

# Findochty Community Council Minutes of Meeting



<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm, Findochty Town Hall</b>			
<b>Attendees</b>	Andy Slater (Chair) (AS), John Oliver (JO), Louise Marshall (LM), Henry Marshall (HM), Councillor Gordon Cowie (GC)		
	Members of the public: Brenda Phimister (BP), Jeff Masterson (JM), Dave Winchester (DW), Iain Addison (IA)		
<b>Apologies</b>	Jim Murray (JM), Stephen Tucker (ST), Councillor Tim Eagle (TE), Councillor Sonya Warren (SW)		
<b>Action</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>Police Update</b>		
	Update provided having received the Community Safety Partnership monthly report, as follows – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telephone Fraud – reports of telephone fraudsters pretending to be a BT engineer. Reminder to communities not to divulge security or personal information.</li> <li>• During January 2018, there were two incidents dealt with that related to abandoned vehicles and two concerning dog fouling. Posters have been placed at appropriate locations and Wardens have given attention in Duke Street and the steps from Commercial Street, Meeting attendees reinforced the ongoing problem and there was discussions around continuing the ‘campaign’ undertaken in summer months to winter months, initially posting on Finechitie News suggested.</li> </ul>	Draft facebook posting (LM)	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>		
	Accepted as a true record		
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>		
	AS provided an update on Harbour issues; works on the pontoons starting 16 <sup>th</sup> February. SEPA licences issued, dredger taking out waste.		
<b>4.</b>	<b>Correspondence Received</b>		
	Letter – Mrs Gayle Calder	Notification of resignation	Grateful thanks for the work undertaken was noted. A letter of acknowledgement and thanks to be sent (LM).
	Email 04/02/18 – Ashley Mowat, Cullen Harbour Gala	Agreed gala date of Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	

			<b>Action</b>
	Email 31/01/18 – Jane Martin, Community Support Unit, Training Events for Community Councillors	Planning Training – Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Data Protection – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February (TSI Moray) Joint Community Council – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Interest from JO and BP. Fully subscribed.  LM attending and will feed back to next meeting.
	Email 23/01/18 – Jane Martin, Community Support Unit, Moray Community Awards 2018	Seven categories, one of which is community, suggestions?	
	Email 30/01/18 – Jane Martin, Community Support Unit, Early Learning and Childcare Academy	Event about growing the workforce to deal with increase entitlement (600 hours to 1140 hours per annum) at Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen 6 <sup>th</sup> March 10am – 12.30am	Post on Finechtie News incase interest in opportunity (LM).
	Email 29/01/18 – Jane Martin, Community Support Unit – Essential Skills Promotion	Poster about Essential Skills to circulate to community to promote service	Post on Finechtie News to promote locally (LM)
	Email 29/01/18 – Jane Martin, Community Support Unit – Community Asset Register	Launched by Scottish Fire and Rescue, database of volunteer prepared to assist in emergencies, i.e. flooding	Post on Finechtie News to promote locally (LM)
	Email 09/01/18 – Jane Martin, Community Support Unit – Money for Moray	£60k funding themed to Health and Wellbeing for all ages - £200 to £4k, closing date 16/02/18	Post on Finechtie News to promote locally (LM)
	Email 09/01/18 – Jane Martin, Community Support Unit – Planning Events	Events to provide information on planned developments – Buckie 31/01/18	Noted this was already posted on Finechtie News
<b>5. Budget Consultation</b>			
	Commitment for the Asset Manager, Moray Council to present further information to a Public Meeting on Community Asset Transfer arrangements; aim to identify a Steering Group to take the process forward. Meeting arranged for Tuesday 13 February 2018, 7pm ( <b>Appendix 1</b> ). Approach from Cullen Community Council at JCC meeting extending invitation to their meeting of their potential CAT steering group on Friday 9 February, LM attended as observer.		Leaflet prepared and dropped to all households in the village.
<b>6. Community Feedback</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident raised state of gravel path / road at Sunny Craig with pot holes. Repairs dependant on whether path / road is adopted.</li> <li>Overgrown bushes at McKenzie Street / Reidhaven Street reported.</li> </ul>		<p>Confirm status of gravel roadway (GC).</p> <p>Raise with Lands and Parks / Roads, Moray Council (LM)</p>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	
	Contact with TSB to discuss switch account from Clydesdale Bank in Keith the Buckie branch to make access easier. LM provided details.	Application to be completed by a signatory.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	a. Local Councillors – nothing to report b. Community Council Sub Group(s) – Harbours Advisory Group	Contact the Group (LM) to inform new contact - volunteer required.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Planning Issues</b>	
	Resident raised an application to install a 10m pole and smart metering adjacent to Town Hall, 22 Station Road, Findochty, Buckie. Three residents in direct view of the site has received notification and have made representations.	Community Council to investigate making representation (LM).
<b>10.</b>	<b>The Joint Community Council of Moray</b>	
	JCC Meeting – 7 February 2018 Full Minutes available - <a href="http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_117723.html">http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_117723.html</a>  LM attended; summary of discussion points – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Rural Parliament – November 2018: bids for venue meeting being accepted but not submitted due to timescales</li> <li>• Scottish Community Development Centre SCDC: analysis shows theme of lack of Community Council representation within Community Planning.</li> <li>• Training Opportunities: 27<sup>th</sup> February (Elgin) Planning. 25<sup>th</sup> April (Stirling) Community Empowerment Act. Other training possibilities: Data Protection by 'Ordered Ltd Solicitors', Licensing training provided by Alcohol Scotland</li> <li>• Local Development Strategy (LEADER) application process reviewed and updated with £500k approved via the Local Action Group (LAG)</li> <li>• Participatory Budgeting (PB) event in Buckie on 3 December 2017 themed on economic development. £55k distributed with 22 groups applying and all but one group successful. Next PB event on 18 March 2018 themed health and wellbeing. PB may become part of mainstream politics and if successful, spend of 1% on PB aspiration</li> <li>• Presentation by Local Energy Scotland about Community Ownership using example of Clashgower Wind Farm</li> </ul>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	The meeting reviewed outstanding actions ( <b>Appendix 2</b> ).	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>	
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm, Findochty Town Hall	

