# FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes of meeting held on 29 September 2022 at Kinloss Church, Kinloss

<u>Present:</u> A Skene (Chair), D Anderson (Minutes), M La Tourelle, S Moat, J Hynam, J O'Hagan, C Shreenan.

Attendance: Cllr Lawrence, A Griffin (Kinloss Barracks), C Low (TFVCC).

**Item 1 Agenda:** 1. a. Apologies: C Brenton, R Hutchinson, S Dominey, Cllr Robertson

**b. Declaration Of Interest:** To be declared if necessary.

# **Item 2 Public Session:**

- **2.1** The Community Safety Partnership report for August was circulated to all members of FKCC. There were no major or significant issues to report for our area.
- 2.2 Correspondence was received regarding surface water flooding in Findhorn village, on and around Bakehouse Lane and No's 112 126 which has resulted in the flooding of properties. Moray Council has elevated the gullies on the public road to an annual cleaning (previously every three years). However there still remains issues with drainage which is not on the public road and the extent and routing of drainage in the area is not entirely clear. ACTION: A Skene to arrange a multi-agency meeting in the village to discuss surface water management and flooding mitigation (like the recent meeting held in Forres) and invite representatives from Moray Council, Scottish Water, TFVCC and the residents affected by the surface water flooding.
- **2.3** Correspondence was received regarding a tree with a broken branch in Findhorn Churchyard, over hanging the parking spaces with the potential to damage parked vehicles. This information was passed to the Church maintenance team.
- **2.4** There have been reports of rats in the grounds of the Kinloss Crafty Kids Club. The rats have been accessing the adjacent waste storage bins at Kinloss Primary School. Moray Council Environmental Health have visited the Primary School and the School and 39 Regiment will be working together to provide more secure (rat proof) waste storage.

### Item 3 Ratification of Minute of meeting from 30th June 2022:

**3.1** Subject to the updating of the minute to remove the name of a member of the public, the minutes of the August meeting were agreed as accurate proposed by J Hynam and Seconded by C Shreenan.

### **Item 4 Matters Arising:**

- **4.1 (2.2)** A Skene reported that C Brenton had contacted Moray Council Dog Warden regarding the signage on the new bins in Findhorn. However further discussion identified that the Moray Council Waste Collection team are responsible for the bins. **ACTION: A Skene to email Waste Collection team with regard to the signage on the new bins.**
- **4.2 (2.3)** C Brenton had contacted D Anderson to enquire about the historic mirror at the junction of the B9089/C6E Station Road. D Anderson advised that an email was sent to the Moray Council Traffic team to formally raise this matter. **ACTION: A Skene to email Traffic team with residents' concerns regarding available sight-lines at the junction.**
- **4.3 (4.1)** A Skene has followed up with Police Scotland who have confirmed that the Community Safety Partnership report cannot be broken down into smaller, Community Council, areas.

- **4.4 (4.2)** Resilience Subgroup met on 20<sup>th</sup> September via Zoom and discussed missing information to complete the plans. A follow up meeting is arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. **ACTION: On-going**
- **4.5 (4.1)** FKCC contact details have been updated on the Moray Council website and alert the Chair of any changes. Forwarding of emails to new address has yet to be completed. **ACTION: D** Anderson to meet with S Moat to arrange forwarding of emails. S Moat to send new login details to J O'Hagan and D Anderson.
- **4.6 (4.4)** J O'Hagan has contacted Kieran's Legacy regarding the purchase of a defibrillator for Southside and is awaiting further details. A fund raiser for the defibrillator is planned for Spring 2023 to be hosted by the Findhorn Rowing Club. **ACTION: C Brenton & J O'Hagan to liaise further with Keiran's Legacy and feedback at next meeting.**
- **4.7 (14.2)** S Moat posted a reminder on FKCC social media regarding the need for cyclists to follow the one-way system in Findhorn. A member of the public also raised the issue of cyclists (adults) using the footway in Findhorn, in particular in the areas of limited footway width. D Anderson confirmed that the signage and road markings directing cyclists on to the carriageway at the end of the section of shared use path are correct, visible and in good condition. Residents are advised to report incidences of cyclists using the footway and not following the one-way in Findhorn to Police Scotland. **ACTION:** S Moat to post on social media about the use of the footways by cyclists and provide link to Police Scotland online incident reporting.
- **4.8 (14.3)** A member of the public made a request to put up a poster for MP surgery meetings on the FKCC Noticeboard in Findhorn. This request was discussed with reference to the Community Council constitution. Community Councils are 'A-Political' and it was unanimously agreed that it would not be in keeping with the constitution to post anything political on the noticeboard. Access to the notice boards was discussed and it was agreed that S Moat would become key holder for the Kinloss noticeboard and D Anderson to become key holder for the Findhorn noticeboard. **ACTION: A Skene to pass on noticeboard keys to S Moat and D Anderson.**

# **Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company update:**

**5.1** C Low gave an update on the toilet blocks in Findhorn. The winterising work is progressing on the block nearest to the road. The cost estimate for works to the toilet block nearest to the beach is likely to rise. A Skene highlighted that there is a new fund available, Fair Transition Fund. TFVCC have received an offer of 50% for the repair of all of the steps down to the beach by a private individual. However, the offer is subject to the works being completed by May 2023. Works are progressing on Dunes Road and it will be closed to vehicles from week commencing 3 October. A bid is being made to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund to upgrade the footpath between Roseisle and Findhorn, with an accessible viewing point to be provided at Findhorn (one is already available at Roseisle Beach). **ACTION: A Skene to forward details of the Fair Transition Fund to C Low.** 

