

Findochty Community Council Minutes of Meeting



Tuesday 3rd April, 7.00pm, Findochty Town Hall			
Attendees	John Oliver (JO), Louise Marshall (LM), Jim Murray (JM), Stephen Tucker (ST), Iain Addison (IA), Ron Dawson (RD), Councillor Tim Eagle (TE), Councillor Sonya Warren (SW), PC Ramsay (Police Scotland) PCR		
	Members of the public: Vi Marshall (VM), David Howes (DH), Andrea Woodhead (AW), Jim Addison (JA), Paul Steel (PS), Jimmy Bremner (JB)		
Apologies	Andy Slater (Chair) (AS), Henry Marshall (HM), Jeff Masterson (JM), Councillor Gordon Cowie (GC)		
Action			
1.	Police Update		
	PC Ramsay attended the meeting to give a briefing on police matters. Most offences related to Buckie. Driving continues to be a focus. The meeting advised PC Ramsay of speeding hot spots around harbour and along the road at the shop.		
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting		
	Accepted as a true record		
3.	Matters Arising		
	None		
4.	Correspondence Received		
	12/03/18 – EMAIL Jane – SSCN North of Scotland Resilient Community Fund	Funding opportunity - project must benefit communities that lie wholly within the Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SEEN) area	Post on Finechtie News for information
	13/03/18 – EMAIL Jane – Scottish Parliamentary Survey	Survey on bank closures. The meeting was advised that since 2010, the number of branches has reduced by one third.	Post on Finechtie News for information
	13/03/18 – EMAIL Jane – Local Community Advisory Service (Zurich)	Help and advice relating to organising a community event (risk management)	Noted
	19/03/18 – EMAIL Jane – GDPR Event	Elgin Town Hall – Saturday 7 April (John and Louise attending)	Noted
	19/03/18 – EMAIL Jane – Consultation on Licensing	Scottish Government are seeking views on the update of the Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, in particular, regarding the sections which relate to the public notification process. On discussion Cllr Warren noted that any response from the Community Council should take into consideration those requiring to use taxis for appointments outwith bus timetabling, service provided to those that might be affected by taxi suitability for the likes of guide dogs / wheelchairs.	Post on Finechtie News for information. Noted

	21/03/18 – EMAIL Jane – Scottish Community Development Centre Workshops	Community Empowerment Act and Participation requests – 18 April 2018. The workshop will consider what the act contains and how to make use of it – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to participation requests to start dialogue with public bodies • Changes to Community Planning • Provision around CAT & Community Right to Buy 	Noted
	26/03/18 – EMAIL Ron – A96 dualling Hardmuir to Fochabers	Update from Ron’s attendance at Community Council Forum 21 March, Bellie Church Hall, Fochabers. Scottish Government committed to a dual carraigeway from Inverness to Aberdeen by 2030. Transport Scotland split into 4 sectors, Sector 2 is Hardmuir to east of Fochabers which has 4 route options, the final route selection, to be made later this year, will likely be a combination of all 4 outlined routes. Speculatively work is forecast to begin around 2025. Comments emailed to a96dualling@transport.gov.uk	Noted. RD thanked for his attendance at the meeting.
	27/03/18 – EMAIL Jane – Scottish Community Council website	Newsletter items	Post on Finechtie News for information
	27/03/18 – EMAIL Jane – Taxi Licensing Fare Card Consultation	New Fare Card consultation	Post on Finechtie News for information
	27/03/18 – EMAIL Jane - Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks Free Funding	Community may be eligible for SSEN funding to help protect against flooding	Noted
30/03/18 – EMAIL	Jane – Home Energy Scotland NE Advice Centre	Offer to man a stand and give out expert energy efficiency advice as well as free in home water saving packs.	Noted
02/04/18 – EMAIL	Jane – A95 Spey Bridge Rescheduled works	Resurfacing scheduled for Tuesday 3 rd April and bridge joints replaced between 9 th and 12 th April	Post on Finechtie News for information
02/04/18 – EMAIL	Jane – Community Safety Report	April Report	Noted

5. Community Feedback

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findochty Town Hall Improvement Group – RD provided a progress update. The next meeting of the Group will take place in mid-April. Various options in terms of the status of the group are being investigated. Two members of the Group attended the Community Asset Transfer seminar and as a result of contact with officers from the Community Support Unit, gained access to financial information they required. Moray Council are proposing short term lease options from 30th June at reasonable cost for Groups that have expressed an interest. • Jimmy Bremner (Church) attended the meeting regarding an outstanding invoice for vandalism guards and an agreement by 	LM to review past Community
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	<p>the then Community Council to contribute to external costs in relation to the church lighting. LM asked for the invoice to be forwarded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS raised the following maintenance issues – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hythe – tidy / move stones, fence broken, boulder under picnic seats Sanny Craig – boat left on grass area, anchor needs altering, dog waste bin in need of replacement Memorial – anchor needs final tidy on grass area General – renew dog signage, consider keep of the grass signage, consider bulbs over plants, badger problem Green area at shed – replace dog waste bin (broken lid) Harbour edging – consider renewing <p>The meeting discussed the viability of a village maintenance group to deal with such issues, which will be taken to a future meeting.</p>	<p>Council minutes.</p> <p>Report to Moray Council</p>
6. Treasurers Report		
	Bank balance estimated to be around £700, accounts to be brought up to date by next meeting. Fund opportunities to be a topic at future meeting with the realisation that funds are very limited.	
7. Reports		
	<p>a. Local Councillors – nothing to report</p> <p>b. Community Council Sub Group(s) – JM to attend as substitute at next Harbour Advisory Group meeting on 5th April. Update on boat damage to be raised.</p>	
8. Planning Issues		
	None	
9. The Joint Community Council of Moray		
	None	
10. AOCB		
	The meeting reviewed outstanding actions (Appendix 1).	
11. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting		
	Tuesday 1 st May, 7.00pm, Findochty Town Hall	

