – 3 months). Whilst it is not suggested it is all wildfowlers polluting the area, there was thought to publicising this issue to try to bring this to the attention of all those responsible.

**2.3** FVCC update – There was an open meeting mainly for info in November that was well attended. There is now a map of the village which highlights the area of land owned by FVCC and it is in the office to be viewed during their office hours.

**2.4** No Police attendance and no report submitted.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes:

**3.1** Previous minute referred to 'Forres Community Leisure Ltd as 'Forres Leisure', this should be rectified. Page 1 2.1 – Delete 'and' after Constable R Mackay. 2.3 – should read 'to alter the interior of Findhorn Church of Scotland to make it more usable for a variety of other events', as opposed to 'mirror the Church of Scotland'. 2.2 – delete apostrophe from 'Council's' – should read 'Moray Council has delegated to the Findhorn Bay...'

The minutes were thereafter proposed by T Brown and seconded by F Rietberg.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

a (8.1) Advise Forres Community Leisure Ltd they are welcome to give presentation at next meeting. Completed

b (9.1) F & K CC accounts to be forwarded to Moray Council. Completed

c (14.2) Create a complaints log. Thanks to F Allan. Completed

d (14.4) Populate the Spotlight magazine with our calendar of meetings. Ongoing

e (14.5) Organise future event to raise funds for defibrillator. Church booked for the event and posters done – M Hyde and T Brown are making up questions. Ongoing

f (14.5) In due course submit application to Berryburn for funds for defibrillator - £500 to be asked for when we can. Ongoing

g (14.6) Procure new notice board - notice board has been delivered - £339.60 invoice been given to F Rietberg.

Item 5 Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

**5.1** None put forward.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

**6.1** R Douglas advised of the helpful meeting earlier this week with L Morgan. Hopefully progress can be made re the community projects – date of end of January 2017. R Douglas advised that the Regiment will be on stand down from 16<sup>th</sup> December for 3 weeks. S Finnegan wished to express thanks on behalf of the F & K CC to Adjt 39 Engineer Regiment, for their personnel supporting Remembrance Sunday. R Douglas then left the meeting.

Item 7: Chairman's Report:

**7.1** L Morgan advised of a busy month. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, he met the Chairman of the JCC at his request, regarding G MacCallum's complaint. He also attended a 'Participatory Budget' meeting in Rothes on 7<sup>th</sup> November to discuss disbursement of approximately £40K from the Community Charities Fund event before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and also a further meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November. L Morgan attended the JCC meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November. On 15<sup>th</sup> November he attended the Transport Scotland meeting with reps from Forres area community groups and CCs to discuss the A96 dualling. The project team wishes to be advised of any information affecting the choice of route about which they may not be aware. L Morgan also attended the MEP meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November, to discuss lessons learned regarding MEPs lobbying actions to save Kinloss Barracks from closure. At their request he met Maj Hendry and Maj Dunford 39 Eng Regt to discuss Southside projects; they agreed in concept J O'Hagan's 5 suggested projects and J O'Hagan will now provide more detailed information. **Action J O'Hagan**

Item 8 Secretary's Report:

**8.1** J O'Hagan provided the following report. 1) Remittance of £364.62 grant from Moray Council; 2) Scottish Rights of Way Annual Report and newsletter in; 3) Bridging the gap – a plea to consider savings and advise Moray Council; 4) Various gmail correspondence highlighted including consultations on Housing Policy on allocation of additional points and downsizing. Various invitations are on offer and those interested should either contact those directly, or go via J O'Hagan; 2 complaints received.

**Action J O'Hagan** to forward on the Kinloss Abbey Newsletter to T Maclaren.

Item 9: Treasurer's Report:

**9.1** APRS hard copy given to M Hyde. After the Moray Council grant and the cheque for the notice board, the total balance is £3387.88 of which the Moray Council grant is £1169.92 and the other grants are £2217.96.