**PUBLIC MEETING – COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER**  
**Notes of Meeting - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Introduction**

In the Council's Budget Proposals 2018, closure of Town Halls if no viable Community Asset Transfer interest was included.

The Budget consultation ran from early December until mid January. Hard copy surveys were placed in the shop and post office and notice posted on Finechtie News Facebook page. In addition a drop in session with elected members was held in early January where the commitment to ensure that a public meeting would be held in order to provide the Community with more information on the Community Asset Transfer process was given.

The public meeting is the first step to see if the community is willing to explore a community asset transfer and in doing so willing to form a steering group to progress.

So what might the steering group look like or what might it have –

- passion for its communities asset
- staying power to see the process through
- vision to see the potential
- time to help make the transfer a reality

**Presentation**

The Moray Council's Asset Management Coordinator gave a verbal presentation on the community asset transfer process and responded to the following points.

Q – If no community asset transfer, will the council close the Town Hall?

A – That is what the budget proposal states.

Q – Are Town Hall bookings still being taken?

A – Yes, bookings are being taken but not guaranteed beyond June.

Q – Is there a time limit for the community asset transfer?

A – The agreement of the budget will inform any time limits that will apply, but the proposal stated interest expressed by June 2018.

Q – Do garage rents come into the community asset transfer?

A – This is dependant on what the community include in their asset transfer application.

Q – Have local groups that use the facility been consulted?

A – Not individually although opportunity to respond to budget consultation.

Q – History of the ownership was offered, freemason ownership, sale necessary in 1946 to Findochty Town Council, which was then handed on to Moray District Council.

In 1994, contract with Moray Council included a term 'all time coming', can this be investigated?

A – Part of the community asset transfer process requires submission of an Expression of Interest and at this point, title searches will be undertaken and the clause can be further investigated.

Q – Is a group of 20 needed to progress to the community asset transfer application following submission of an Expression of Interest?

A – To confirm it is membership of 20, this does not mean all 20 are required to attend meetings to progress the application. As an example a club can have many members but coordinated by a small group.

## **Conclusion**

The meeting recognised the willingness to investigate the community asset transfer process and formed a group to progress, as follows –

Ruth O'Hanlon  
James Murray  
Donna Murray  
Alistair Coull  
Jeff Masterson  
Pamela Ross  
Ron Dawson  
Graham Cryer  
John Swanson  
Lynsey Watt  
Cameron Park

## Appendix 2

<b>FINDOCHTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</b>				
<b>MINUTE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>COMPLETE</b>
05/12/17 (para 3)	Matters Arising – Review of office bearers in 3 months – Louise to add as agenda item	Louise Marshall	To be included in the April meeting Agenda	
05/12/17 (para 5)	Treasurers Report – investigate moving the bank from Clydesdate in Keith to TSB in Buckie.	Gayle Calder, Henry Marshall, John Oliver	Appointment needed to be booked. Meantime monies bank. In absence of Treasurer, Louise to investigate further. Information provided by TSB.	
06/09/17 (para 4)	Matters Arising – Green benches	Gayle Calder	Agreement to purchase 2 green benches for harbour	
06/09/17 (para 4)	Matters Arising – Fishing Waste Bins	Gayle Calder	One bin built by John Gardiner, second yet to be started	
06/09/17 (para 4)	Matters Arising – FCC Information Board	James Murray / Henry Marshall	Ideal location beside Post Office / Chemist. Despite numerous attempts to contact owner, no success as yet to gain permission to erect. 04/02/18 Jim Murray to chase up on return on 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	
06/09/17 (para 4)	Matters Arising – Local Signage	Gayle Calder / Les Dance	Reported as incomplete. Progress update? LM to check with Gayle. Brian Reid to mount to wood to fix by boaring.	
06/09/17 (para 4)	Matters Arising – Proposed Town Gala Day	James Murray	Reported several interested parties. FCC to assist with advertising. Progress update?	
06/09/17 (para 4)	Matters Arising – FCC Website	James Murray	Confirmed two providers by other communities. To be progressed after community council elections.	