### **Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

**6.1** A Griffin reported that there would be deployments until Christmas and that a wildlife management shoot within the base had been arranged for 1 October between 9 am and 2pm. Works on the new accommodation block are due to start in October and this month there is nothing to report from Orbex. Community engagement has been postponed for now whilst there is on-going deployment from the Base. S Moat raised the issue of excessive noise during the event held on the Rugby pitch during August and issues with reporting complaints to the base to action. A Griffin confirmed that a new protocol has been put in place to ensure that complaints are passed to the appropriate personnel to action. S Moat also highlighted recent loss of control accidents which led to the damage of boundary fences and if they would help make the case for a reduction in the speed limit on the B9089.

#### **Item 7 Chairpersons report:**

**7.1** No report.

### Item 8 Secretary's report/Correspondence:

**8.1** No report.

#### Item 9 Treasurer's Report:

9.1 CS reported that the bank balance is £3,250.56 which is made up of:

Balance C/F TMC admin grant £ 1,728.43
Balance C/F Capital funds £ 1,022.13
Balance C/F SSE grant £ 500.00

**9.2** £500 of the SSE grant has been donated to provide support for STEM events for young people to be held in Kinloss. The next series of events are during the October school holidays and it was agreed that a poster advertising these events would be put up on the FKCC noticeboards. The FKCC accounts are due to be audited soon. **ACTION: C Shreenan to get in touch with the former FKCC Treasurer for advice on independent auditors. ALL to make sure any expense claims are submitted prior to the audit.** 

# **Item 10 JCCM Report:**

10.1 Next meeting is on 10 November 2022 at Elgin Town Hall.

#### **Item 11 Moray Councillors' Report:**

- **11.1** Cllr Lawrence highlighted the new Short Term Letting Licence required by Moray Council for all short term lets e.g. holiday lets Air BnB etc. The requirement has not been advertised yet but there will be an awareness campaign in the future. Post Meeting Note: Information on the Licence can be found at: <a href="https://newsroom.moray.gov.uk/news/moray-council-approves-short-term-let-policy">https://newsroom.moray.gov.uk/news/moray-council-approves-short-term-let-policy</a>
- **11.2** Cllr Lawrence also reported on a recent committee where funding for the improvement/replacement of two secondary schools, Buckie High and Forres Academy was discussed. A decision on that funding is delayed until after the By-Election for a new Councillor for the Buckie Ward. J Hynam raised a concern regarding the reporting of changes to the funding for Additional Support Needs (ASN) places. Cllr Lawrence confirmed that it would be changes due to the additional demand for ASN places.

#### Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village report:

**12.1** M La Tourelle reported that the Farmer's Market held in September at The Park Ecovillage was very successful and that there will be a further market in October and a Christmas market in December (see forthcoming events section for dates). There are still two families from Ukraine being accommodated in The Park Ecovillage.

#### **Item 13 Planning:**

**13.1** Four planning applications have been submitted for the FKCC area and were discussed during the meeting.

22/011212/APP Extension to artist studio in outbuilding to include new studio and storage space, 13 Whiteinch Small Holdings – no objections.

22/01081/APP Erect replacement play equipment at Village Green (The Park Ecovillage), Findhorn – no objections.

22/01140/APP Reduce size of site approved under 21/01505/APP to erect house at Copperfield, Whiteinch – no objections.

22/01369/APP Install PV Panels on roof at Bayside Cottage, Findhorn – concern was raised regarding whether PV panels were permitted within the Conservation Area. **ACTION: A Skene to email the Planning Officer to seek clarity on current guidance for the Conservation Area.** 

#### **Item 14 Any Other Competent Business:**

- **14.1** In early September there were overnight thefts of fruit from gardens in Findhorn. Residents should be aware of these incidents and take care making sure that sheds and garages are locked now that the nights are getting darker. **ACTION: S MOAT to post reminder on social media of the need to secure property against thefts.**
- **14.2** Preparations for Remembrance Sunday 13th November are under way and being led by J O'Hagan. Volunteers for the laying of the FKCC wreaths were sought. S Moat volunteered to lay the wreath at Kinloss. As R Hutchison was not present, D Anderson suggested he was asked if he would like to lay the wreath at Findhorn. **ACTION: J O'Hagan to ask R Hutchinson if he would like to lay the wreath. D Anderson to lay wreath if R Hutchinson is not available.**
- **14.3** Moray Council Transportation officers will be attending the next FKCC meeting in Findhorn on 27th October 2022 at the James Milne Institute in the main hall to provide an update on the survey results from May this year and the next steps with regard to the issues raised by residents.

#### **Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events:**

- **15.1** The following forthcoming events were shared:
  - Universal Hall promotions can be seen on website universalhall.co.uk
  - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Farmer's Market at The Park Eco-Village, Findhorn.
  - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October Findhorn Rowers Club Halloween Disco (Fancy Dress) at James Milne Institute.
  - Weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Market at The Park Eco-Village, Findhorn (stall holders can contact <a href="market@findhorn.org">park.market@findhorn.org</a> for further details).

Item 16 Date Of Next Meeting: Thursday 27th October, 7pm at James Milne Institute, Findhorn.