



Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2023 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church

Present		Attendance	
C Brenton	Vice-Chair	D Low	Kinloss Barracks
D Anderson	Minute Secretary		
S Dominey		Moray Councilors	
R Hutchinson		Cllr McBain	
M La Tourelle		Members of Public	None

Item 1 - Welcome

- Apologies – A Skene (Chair), J Hynam, S Moat, C Low, Cllr Robertson, Cllr Van Der Horn
- Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs,

Item 2 – Public Session

- Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – no incidents reported in the FKCC area
- Any other competent public business / public correspondence

An email has been received regarding the condition and improvement of the Playing Field in Findhorn, with a view to the football pitch being reinstated to a condition where regular games can take place. TFVCC own the playing field land. The proposal was discussed and a number of queries raised, in particular how much interest is there in the use of the playing field for football? How much would the improvement of the football pitch cost? Where would the funding come from? Is there anyone willing to commit to the long-term maintenance of any improved football pitch? **ACTION: ALL to email C Brenton with any further questions. C Brenton to prepare and send response seeking further information**

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 26th January 2023 at Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn

3.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as being accurate, proposed by R Hutchinson and seconded by C Brenton.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.1 (4.2) Cllr Van Der Horn was to contact Nature Scot for an update on Avian Flu within the wild bird population in the area. This action is outstanding as there has been no update shared with the FKCC. **ACTION: Cllr Van Der Horn to contact Nature Scot.**

4.2 (4.3) J O’Hagan and C Brenton have an update from Kieran’s Legacy regarding the purchase of a defibrillator for Southside. A defibrillator has been donated by a third party via Kieran’s Legacy, which will be installed at Southside. Fundraising would still be required to cover the on-going maintenance of the equipment. **ACTION: C Brenton & J O’Hagan to provide update once the defibrillator has been installed.**

4.3 (4.4) A Skene contacted the Findhorn Residents Association (FRA) for an update on the improvements to the children’s Play Park in Findhorn. Consultation is currently underway with village groups to find out what improvements are needed.

4.4 (10.1) A Skene shared the meeting link for the JCC with C Brenton. C Brenton attended – see Item 10 below.

4.5 (13.1) There were no comments received on planning application 22/01745/APP 43C Findhorn and therefore no submission was made.

4.6 (14.1) The meeting to discuss the license applications for the Crown and Anchor (Findhorn) and the Abbey Inn (Kinloss) took place on 2 February 2023. Comments were collated by A Skene and submitted to Moray Council.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 A written update was read out to the meeting, as TFVCC were unable to send a representative to the meeting. The works at the southern toilet block at Findhorn beach are nearing completion and work has commenced on the northern toilet block. The northern toilet block will be closed once the works at the southern block have been completed. As

costs for the improvements to the Beach Steps have increased, additional grant funding is being sought. Quotes have been provided for the drainage improvements to the Bakehouse Lane. Moray Council will provide some materials to assist with the cost of the works. Two of the 'chatterboxes' were damaged during the recent high winds. They have both been repaired.

5.2 There was a meeting with one of Moray Council's Traffic Engineers to discuss the enhanced road markings and pedestrian build out near the slip road to The Piers. There have been works to tidy up the Beach Car Park. However issues with inconsiderate drivers 'churning up' the surface remain. Research is being undertaken into the provision of payment barriers for the car park to deter this behavior.

5.3 Plans are underway for the Coronation celebrations in May. Various ideas have been put forward and will be confirmed at the end of March, including opportunities to volunteer for the 'Big Help Out' on Monday 8 May.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 There are on-going overseas deployments at The Barracks and there will be associated troop and vehicle movements during the month of March. At this time there are no flying plans during March. On the 11th and 12th March there will be deer management activities at the Barracks (within 'The Wire'). Works on the new accommodation block are on-going. During these works, there have been reports of indiscriminate parking from the main road to the entrance of the Southside Estate by contractor's vehicles. Residents of Southside are encouraged to report such incidences to The Barracks.

