

Findochty Community Council minutes

Date: Monday 28th November 2022

Time: 7pm

Venue: Findochty Town Hall

Attendees:

Community Councillors: Caroline Ferguson (CF), Jeff Masterson (JM), Ron Dawson (RD), Morag Campbell (MC)

Associate members: Paul Steel (PS)

Members of Public: 5

Moray Council: Councillor Sonya Warren, Councillor John Stuart,

Community Police: Inspector Graham Worton

1. Chairperson Welcome

CF welcomed everyone to the meeting. CF gave apologies that were received.

Debra Duke, Brian Brigginslaw, Ruth O Hanlon, Cheryl Birtwistle and Andrea Woodhead

2. Community Police Update:

Inspector Graham Worton gave a police update. There were 5 calls to 101 with 2 which resulted in crime being investigated and reported.

Antisocial behaviour in regard to speeding was discussed. They advised that speeding was an ongoing issue. They will continue to support as time and resources allow. He advised continuing to promote ease of access to report to 101, although it can be busy at times, there are other avenues to report, they have a contact us form which can be used. Encourage the community to use their voice and educate the community regarding speeding.

They are keen to promote the use of Crime stoppers which is a completely anonymous service.

3. Primary School:

The school have been out spreading awareness in the community regarding plastic pollution, recycling, and sustainability and have been delivering letters in the hope of educating others.

4. Approval of previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed as accurate.

5. Antisocial Behaviour

It was discussed that the warden has now been out and issued new signage reinforcing the need to dispose of dog litter appropriately. This issue is now marked as resolved.

In regards to speeding, this is an ongoing issue which police are very aware of, and will monitor as time and resources allow.

The speed indicator sign is still not working. Community council to try contacting Nicola Moss regarding this.
Discussion was held that it is still very much an issue, and what measures could be taken. It was suggested could there be a static speed survey from the council, also possibly a petition to widen the 20mph area further than the streets surrounding the school.

RESOLVED:

1. Dog Fouling has been agreed as no further action to be taken.
2. To contact Nicola Moss re intermittent speed indicator device.
3. To contact the council regarding static speed survey.
4. Look into creating a petition regarding speed reduction in village

6. Community Feedback

It was highlighted that the safety barriers at the harbour road keep falling over and the sandbags are burst. It was noted that the ropes have been cut on railings which are not keeping the railings secure.

There had also been a query regarding the delay on the harbour road works, Councillor Warren advised this has been delayed due to a license required, contractors are ready to start but are awaiting paperwork from Marine Scotland.

RESOLVED:

1. To contact council regarding securing sandbags at railings
2. Wreath to be ordered.

7. Treasurer Report

Report was circulated to all members.

Balance was £3,506.32

Of that £2442.14 was general funds and the remainder was administration grant.

The yearend audited accounts were unable to be agreed as not all committee members had viewed. These are to be emailed out before the next meeting in January so they can be approved at the next meeting.

Still awaiting invoices from JG for concrete at Crooked Hythe and invoice for the benches at Cliff Street.

RESOLVED:

1. Accounts to be emailed for committee to approve at next meeting.

8. Community Events/Fundraising

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on 15th December in the Town Hall, for children 12 and under. Some fantastic fundraising had been done in the community including raffles; a Christmas quiz held By Paula Campbell Donald, the total currently raised is £1096.52 with more money still to come in. Planning for the party is well under way with items to be purchased in the next week and invitations to be sent out.

9. Community Resilience Plan

RD attended the community resilience event held in Elgin on 24th November. Following on from this he advised that a primary project officer is required along with responders. This is a larger project that will require getting more people involved and something that we need to share on our social media to get people involved and willing to help. Findochty and Buckie District Steering Group have a plan in place currently.

10. Reports

- a. **Moray Councillors-** There is no date currently for the next Harbour Meeting or the full report.
There will be a police meeting on Tuesday 6th December.
There will be a consultation opening up in New Year regarding the learning estate which the community council will feed in to.
- b. **Town Hall-** The Town Hall held a very successful over 60s party. This event was completely free for those attending.
- c. **Community Council Sub-groups**
 - i. **Harbour Advisory Group-** No updates.
 - ii. **Christmas lights-** Switch on to take place on Sunday 27th. Audited accounts have been handed to Community Council. All required paperwork had been sent to Moray Council.
 - iii. **Maintenance/Gardening-** 3 new signs made for harbour green picnic area to advise no parking at £10 each. Concrete screed under the picnic benches at Crooked Hythe £90 for a tonne - agreed.
PS has been in touch with David Greer regarding further benches and shrubs for village. It was discussed regarding maintenance of new shrubs and bushes, it was noted that Buckie have a separate subcommittee which do this – Buckie Roots. This is something to be considered in spring, with possibly separate fundraising for this sub group.
 - iv. **Litter pick-** to be arranged for March/April 2023. There are facilities at the beaches for those who wish to litter pick there
 - v. **Defibrillator-** all in working order.
 - vi. **Morven Play Park-** all equipment has been delivered, awaiting update on work which was scheduled to start in October.

RESOLVED:

1. Signs for picnic area at harbour purchased.
2. Concrete for picnic areas at Hythe approved.

11.AOCB

- To look into possible account at Travis Perkins
- Bins at Hythe need emptied has been reported but not currently been done.
- Member of public has raised concerns regarding the large gap spacing at new railings at Seaview Road, they were advised these are expansion joints, but they feel these are unsightly and not correct. They have reported this to the council ref: 101003099595 can community council support this by further reporting the issue.
- Men's Shed to take down the Christmas Lights in the New Year.
- It was raised that members of the public are feeding the seagulls in Duke Street – community council to discourage this via Facebook page
- Joe Innes applying via TSI Moray to gain funding for purchase and installation for a change over switch at Town Hall. Public vote opens Tuesday 29th November
- Church of Scotland will be opening on a Tuesday from 10am to 1pm as a warm hub space.
- Community Council to promote the Blue Bus which is hoping to promote food wastage by offering low cost food stuff that would otherwise go to waste. .

12.Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 16th January 2023 at 7pm Findochty Town Hall

Signed

Chairperson

Date