



Findochty Community Council Minutes

Date: Monday 17th April 2023

Time: 7pm

Venue: Findochty Town Hall

Attendees -

Community Councillors: Caroline Ferguson (CF), Ron Dawson (RD), Morag Campbell (MC), Lorna Simpson (LS), Cheryl Birtwistle (CB), Jeffrey Masterson (JF), John Gardiner (JG)

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

Members of Public: 5

Moray Council: Cllr John Stuart

Community Police:

1. Chairperson Welcome

CF welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised no apologies had been received.

2. Community Police Update:

No police were in attendance; however it was reported in March that there were 30 calls made to Police Scotland for Findochty and District and, following initial enquiries only 7 resulted in actual crimes being reported and investigated.

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Four incidents of persons acting in a Threatening or Abusive Manner, one of which was reported to the Procurator Fiscal and one being reported to Youth Justice. The remaining two are subject to ongoing police investigation. One incident of vandalism which is subject to ongoing police investigation. Two incidents of a person breaching a court order and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Acquisitive Crime:

During the course of the month there were no reports of acquisitive crime.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

During the course of the month there have been no reports of road traffic offences.

3. Primary School:

The primary school will be holding a Spring Tea on 22nd of April. The Community Council have been asked if they can provide any help with ground repair work around the goals, as the area is very sunken and worn down. JG is going to provide top soil to school to fill in the area, with hopes grass seed can be sown over the summer period. It was noted that there may be temporary goals in the techy shed which could be used to allow the goal area to be repaired.

4. Approval of previous meeting:

Minutes were agreed as accurate.

5. Treasurer Report

Monthly Report was circulated to all members.

Balance was £7707.83

£1186.77 general funds

£1000 event funds

£4400 National Lottery Community Fund

£1121.06 Moray Council Administration Grant.

AW advised that unfortunately our application to CO-OP bank has been unsuccessful so Virgin Money would be the next option.

Discussion was held regarding general funds being low, and it was approximately £600 - £700 for the village flowers and compost. Suggestions were to have a fundraising table at the Coronation event, and also donation buckets which could be placed in the shop/chemist. The purchase of donation buckets was approved. CF queried if Community Council could have an amazon business account. CF to look into this, invoices would still be paid in usual way, just ordering as a business rather than individual.

RESOLVED:

1. Donation buckets to be ordered

6. Antisocial Behaviour

Following the correspondence regarding the speed survey and ongoing concerns with speeding in the village, Community Council contacted Nicola Moss asking if the need for a speed survey could be revisited. She has agreed to look at it further and will come back to us. It was agreed to pin the link for reporting antisocial behaviour to the top of the Facebook page.

Following the concerns raised at the previous meeting with concerns for the welfare of a local resident, it was advised that Tim Betts from Environmental Health is the main point of contact and they are taking steps to work towards a resolution. Community Council had also reported concerns to the relevant bodies.

RESOLVED:

1. CB to pin post on Community Council Facebook page.

7. Community Feedback

CB had received contact from Anne Braidwood that she has made successful progress gathering information regarding community resilience and has made contact with Moray Council; the next steps are creating a group to take the plan forward. The community really need volunteers to come forward to take this plan forward.

Discussion was held after concerns were received by Community Council regarding a property at 22 Netherton Terrace where a wall has been removed allowing reversing onto the main road. Some concerns had been noted after some community members witnessing incidents of safety concerns. After discussion it was agreed that these safety concerns should be reported to Moray Council.

Stuart Akass confirmed that the suggested planters would be permitted at the Harbour Road closure provided they were of substantial weight and would not cause any safety issues. PS to contact Stuart to discuss this.

Issues raised at our previous meeting - blocked drain, harbour toilets and broken bin have all been reported.

Our email sent regarding the pavement parking legislation was acknowledged and we were advised that some of the streets we included may not qualify as they should be wide enough, but they will inspect all to see which will qualify.

RESOLVED:

1. Community Council to report safety concerns regarding 22 Netherton Terrace.
2. PS to contact Stuart Akass regarding planters

8. Community Events/Fundraising

CF informed the committee that we had been successful in our lottery application and had been awarded £4400. This was for The Coronation Celebration but also for a summer of events.

The Coronation main event will be held on the Saturday 12pm to 4pm and will include decorate a coronation cake competition, a children's crown parade and a craft table where bag decoration and crown making will take place. Tea and cakes will be available at the event. Road closure license was applied for and has been approved. It was agreed to have donation buckets available at events.

9. FABDT Group

CF gave the committee an overview of the group and how it can work to make improvements in the area and encouraged people to get involved. It was suggested could we look at getting them involved in our plan for a heritage trail in the village.

10. Heritage Trail

It was agreed to look into Tesco Tokens to see if we could get funding towards our Heritage Trail.

11. Broad Hythe Green

PS discussed plans to upgrade the Broad Hythe Green, it is hoped to place an anchor on the green and the possibility of placing a kerbed edging around the green. PS reached out to Harbour Master who has advised him to contact the roads department regarding permissions to do this.

12. Greening Scheme

Unfortunately we were rejected for the greening scheme grant as they say we do not fall under Buckie, Buckie have been awarded £5000. CB to contact Buckie Roots to find out if they were successful and ask if there is any scope to share funds.

RESOLVED:

1. CB to contact Buckie Roots.

13. Reports

- a. **Moray Councillors** – Cllr Stuart advised he had attended the recent Harbour Advisory Meeting.
- b. **Town Hall** – The changeover switch and generator have now been tested 3 times and are working as they should be.
- c. **Community Council Sub-groups**

Harbour Advisory Group – PS gave us an update from the Harbour Advisory Meeting.

- The lighthouse poles that support the safety chain are to be strengthened.
- Sterlochy pier to have repairs carried out to some of the concrete areas.
- Water tap on pontoons to be repaired.
- Fishermen have noted there is a need for a portable winch for lifting creels.
- The harbour noticeboard cover needs replacing as not readable.
- The shackles on pontoon to be replaced because of excessive wear.
- Spot checks by harbour team to be regularly carried out.
- The support cages for single keeled boats are to be cancelled.
- Pontoon wall to be strengthen with rock armour no date given.
- Problem with resident at Harbour Road letter to be sent by Moray Council

- i. **Christmas lights** – no update.
- ii. **Maintenance/Gardening** –Work at Crooked Hythe picnic benches is ongoing, with volunteers going on Wednesday to paint. Andrew Slater has been updated on grass cutting for The Stripey and Crooked Hythe as council will not cut this. PS has contacted The Bauds Garden Centre for quote for plants for this year. Based on last year's prices it is estimated to be around £500 - £600. PS to email for approval once prices come in. £100 monthly allocated for gardening/maintenance. Ashleigh Campbell agreed to hold a bingo night to raise funds for the gardening budget.
- iii. **Litter pick**- no update.
- iv. **Defibrillator**- all in working order.
- v. **Morven Play Park**- the new benches have been installed at Morven Park but have still to be anchored into the ground.

RESOLVED:

1. PS to confirm flower prices.

14.AOCB

No other business.

15.Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 5th June 2023 at 7pm Findochty Town Hall

Meeting closed at 8.40pm