

# Be at the heart of YOUR community

## Findochty Community Council Minutes

**Date: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Time: 7pm**

**Venue: Findochty Town Hall**

### **Attendees -**

**Community Councillors:** Caroline Ferguson (CF), Ron Dawson (RD), Cheryl Birtwistle (CB), Jeffrey Masterson (JF), John Gardiner (JG)

**Associate members:** Paul Steel (PS), Andrea Woodhead (AW)

**Members of Public:** 4

**Moray Council:** Cllr Sonya Warren

**Community Police:**

### **1. Chairperson Welcome**

CF welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave apologies received from Cllr Stuart, Cllr McLennan, Lorna Simpson and Morag Campbell.

### **2. Community Police Update:**

No police were in attendance; however it was reported that in May there were five calls made to Police Scotland for Findochty & District. Following initial enquiry only one resulted in an actual crime being reported and investigated.

#### Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

During the course of the month there has been one incident of a person acting in a threatening and abusive manner, and this is subject to ongoing police investigation.

### **3. Primary School:**

The pupils have been active in their campaign regarding road safety and in particular parking around school. They have sent letters to all families voicing their concerns and have seen a slight improvement. The next step is contacting the police.

### **4. Approval of previous minutes:**

Minutes were agreed as accurate.

## 5. Treasurer Report

Monthly Report was circulated to all members.

Total Balance was £6520.16 of which

£1076.60 general funds

£971.07 event funds

£29533.86 National Lottery Community Fund

£1091.06 Moray Council Administration Grant

**-£372.43** Maintenance and Flowers Fund

AW advised that she has applied for the administration grant of £584.40 which will be paid in 2 parts.

RESOLVED:

1. Moray Council Admin Grant applied for.

## 6. Antisocial Behaviour

In regard to our concerns raised with Nicola Moss, she has responded to our email. She advised that Vehicle Activated Signs are calibrated to come on as a vehicle is approaching 30pmh, the current systems in Findochty do not record data. She advised that they will carry out a speed survey in due course with proposed site being Netherton Terrace.

In relation to our request for a pedestrian crossing for school children she advised we do not meet the criteria to have this.

AW advised some children had been vandalising around the harbour area.

Advice given was to contact police/crime stoppers if anyone witnesses events such as these.

## 7. Community Feedback

A concern was raised regarding a property on Sterlochty Street which is being run as a holiday let being in a poor state of repair. Discussion was held regarding the best course of action and it was agreed that CB is to contact Willie Clark at Moray Council for advice. Resident who raised concern also to be advised to use the report it form on Moray Council.

CB reported that manhole cover which had moved at Stripey steps has been reported.

RESOLVED:

1. CB to contact Moray Council for advice on property at Sterlochty Street.

## 8. Community Events/Fundraising

CF informed the committee that we had received thank you letters from His Majesty The King and Lord Lieutenant Andrew Simpson for our efforts celebrating The Coronation. Just over £300 was raised in donation buckets over the Coronation Weekend.

Other events hoping to be held over the summer would be a Pirate Fun Day, Sandcastle Competition, Fishing Competition, Silent Theatre, Family Disco,

and a BBQ. Buckets and Spades will be purchased for use in sandcastle competition. If there is any remaining afterwards it has been suggested that there could be a community use box at the beach so families can use them. CF to contact Buckie Community Theatre to see if they would be pirates on the Pirate Day. Suggested that on the Pirate Day other groups could have the opportunity to fundraise with stalls. PS has been offered bunting and poles which can be utilised at events.

Looking to have some paid fundraisers eventually, but events over the summer will be free due to the Lottery Community Fund.

CB to put a thank you to Coastal Pizza for their Dough for Mow fundraising which will go into our Gardening and Maintenance fund.

A dance/Bingo with Ashleigh is being held in the Town Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> July with money from ticket sales and raffles being donated to community council funds.

The pop up café are holding their annual Strawberry Tea and will be splitting the amount raised between Friends of Seafield and The Community Council Maintenance Fund.

## **9. Short Term Holiday Let Licences**

It was raised to Community Council that licenses now required by the Scottish Government have to be applied for by 1<sup>st</sup> of October meaning that the required applications need to be in place prior to this and as of 4/6/23 only 5 holiday lets in Findochty had been signed off.

## **10. Community Resilience**

Anne advised us she had been in touch with a contact at Moray Council and had gathered lots of useful information in relation to moving us forward. It was agreed however we really need a team to work together in making an action plan. CF advised Pam from Town Hall had said she would be willing to work on an asset list. Next steps would be putting together a community leaflet. Katy Thorne advised she would be willing to come on board to help with Community Resilience.

## **11. Reports**

- a. **Moray Councillors** – Cllr McLennan had given his apologies but advised he had been continuing deal with any matters which have been raised to him.

Cllr Warren updated us that there has been a lot of concern raised to her regarding the Moray Council School Admin. Public meetings had been held with both Unison and EIS representatives attending. Staff waiting to see outcome of consultation.

NHS/Moray Council Integrated Joint Board looking at making changes at Seafield Hospital. Muirton Ward being moved out with and Dr Grays Ward 4 being moved into its place with Muirton being made a secured ward.

Ocean Winds have now started building their new offices at Buckie Harbour; this will mean that the Buckie Drifter will again be unused. The harbour offices will be moving into the fish market.

No updates in regard to Finechty Harbour Road.

Cllr Warren advised of the new M Connect service which is available in Moray and can be booked.

Discussion was held regarding safe walking routes in village, and whether Sustran Funding could be beneficial to make safer routes, particularly access to the line between Findochty and Portessie. Concerns were discussed regarding traffic on Commercial Street due to Harbour Road being closed.

- b. **Town Hall** – Pop up Café continues to have successful turnout on Thursdays and will be holding their Strawberry Pancake Tea Fundraiser.

- c. **Community Council Sub-groups**

**Harbour Advisory Group** –No updates, the proposed works have been to consultation so a license should be issued soon and a contractor is in place ready to start work.

**Christmas lights** – no update.

**Maintenance/Gardening** –CB contacted Buckie Roots regarding the Greening Scheme grant, they advised they had applied and had to provide planning and research in order to gain the grant, and the money could not be shared out with their group. Community Council will continue to look into other funding options, Look into registering with neighbourly. CB to get help to complete Tesco funding for Heritage Trail, each board approx. £600. Roughly 200 plants were purchased this year, PS advised that some new tubs will be required next year.

**Litter pick-** look at later in year, consider approaching FAB for help.

**Defibrillator-** all in working order. Discussion held regarding getting some refresher training on defibrillator use, CB to contact Lucky2BHere. CB also to look into funding for a further defibrillator in the village.

**Morven Play Park-** no update

RESOLVED:

1. CB to look into defib training/further defibrillator in village.

## **12.AOCB**

- Bin at The Green still requires repair.
- Bin at public toilets needs replaced
- Green/Purple bin still sitting at Town Hall, CB to put another post on Facebook
- Concern rose re weeds in village and if this is still covered by Moray Council, CB to contact Moray Council.

## **13.Date, time and venue of next meeting**

Monday 4th September 2023 at 7pm Findochty Town Hall

Meeting closed at 9.18pm