

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 26th January 2017, JMI, Findhorn

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

Attendance: Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Skene, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks), T McLaren (Forres Gazette), 5 members of public

Item 1 Apologies: F Rietberg

Item 2 Public Session:

2.1 S Finnegan reported Police initiative 'Operation Typhoon', a zero tolerance for dog fouling and the public are encouraged to report incidents. L Morgan agreed with S Finnegan that the new Police (S) report is a little difficult initially to get into, however, the format appears ok.

Action – L Morgan to feedback issues re initial access

2.2 A member of the public raised the issue of Findhorn Foundation using multiple websites containing just the word 'Findhorn'. S Finnegan agreed to look at visitfindhorn.uk and see whether our suggestions had been incorporated. The member of public advised some time ago there was a meeting with Trustees and it may be a way forward to discuss the matter with them. Councillors agreed with the member of the public that findhorn.net,.org and .com should be called findhornfoundation.com etc. It was decided that the Chairman should express concern to Findhorn Foundation.

Actions – S Finnegan to navigate sites. **L Morgan** to write to Findhorn Foundation Trustees

2.3 A member of the public reported that boulders had fallen near the steps to the beach and blocking them. There was a discussion regarding who was responsible and it was thought that Moray Council was responsible for the steps. The member of public agreed to take a photograph and send to L Morgan along with location information and Chairman would forward to Moray Council.

Action – L Morgan to e-mail Moray Council.

2.4 Coastal erosion of the dunes in Findhorn has been raised by a resident, particularly with respect to the concrete blocks. There was a suggestion by a resident that the old concrete blocks could be pushed down on to the beach to help as a defence, particularly as they are falling with the erosion. E Malone advised the blocks are of historical archaeological significance and any action regarding these would need dispensation. R Douglas confirmed that they were not on MOD land. She advised that the 39 Eng. Regt are unable to advise on erosion, given their skill set. If however, the landowners have a specific request for assistance, 39 Eng Regt may be able to assist.

Action – E Malone to request dispensation to move the blocks to slow down erosion. (Further action dependent on response).

2.5 P Carroll highlighted the issue of shifting sands westwards towards the mouth of Findhorn Bay. The groyne, which had been constructed by Moray Council many years ago,

had silted up, reducing their effectiveness. It was agreed that L Morgan would draft an email to Cllr Alexander, who agreed to speak to the flood team to explore if anything could be done.

Action – L Morgan to email Cllr Alexander

2.6 FVCC update – F Allan advised that working groups are looking at various projects e.g. the David Urquhart Path which is now at the design stage, Crown Estate, and the garage site. They will also be looking at revenue schemes. F Allan will update as things progress.

2 members of public left the meeting.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes:

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were deemed accurate – proposed by H Morton and seconded by T Brown.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

- a. **7.1** Provide details of Southside projects – J O’Hagan advised that there is to be a further consultation event on 4th February and this will inform the way forward. She will update again at the next meeting. R Douglas advised that she was tasked with drawing up a grant agreement document, however, this is also behind schedule given another staff member’s absence. **Action JoH Ongoing**
- b. **8.1** Forward Kinloss Abbey Newsletter to T McLaren - Completed
- c. **14.1** Cllr Skene offered to check with Moray Council to ascertain if they knew about the Findhorn tree which had been taken down. Cllr Skene advised that there was no permission and that there seemed to have been a misunderstanding; planning permission is required. There is now communication between the owner and Moray Council.

Item 5 Kinloss Barracks Report:

5.1 R Douglas advised that she is reducing her hours, however, this will not impact on external client facing role.

5.2 P Carroll advised that one of the traffic lights for aircraft/overshoot across the road is missing and raised concern of possible accidents. H Morton advised that the pole straddles the cycle track and therefore, also a hazard. R Douglas will look into this.