Item 10 JCCM Report:

**10.1** L Morgan attended a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November and there was a presentation on the Moray Local Development Plan by G Templeton and E Gordon; CCs will be requested to comment on the Main Issues Report in September 2017. There was a further presentation on Community Asset Transfers (CATs) by A Gray, Moray Council Asset Manager and point of contact for CATs. L Morgan gave an update on 'Participatory Budget'. M Gillibrand, Local Outdoor

Access Forum, advised they are now on Facebook with information of events in Moray. I Catto gave a report on the Scottish Rural Parliament and advised that Broadband in Rural Areas is their number 1 priority. The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Minutes will appear on Moray Council website and on F & K CC gmail.

Item 11: Moray Councillors’ Report:

**11.1** Cllr Skene advised that she has been fully involved in major agendas including the Moray Leisure Project Board, where they are getting to the point of putting a report to full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> December. They have been looking very closely at all data to do with leisure. The leisure estate is not sustainable at present and they are looking at how it can be managed in the future. The Board have come up with 4 options and will debate on 7<sup>th</sup> December. The contract for the Moray Leisure Centre comes to end in 2018, so they will need to start looking very closely at the management of this. Cllr Skene advised that things are changing in Moray and there are several new centres that have already opened up e.g. HIE gym at the Enterprise Park and other places are opening up.

Cllr Skene has been attending COSLA meetings in Edinburgh – there are many educational things that will become legislative very soon e.g. an increase in pre-school provision from 600 – to 1140 hours, which has huge implications for Moray; Cllr Skene advised that the Moray Council does not have the staffing capacity or premises, and they are not sure what finances the Council will get from Scottish Government; Moray Councils finances are pretty dire as it is and the first year will cost £7 million in capital costs. Cllr Skene advised that she has also attended Edinburgh in relation to the Education agenda from Scottish Government – John Swinney wants to encourage more regional collaboration, sharing resources, ideas and vision etc. Moray gave a good presentation to highlight their work. Cllr Skene advised that it is looking very likely that very few Councillors might return in the new term and there is likely to be a high turnover. As a result they have formed a cross party Transitions Board and are looking at Corporate Planning with Directors; key things for the new term of Council to ensure there are systems and processes for new Councillors. This is time consuming. Cllr Skene advised that there are lots of Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teachers interviews on the go. Moray Council still has recruitment challenges.

Item 12 Findhorn Foundation Report:

**12.1** F Rietberg advised of the Winter Gathering in FF on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm and the day after for children at 2 pm. The annual report for FF is now out.

Item 13 Planning:

<u>New applications</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Decision approved</u>	<u>Refused</u>
16/01715PPP Mill of Grange	16/01371 Upper Hempriggs	16/01412 Seapark House	16/01471 Sea View Caravan Park
16/01676 185 Findhorn	16/01617APP 110 Findhorn	16/01419 Seapark House	
16/01658 52 Findhorn	16/01618 CON 110 Findhorn	16/01435 Seapark House	
	16/01599 10 Church Place Findhorn		

Item 14 AOCB:

**14.1** M Hyde advised she has had a number of complaints regarding the chopping of the Monterey Pine beside the war memorial in Findhorn. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Skene would check with the Moray Council to ascertain if they knew about the tree.

**Action Cllr Skene**

**14.2** F Rietberg advised that she undertook the second part of mediation training.

**14.3** S Finnegan advised of the sad news of Mr David Willing's death. The F & K CC wished to pass on condolences to his family and friends.

**14.4** S Finnegan gave thanks to H Morton for laying the wreath on Remembrance Sunday. L Morgan advised that all had gone well in Kinloss too.

**14.5** M Hyde gave thanks to S Finnegan for all her hard work for Remembrance Sunday.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:

**15.1** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 quiz night at Kinloss church, raising funds for the preservation of Kinloss Abbey.

**15.2** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - quiz night for defibrillator funds.

Item 16: Date of Next Meeting:

**16.1** 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - 7pm at JMI Findhorn