Item 7 Chairs Report

7.1 There is no specific Chair's report this month. The items which would have been reported are covered elsewhere.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 No Secretary's Report this month.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 S Moat sent a report that the bank balance is £3,230.56, which is made up of:

Balance C/F TMC admin grant	£ 1,708.43
Balance C/F Capital funds	£ 1,022.13
Balance C/F SSE grant	£ 500.00

9.2 As part of his report, S Moat highlighted the difficulties experienced with the current FKCC and asked if a discussion on moving to a different bank could take place. Members present saw no issue with changing bank. **ACTION: S Moat to confirm requirements for changing bank with the signatories**

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 C Brenton attended the JCC meeting on Thursday 9 February 2023. There was a report from Police Scotland and a presentation by Moray Council. The Moray Council presentation was about the preparation of the new Local Development Plan and the new approach to community engagement, the gathering of evidence for the plan and the preparation of Local Plan Plans. A Community Mapping Event is to be held on Saturday 4th March at Forres Town Hall between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Details of for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan can be found at: http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_146726.html

10.2 The report from Police Scotland was on the effects of the cost of living crisis on policing and concerns around vulnerable people. Police Scotland are working in partnership with the NHS with regard to vulnerable people and access to resources. The report also highlighted that some types of incidents and concerns can be reported to Police Scotland via their website: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/> using the Online Reporting Forms.

10.3 The Lord Lieutenant for Moray has a grant of £10,000 for community events to encourage the Big Help Out, which will take place as part of the King's Coronation. It will also be the 50 year anniversary for Community Councils and stories about community councils are being sought by the Community Council Liaison Officer D Duke. Finally Cullen Community Council received a grant for a high quality printer. This printer is available for Community Councils to use when printing their Resilience Plans.

Item 11 Moray Councillor's Report

11.1 Cllr Mc Bain reported that the focus of activity for councilors for the past month has been the Council Budget. As the Council is a minority council, there has been cross party working on the budget for the year 2023/24. The budget will be discussed at a Council meeting on 1 March 2023 with a follow up meeting taking place on 8 March to finalise the details of the budget. The long-term sustainability of the Council will require some difficult decisions when preparing

the budget for years 2024/25.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco Village Report

12.1 There is on-going work at the eco village on the development on their area Resilience Plan. The development of the plan requires a number of different organisations to work together. However the process will provide an opportunity to build the community. A number of trees came down during the recent high winds. Fortunately, there was no injury or damage to property.

Item 13 Planning

13.1 Three planning applications have been submitted for the FKCC area and were discussed during the meeting. 23/00203/APP Erect extension and alter existing windows at 200 Findhorn (note re-submission of application 22/01342/APP). **ACTION: FKCC members to review and email A Skene with any comments.**

13.2 23/00190/APP and 23/00191/LBC Build link porch and rear store at Kinloss Parish Church – no objections.

Item 14 Any Other Competent Business

14.1 R Hutchinson reported that the community winter well-being sessions for the Watershed Sauna were being well used. However, there were not so many people from the Kinloss area taking advantage of the sessions. **ACTION: R Hutchinson to provide link to website for booking to D Low for sharing on the Barracks family social media sites.**

14.2 D Anderson highlighted the request from the Moray Council Transportation section for community councils to share the locations within their settlements where they consider that there would be a need for an exemption from penalty notices for vehicles parked on the footway, as there was no other alternative location. Footway parking occurs in Findhorn and any areas that residents consider should be exempt should be emailed to roadsafety@moray.gov.uk by 14 March 2023.

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 4th March 2023 Community Mapping Event for the new Local Development Plan from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Forres Town Hall
- Kinloss Krafty Kids Club, Kinloss Mondays between 9.00 and 11.00 Coffee and Games (free).

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 30th March 2023, 7.00pm at James Milne Institute, Findhorn