5.3 J O’Hagan highlighted the issue of the sink hole appearing on Southside estate. She enquired whether R Douglas was aware of this given the flooding on the Army land (playing field) and that the Southside Factor had tried to engage with the Army. J O’Hagan also advised that she has been made aware of comments locally, regarding the possible cause of the issue, with some attributing this to the burn not being cleared out. J O’Hagan advised that those with more local knowledge had informed that when the RAF were in situ, they regularly cleared out the burn. R Douglas advised that she was aware of the sink hole having spoken with the Qtr Master, however, the Army are unable to help, as they are not responsible. Regarding the burn clear out, R Douglas advised she would speak to the Qtr Master, as this did not sound like a big job and there might be a possibility of doing this work with the community. L Morgan confirmed the RAF used to regularly clear out the burn but was unsure who now was responsible following the sale of Southside.

R Douglas left the meeting.

Item 6 Chairman's Report:

6.1 L Morgan advised that he had attended 2 'Money for Moray' Working Group meetings in December 16. There has been press releases sent out advising people how to apply for the funds; the theme is social isolation. The deadline for applications is 10th February 17. L Morgan noted that there are many sources of funding for various projects that are posted on our Gmail account.

6.2 L Morgan advised of the Community Council Scheme consultation; the deadline is 9th March 17. Further discussion to follow under AOB.

6.3 L Morgan advised that a Findhorn resident advised him of his verbal confrontation with a driver on the Beach Road. The driver was speeding and had ran over his dog. According to the Police, dogs should be kept on the lead, however the public expect drivers will not speed on that road due to its condition. Following discussion, it was felt there was no action to be taken by the CC.

Item 7 Secretary's Report:

7.1 1) J O'Hagan reiterated the consultation of the Community Council that is open until 6th March 17. 2) Sqd Leader Samantha Bunn contacted the CC on Gmail – She is the Officer Commanding No. 4 RAF Police Squadron in Lossiemouth. She wished to highlight that they are offering free help (materials must be supplied) to help community projects. Get in touch if they can be of assistance. 3) The Tsi Funding News letter is on Gmail and full of helpful suggestions on where to get funding. 4) There is a new contact in Moray Council for Public Transport – Stevie Robertson. He contacted us out of courtesy. 5) There is a consultation on the Moray Council website open until 14th February regarding nuisance neighbours.

Item 8 Treasurer's Report:

8.1 In F Rietberg's absence, J O'Hagan passed on info given by her. F Rietberg has sent off the application asking for £650 from Berryburn towards a defibrillator for Kinloss village. There has been no change in the account since the last meeting. A statement is due shortly.

Item 9 JCCM Report:

9.1 No report. The next meeting is 8th February 17, L Morgan will attend.

Item 10 Moray Councillors' Report:

10.1 Cllr Creswell advised that she is the Co-Chair of the 'Integrated Joint Board' (IJB). They have been concentrating on whether they needed a chief financial officer to manage the money; to date, this has been provided by the Moray Council. Cllr Creswell highlighted an interesting meeting last week regarding the hosting of the 'GMed' system. It appears approx. 27% of calls comes from Moray across Grampian and it was questioned how we get people to access health services when they are open. Cllr Creswell also highlighted that 'Varis Court' is now open. Cllr Creswell highlighted how some funds are being spent through the 'Auchernack Trust' and encouraged people to apply.

10.2 Cllr Alexander advised that most of his work has been around the Planning Committee and Communities Committee. He highlighted ‘Tenant Participation’ is out for consultation. In respect of Council tenants, Cllr Alexander highlighted that apart from a formal tenants group that meets every 2 months, there is another tenant group that uses social media to join up. Council tenants are welcome to join. Cllr Alexander highlighted the Education review and how this affects everyone, with such a large percentage of funds being spent on this budget.

