

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of Meeting held on 30 March 2017, JMI Findhorn

Present: L Morgan (Chair and Minutes), S Finnegan, T Brown, H Morton, P Carroll, F Allan, M Hyde,  
Attendance: Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Skene, Cllr McLean, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks) and 1 member of the public.

Item 1 Apologies: F Rietberg, J O'Hagan, E Malone, Cllr Alexander.

Item 2 Public Session:

**2.1** CCllrs wished it to be recorded in the Minutes that we wish Tanya McLaren good luck in her new post and that we have been grateful for her support to this Community Council over her many years as editor of the Forres Gazette.

**2.2** No Police report to discuss and no police attendance.

**2.3** A press release from Stagecoach was read out in full. The essential information was quote - a new service 31 will begin on Monday 8th May and will link Findhorn and Kinloss to Forres Monday to Saturday. The new service will provide links for residents in Findhorn and Kinloss to the Forres Medical Centre and Tesco. The first service will depart Findhorn at 0740 with the last service terminating in Findhorn at 1738. Customers will be able to make onward travel to Elgin and Inverness in Forres using Service 10 and the improved Service 11 - unquote. Not having access to the new 11 timetable L Morgan had asked Donald Macrae, Moray Council the time of the latest bus from Elgin to connect with the last bus from Forres to Kinloss and Findhorn: it was shortly after 5pm.

**2.4** M Hyde reported that the news was very well received in the FVC. The timetable was discussed at length as was the action of this CC. It was decided that CCllrs would feed comments to Chairman who would forward them to Donald Macrae, Moray Council in the hope that the timetable could be fine-tuned to accommodate good, suggested improvements. **ACTION L Morgan**

**2.5** Findhorn Village Conservation Company Update. F Allan reported that FVCC is negotiating purchase of garage site in the village; is investigating future revenue streams; needs to encourage new members to join the Company, part of succession planning to recruit new Board members. FVCC involves a considerable amount of work and are investigating how this can be supported.

Item 3 Ratification of Minutes of Meeting on 23 Feb 17:

**3.1** The minutes were ratified, proposed by P Carroll and seconded by H Morton.

Item 4 Matters Arising:

a. 7.3 Send e-mail to Moray Council complaining about the withdrawal of the 36 bus. **LM.** Sent to M Council and Stagecoach. Also complained in person at the Stagecoach consultation in Elgin.

b. Action from a previous meeting: E Malone indicated that the concrete (wartime anti-tank) blocks at Findhorn may have protected status and would look into this. E Malone provided a written report stating she had been in touch with the Moray and Aberdeenshire county archaeologist who has not provided a definitive answer. Another independent archaeological consultant there should not be an issue in moving them as they are not scheduled, but we must await the Moray Council archaeologist's final say on the matter. An answer may be available next week.

Item 5 Declarations of Conflict of Interests:

**5.1** T Brown declared he had submitted the Planning Application for the Kinloss Nature Trail.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:

**6.1** R Douglas expressed satisfaction that Stagecoach will continue to provide a bus service serving Kinloss and thanked this CC for its efforts to maintain a service. The Chairman reciprocated with thanks to Kinloss

Barracks for their efforts which had also supported the community. In conjunction with the Army Welfare Service a new post of Community Support Development worker, Sarah Magee, had been established. One of her duties will be to develop the use of Cumming Hall. The Chairman advised that there was no news on the Southside projects but J O'Hagan was working to progress this as soon as possible. R Douglas then left the meeting.

#### Item 7 Chairman's Report:

7.1 I attended several PB planning meetings and also the main event on 25 Mar at Rothes at which £40,000 was handed out to community groups as per the public voting. Mo Hyde and I met Lisette Schuitemaker and Francine, both Trustees at the Findhorn Foundation (FF), to discuss a way ahead regarding "findhorn" web addresses. Ms Schuitemaker said that findhorn.org, .net and .com had been purchased by the FF many years ago and Findhorn.org is their main portal for their business. It was agreed that although this could be changed to findhornfoundation.org the FF would suffer a significant reduction in their business web traffic for an indeterminate period. The FF acknowledged that with hindsight they should have realised the local sensitivities of FF purchasing these domain names but we are where we are. The .net and .com names are not in use. As Mo and I were unable to identify any Findhorn village organisations willing to purchase .net and .org, the FF suggested that if for example the Findhorn Knitters wished to set up a website there was nothing to stop them using findhornknitters.com. At SSE and Moray Council Emergency Planning Officer's request I attended a meeting to discuss community resilience. In the short term we will not receive a supply of high-vis vests. Berry Burn approved our application for part-funding for a defibrillator for Kinloss; Mrs S McKandie provided the best quote and one is on order. The CC was invited to attend a public presentation of the proposed Clash Gour windfarm next to Berry Burn. I attended and submitted no feedback comments; comment forms available.

#### Item 8 Secretary's Report: Written report submitted.

Update on Southside projects: No news but am working as best as I can to get things progressed asap.

