



Findochty Community Council AGM Minutes

Date: Monday 6th November 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), Morag Campbell (MC)

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

Members of Public: 4

Moray Council:

1. Chairperson Welcome:

CF welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave apologies received from Cllr Stuart, Cllr Warren and Lorna Simpson.

2. Submission and approval of the independently examined annual statement of accounts:

AW advised that the accounts had been independently audited and that she had received the Christmas Lights Accounts which were audited earlier in the year.

The current total bank balance - £7031.69

Moray Council Admin Grant -	£1288.26
Events Fund -	£0885.04
National Lottery Fund -	£1120.27
Maintenance/Flowers -	£1754.46
General Funds -	£1983.66

The committee examined and approved the account breakdowns.

3. To receive Chairperson's Annual Report:

Chairperson's Report - Year in Review - August 22 to Present

Dear Members of Findochty Community Council and Community members,

I am delighted to present the Chairperson's Report for the period from August 22, when I took over as Chair, to the present date. During this time, I feel we have accomplished a multitude of achievements that have positively impacted our community.

Community Challenges/Issues

During my time as Chair, we as a community have had some difficult and challenging issues that have been brought to us, I feel that we have dealt with these problems promptly, efficiently, with transparency and with respect for any parties involved.

Digital Presence and Communication

We reinstated our Facebook Page, enhancing our online presence and communication with community members.

Road Safety and Addressing Antisocial Behaviour

We conducted an online road safety survey, gathering valuable data to address road safety concerns in our community.

In response to concerns about speeding and antisocial behaviour, we took action. The speed indicator device was reported and fixed, and we requested speed surveys to gather further data and improve road safety. Furthermore, our efforts to tackle dog fouling were reinforced by installing additional signage.

Community Fundraising

We successfully fundraised to enable us to organize two highly successful free kids' parties, creating fun and engaging experiences for our younger residents, spreading joy and festivity among our community.

Our commitment to community spirit led us to donate £312 to the PSG of our local primary school, supporting their important initiatives.

Community Collaboration

The collaboration this year between the community council, bowling club, water sports club, church, and men's shed is a wonderful example of diverse organizations working together for the betterment of our community. This partnership has allowed for the sharing of resources and expertise, ultimately benefiting the well-being and growth of our community.

Community Enhancements

We supplied a new bench to Morven Play Park, contributing to the improvement of our public spaces. This was further supported by the fantastic efforts from Paul and Andy keeping the village looking beautiful this year.

Paul works incredibly hard year-round ensuring repairs are made when required. He made a tremendous difference down at the Hythe this year along with some helpers renewing the fence and concrete works at the benches. Paul also organises and tends to the beautiful flowers our village sports each year and our village wouldn't look the same without him. Also quietly working away in the background is Andy who gives us his free time to ensure the grass areas in the village are kept neat and tidy. Thank you to both Paul and Andy for these efforts.

Grant Success

A significant milestone was achieved when we secured a successful grant application, receiving £4400 in funding through the national lotto grant fund.

Community Events

The Community Council were able to provide crowns to the primary school for a memorable Coronation event.

The community council went on to hold a two-day celebration which included a fun day, cake decorating competition, crafts, and an afternoon tea, enhancing community togetherness.

Summer Events

We hosted a diverse range of summer events, including a pirate fun day, sandcastle competition, fishing competition, kids' craft day, The Happiness Collectors Theatre production, and a social evening featuring a disco and buffet.

Our achievements this year reflect our commitment to enhancing our community and addressing important issues. We are grateful for the dedication and support of our members and look forward to another productive year ahead.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Caroline Ferguson
Chairperson
Findochty Community Council

4. Appointment of Office Bearers:

CF and AW both expressed their desire to stand down from their roles of Chairperson and Treasurer.

AW advised she had done the role for many years but felt it was now time for her to move on. CF advised she has many different roles within the community as well as working full time and studying so would like to stand down as Chairperson but continue as a committee member.

Discussion was held regarding the vacant positions, no one on the committee came forward to fill the position of Treasurer, AW advised she would remain until a replacement could be found.

Discussion was then held regarding options for a replacement for Chairperson, CB advised she would consider the role, but no one wished to be considered to take on Secretary and filling both office roles would require permission from Moray Council.

CF agreed to remain as Chairperson for the term of her election as a council member but due to her other commitments advised meeting frequency would need to be reduced to accommodate this. It was discussed that a minimum of six meetings per year are required so meetings would be held every two months instead of monthly. CF advised that she would begin trying to source a replacement Treasurer.

- Caroline Ferguson to remain as Chairperson – Proposed by Ron Dawson and seconded by John Gardiner.
- Cheryl Birtwistle to remain as Secretary – Proposed by Caroline Ferguson and seconded by Morag Campbell.

5. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 15th January 2024 at 7pm Findochty Town Hall