10.3 Cllr Skene updated on the school re-zoning exercise and that the final decision was made at Committee yesterday. It alters the boundary of Kinloss catchment area. Cllr Skene once again advised of the staffing crisis in Moray schools (currently 44 teachers down). Cllr Skene enquired whether the CC were aware of the ‘Ship to Ship transfer in the Cromarty Firth’. L Morgan advised that the CC were aware and had supported objections to the original application. There is another planning application going in and there will be a second round of consultation. Cllr Skene advised of the launch re the ‘Glasgow School of Art’ outpost at Altyre near Forres who are keen to work in partnership with local businesses and organisations in the local area. This is about innovative design and is exciting news. They have had a winter school for 2 weeks and brought in 100 international students. Cllr Skene also advised that the Service Development Group are working hard as the Moray Council budget is due very soon. Cllr Skene advised that she sits on the Transition Board and the Leisure Project Board and how interim decisions will have to be taken soon re the leisure review.

Item 11 Findhorn Foundation Report:

11.1 J O’Hagan passed on info from F Rietberg. A new leaflet is out detailing events. Please go to www.universalhall.co.uk for details.

Item 12 Planning:

12.1

<u>New application</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Permitted by Moray Council</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 133 Findhorn – CCTV mast and cameras 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvan Heath – Subdivision of plot – CC objected and consultation submitted • Elderslie – new build – note of concern re traffic onto B9011 • Mains of Struther – plot 8, change of house design – no objection • 5 Seaforth Place – extension no objection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Hempriggs – conversion of chicken shed to brewery • 110 Findhorn – demolish/build • Mill of Grange – Outline permission to build house • 185 Findhorn – Garage and oil tank • 52 Findhorn – Garden shed • 6 Findhorn – extension • 10 Church Place – sun lounge Local Review Board involved

Item 13 AOCB:

13.1 L Morgan advised of email received from ‘The Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Fishing Trust’ regarding Hogweed. They would like the CC’s support re an application for grant funding. P Carroll advised that the issue of Hogweed is being addressed in 3 areas; by Bob Laughton’s

team at the Trust above, from Wild Things and by P Carroll through the Local Nature Reserve. Thanks to B Laughton, P Carroll is now licenced and able to undertake this work. P Carroll will concentrate on the area between Findhorn and Kinloss. All Cllrs agreed to support the application for grant funding.

Action – P Carroll to liaise with 'Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Fishing Trust'

13.2 Community Council Scheme – S Finnegan advised that this consultation is now in its second stage. She had noticed a suggestion that people who live out with the CC area should be allowed to be on another CC committee. Following discussion and recognising the impact on some people who are in the position of wanting to be on the CC where they are most active, it was decided that this CC would not support this change and wishes for the status quo i.e. that a person must be resident in the CC area to be able to serve on the committee.

Action – L Morgan to send an e-mail to this effect on behalf of this CC

13.3 S Finnegan advised of another PLANNING FOR REAL consultation in Findhorn on Wednesday 1st February, 6pm in the Village Centre. There was an event previously and this had limited support. S Finnegan asked that this information is disseminated by all and should there be the same level of interest this time, no further events of this nature will take place.

Action – ALL to disseminate this event

13.4 T Brown advised that there had been a very successful quiz night at Kinloss Church, in aid of Kinloss Abbey Trust. The evening raised over £900 and was a huge success.

13.5 H Morton advised he had recently read something re food waste being sent to a recycling facility and being turned into an organic fertiliser. He enquired whether this was possible in Moray. There was discussion as to a potential site and it was agreed that Cllr Alexander would make enquiries about this issue.

Action – H Morton to email Cllr Alexander the details re this issue

13.6 F Allan raised the issue of a drain on the corner of Fyrish Road in Findhorn. When there is heavy rain, this area floods. This has been raised previously.

Action – H Morton to email Cllr Alexander re this issue

Item 14 Forthcoming Community Events:

18th February 6.30pm for 7pm at Kinloss Church - Quiz night in aid of the defibrillator for Kinloss village. £8 entry including food.

15th February at the Tolbooth, Forres, a talk by David Baxter of the National Maritime Museum, on the Battle of Trafalgar.

15th March at the Tolbooth, Forres, a talk from Andrew Wright about local hero Joseph Mitchell.

Item 15 Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 23rd February 2017 – Kinloss Church Culbin Room 7pm