Appendix 1

FINDOCHTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – OUTSTANDING ACTIONS				
MINUTE	ACTION	LEAD	UPDATE	COMPLETE
06/03/18 (para 10)	Co-option of Community Council members	Louise Marshall	Paperwork to be completed and submitted for co-options.	Complete
06/03/18 (para 8)	Planning – Application for 10m pole on Station Road	Louise Marshall	Feedback to BP on response from Development Manager. Application rejected.	Complete
06/03/18 (para 6)	Treasurers Report – Transfer of bank account	Louise Marshal	Progress with application on behalf of signatories.	
06/03/18 (para 5)	Community Feedback – Litter Pick Suggestion being taken forward by David William and a sub group of Community Council.	Louise Marshall / Iain Addison	Meet to make arrangements for litter pick in April.	Complete
06/03/18 (para 5)	Community Feedback – Reidhaven Cul-de-sac Establish and investigate road adoption in terms of gritting	Councillor Sonya Warren	Investigate with Housing and Direct Services (SW).	
06/03/18 (para 5)	Community Feedback – Findochty Town Hall Improvement Group Introduce as standing item at future Community Council meetings	Louise Marshall	Introduce as agenda standing item.	Complete
06/03/18 (para 5)	Community Feedback – Weather Watch Link to Community Asset Register not working. Consider how to gather local listing of volunteers and process to action in times of adverse weather.	Louise Marshall	Emailed SFRS to confirm link to CAR. Investigate factors relating to local listing (i.e. GDPR).	
06/03/18 (para 5)	Community Feedback – School Crossing Patroller Speed limits signage around current school crossings – assessment whether adequate and potential to improve.	Councillor Tim Eagle	Raise with Transportation Manager (TE). Draft letter to Police (copied to Council Leader) expressing concerns over removal of Patroller, speed limits and opportunity to review and improve (LM).	
06/03/18 (para 4)	Management Training – Social Enterprise Elgin 27 th and 28 th March on project management of enterprising projects (Fee £50 for turnover under £500k and £100 for turnover of over £500k)	Louise Marshall / Gayle Calder	Post on Finechtie News for information.	Not posted

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06/03/18 (para 4)	Funding - Three emails relating to funding opportunities to be shared with community via Facebook Calor Rural Community Fund People's Health Trust Funding Garfield Weston Foundation 60 th Anniversary Fund.	Louise Marshall / Gayle Calder	Post on Finechtie News for information.	Complete
06/03/18 (para 4)	Ag6 Dualling Hardmuir (east of Auldearn) to Fochabers - Community Council Forum as part of ongoing community engagement following design update drop in sessions, https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/ag6-dualling-inverness-toaberdeen/ag6-hardmuir-to-fochabers/ FCC invited to next East Community Council Forum on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at Bellie Church Hall in the Square, Fochabers at 2pm. Maximum 2 representatives.	Louise Marshall	Emailed FCC members to confirm if anyone available to attend. Ron Dawson attended and update provided in minute of April minute.	Complete
05/02/18 (para 8)	Reports – Community Council Sub Groups – Harbours Advisory Group representative – contact Advisory Group to inform of change and confirm new representative?	Louise Marshall	Andy Slater confirmed as new representative. LM to email Advisory Group with contact details.	Complete
05/02/18 (para 6)	Community Feedback – over grown bushes on Mackenzie Street / Reidhaven Crescent obstructing walkway	Louise Marshall	LM checked with Willie Findlay who suggested contacting Stuart Dale, LM to email.	
05/02/18 (para 6)	Community Feedback – Pot holes on gravel path at Sunny Craig – Establish whether road is adopted	Cllr Gordon Cowie / Louise Marshall	Gravel path not adopted so not Moray Council jurisdiction. Hardcore put in during sewage works, GC to contact sewage works to discuss repairs.	
05/02/18 (para 1)	Police Update – Dog fouling incidents – draft facebook posting to continue awareness raising in winter months	Louise Marshall / Gayle Calder		
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	Complete

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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	Remove
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 th Feb, permission granted with written conformation to follow. Arrange for better weather. Board now in place.	Complete
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.	Remove
06/09/17 (para 4)	Matters Arising – Proposed Town Gala Day	James Murray	Reported several interested parties. FCC to assist with advertising. Focus of April meeting. Confirmed as 14 th July, James agreed to be main organiser, include as a standing item on future agenda.	Complete