From gmail:

- a. There are a couple of Dog fouling posters on gmail that would be worth sharing and we could order printed copies from Jane Martin.
- b. tsiMoray (Third Sector interface) are in process of preparing their 3 year strategic plan. The draft plan is out for consultation until 8th May.
- c. The Forres branch of RBS is closing (and Buckie too)
- d. Update of review scheme and new proposal for the 'Establishment of Community Councils - this is about including 'any person wishing to become a member who resides in the specific community council and any neighbouring community council area which is co-terminous with that community council area.' Further info has been asked for in this regard and Democratic Services are asking for CC supports or objections to this proposal by 12th May.
- e. Email from Michael Sutherland re the buses – LM replied advising CC is pressing for at least a minimum service.

#### Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 F Rietberg submitted the following written report:  
cheque to Mr and Mrs Mckandie for the purchase of the defibrillator, £1490.82  
cheque to Jen O'Hagan for Minutes, £75 (**held by LM, signed claim required from JoH**)  
This brings MC grant to £1,072.92, and other grants to £1,227.14  
Total in account £2,300.06

Item 10 JCCM Report: Nothing to report except next meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:**

**11.1** Cllr Creswell. Auchernack Trust has funded a new FACT worker who is now in post and looking for volunteers for a befriending scheme she is setting up. The Head Teacher position at Kinloss Primary is still vacant. There will be a meeting at the end of May to discuss the future of Leancoil Hospital. Looking at how to handle complaints from the public. New LEADER funding, £3.5M, will be available and the Moray part will be administered by Tsi Moray, not by Moray Council. I was in Germany on twinning-related activities. As Moray Council no longer funds this my trip was self-funded. The Ambulance Service wishes to be advised of public defibrillator locations; Chairman aware and will comply.

**11.2** Cllr Skene. Very busy month at many locations in Moray. The report on Inspection of Children's Services in Moray indicated there are issues to be addressed. Saw plans for a new housing development near Dallas Dhu. This Council's term is coming to an end and there are no more full meetings of the Council. Many of the current Moray Councillors are not standing again and the list of nominations has closed. Three of the four current Moray Councillors for Forres and district will stand again – I am not standing again for many reasons. There is a total of 7 candidates standing for the 4 seats in this area. An item on Findhorn drains is covered in AOCB 14.4.

**Item 13 Findhorn Park Eco Village Report:** F Rietberg was not present and there was no report.

**Item 12 Planning:**

**12.1** Decided since last meeting:

- 16/01783 New House at Elderslie – permitted 2 Mar
- 17/000070 CCTV mast 133 Findhorn – permitted 9 Mar

**12.2** New since last meeting:

- 17/00298 125 Findhorn, Canopy
- 17/00333 Plot 2 Sylvan Heath, Plot sub-division. Consultation submitted.
- 17/00345 131 Findhorn, New windows and doors.
- 17/00357 Kinloss Nature Trail Shelter.
- 17/00458 Plot 7 West Whins

**12.3** Outstanding:

- 15/01605/PPP 6 Plots at Seapark House Kinloss.

**Item 14 AOCB:**

**14.1** CCllr residency requirement feedback. M Council requested our view on the rules. It was agreed that the rules should **not** be changed to allow nominations from a person residing out-with our area but in an area with a common boundary. **ACTION: L Morgan** to respond to Moray Council Democratic Services.

**14.2** CC gmail password. There were indications that our gmail password may have been compromised. **ACTION: Mo Hyde** to change password and advise us.

**14.3.** Approval for a new CC Notice Board for the wall at Kinloss Post Office. L Morgan requested CC approval to spend up to £400 of our funds on a new notice board. Agreed subject to approval by our Treasurer. **ACTION: F Rietberg and L Morgan.**

**14.4** Sewage Drains in Findhorn. Cllr Skene had received complaints about the state of the drains in Findhorn. This was discussed and it was agreed that before writing to Scottish Water more detailed information should be sought from residents. Request for Information notice should be publicised to residents for example at the Findhorn Village Centre and via other bodies such as the FRA. **ACTION: M Hyde and S Finnegan** agreed to be the focal points for information which should then be passed to Cllr Skene.

**14.5** Work has started to improve the rainwater drainage at the Fyrish Rd corner.

**14.6** P Carroll reported that the sequencing of the traffic lights in the Findhorn Rd, Kinloss was not as it should be. As two other CCllrs also noticed problems with the timing, it was decided to report this to Moray Council. **ACTION: L Morgan**

**14.7** P Carroll reported that he would be starting hogweed spraying this week.

**14.8** H Morton reported that compost was available to the public free of charge at Dallachy. Ring 01343 821659 to confirm availability.

**14.9** H Morton suggested that CCllrs identify suitable nominees for the next CC term and encourage them to apply when the time comes around August.

**14.10** H Morton pointed out that in future Highland Region will not assume responsibility for insuring Moray bodies, such as village halls, under their Zurich Insurance block cover. CCs are not affected.

**14.11** F Allan reported that the FVCC is working on the David Urquhart coastal path on their land. Waiting on completed survey drawings and will then start tendering. The path should be able to cater for the disabled.

**Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:**

29 Apr Kinloss Church Quiz Night (Christian Aid) 7pm, ticketed event

From 29 Apr Findhorn Heritage/Ice House open every weekend in May then daily pm June onwards

6 May FVC Scottish Teas 2pm

**Item 16 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Kinloss Church Culbin Room 7pm**