



Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2023 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	D Low	Kinloss Barracks
S Moat	Vice Chairperson	A Shepherd	
D Anderson	Minute Secretary	S Worth	
R Hutchinson		Moray Councilors	
J O' Hagan		Cllr Mc Bain	
		Members of Public	
		1 in attendance for the public session	

Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – S Dominey, M La Tourelle, Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Robertson, C Low
- b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

Item 2 – Public Session

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – no incidents reported in the FKCC area.
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence -
 - i) A Skene welcomed A Shepherd (Kinloss) and S Worth (Findhorn) who were observing the meeting with a view to whether they would like to be co-opted onto the FKCC, and that as J Hynam had sadly resigned as a Community Councilor there were now 3 vacant seats on the FKCC.
 - ii) T Finnegan spoke to provide a point of clarification with regard to the legal restrictions on the flying of flags, as a follow up from the public discussion during the meeting of 31 August 2023. T Finnegan stated that there are no specific restrictions on flying flags, unless they are commercial advertisements, relate to a banned organisation or do not meet Heraldic laws.
 - iii) The FKCC received a card from the Robertson family thanking the FKCC for the apology within the minutes for the meeting of 31 August 2023.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 29th June 2023 Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

3.1 M The minutes of the meeting were agreed as being accurate, proposed by S Moat and seconded by J O'Hagan.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

4.1 (4.1) (4.1) (4.1) (11.1) As J Hynam had resigned, and no other members were available to attend the event on 14 September at Moray College in Elgin where a new 'app' was demonstrated which will assist health care professionals, professional and family carers. A replacement attendee for the Healthcare Oversight group is also required. **ACTION: A Skene check the dates for the next oversight group meeting and see who is available to attend at that time.**

4.2 (4.2) (4.3) (4.3) (12.2) R Hutchinson reported that the Resilience Plan meeting took place 12th September 2023 (see Item 14.1).

4.3 (4.3) (4.7) (8.1) A Skene spoke to the owner of the track to the rear of 'Bundon' about the replacement of the public footpath sign. The Findhorn Residents Association (FRA) were contacted to inform them that there was a willingness for the sign to be replaced.

4.4 (4.6) (12.1) The setting up of a shared Google drive for documents, minutes, agendas is on-going. **ACTION: S Moat to set up shared drive.**

4.5 (4.8) (14.1) FKCC members to consider and confirm the roles, descriptions and photographs for the flyer. **ACTION: S Moat to circulate draft flyer. ALL: provide comments to S Moat before next meeting.**

4.6 (6.1) Details of the two Motor Sports events which took place on the airfield during September were posted on social media and the FKCC notice boards.

4.7 (7.3) The street lighting column in the vicinity of 146a – 148 Findhorn has been replaced.

4.8 (11.3) Cllr Van Der Horn has shared the details of mapping service to assist communities in developing Local Place Plans (LPP). S Moat has signed up on behalf of FKCC, TFVCC and any other community group who may wish to develop a LPP.

4.9 (14.1) The changes to the FKCC bank account to remove C Brenton and add a third signatory (D Anderson) are ongoing.

4.10 (14.2) J O Hagan has continued organising the Remembrance Sunday events (see Item 14.3).

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC)

5.1 C Low provided a written update on behalf of TFVCC. There is fire break clearance scheduled for October (weather permitting) near Broomwalk, Fyrish Road and Elvin Place. Works at the boardwalks at the north beach are on-going. TFVCC will be ‘topping up’ the beach car parks and Dunes Road in the coming months (weather permitting).

5.2 There have been some issues with blockages and damage to the door locks at the toilet blocks. TFVCC will be reviewing whether one of the toilet blocks will be closed over the winter period.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 There is a new commanding officer at the base, Lt Col J Walker. He has been in post for about a month and is getting to know both the base and the local area. There are no details of planned exercises available. **ACTION: D LOW to email FKCC if there are to be exercises during October.**

6.2 Deer management activities are planned for 30th September/1st October, and 14th /15th October. However no rough shooting will take place until there has been confirmation with regards to any avian flu restrictions. On the 19th October the base will be taking part in an Environmental Day by undertaking a litter pick on Findhorn beach.

6.3 There were no complaints made to the base about noise occurring from the recent Motor Sports events on 16th and 23rd September. There will be a further similar event on 18 November. There may not be the scope to undertake mail drops to residents near the airfield this time. Therefore advance warning of the event will be through social media posts. **ACTION: S Moat to post details of the Event on FKCC social media and share with other community groups.**

6.4 The Condor Motor Sports who operate the events would like to make a donation to a local charity. **ACTION: All FKCC members to consider local charities which could benefit. Offer to be shared with FRA and TFVCC to see if they have any suggestions. Discussion on suitable charities to take place during next FKCC meeting.**

6.3 Deer management activities are planned for 2nd/3rd September, 9th/10th September, 30th September and 1st October. However no rough shooting will take place until there has been confirmation with regards to any avian flu restrictions.

Item 7 Chair’s Report

7.1 A Skene attended a meeting on 27 September 2023 about a Sustainable Learning Estate in Moray. Moray Council is reviewing how education is provided and is starting with the Forres Academy Associated School Group (ASG). This group of schools is made up of Forres Academy and eight Primary Schools. A reference group will be set up with representatives from each Community Council within the Forres Academy ASG, a member from the Parent Association for each school and some additional parents/carers.

7.2 There are no specific proposals at this time and the Council are seeking views from members of the public to help determine future provision and provide a sustainable learning estate.

There will be a consultation event at Forres Library on 24 October 2023. Information on the consultation can be found at: http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_150750.html with a survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/98R36YT> **ACTION: S Moat to post details of consultation event on FKCC social media.**

Item 8 Secretary’s Report/Correspondence

8.1 There is no Secretary’s Report.

Item 9 Treasurer’s Report

9.1 S Moat reported that the bank balance is £3,022.67, which is made up of:

Balance C/F TMC admin grant £ 2,???.??

Balance C/F Capital funds £ 1,022.13 ???

9.2 Recent payments have been made to pay for the hire of the meeting rooms at Kinloss Church and the James Milne Institute, along with the room hire and refreshments for the Resilience Planning event. Any FKCC members with expense claims are urged to complete and submit them as soon as possible.

9.3 It is time for the accounts to be audited. It was agreed that the Moray Credit Union would undertake this task.

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 The next JCC Meeting will be held on 9 November 2023 in Elgin.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 Cllr McBain reported that a meeting had taken place with the parents/carers of pupils at Forres Academy regarding the Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) present at the school. The school is partially closed however the remainder of the school remains open. The closed areas are rooms used for practical lessons, woodwork etc. and at this time pupils are being taught theory in unaffected classrooms. The school and Council officers are working on a revised plan for after the Tattie Holidays to see if practical lessons can take place at alternative locations (with pupils being transported to and from the alternative locations).

11.2 Cllr McBain shared that a project officer has been appointed to co-ordinate regeneration proposals for Forres High Street and the other town centres in Moray. He also provided an update on the mConnect public transport service which will be expanding into the Laich of Moray, Elgin and Forres areas along with a reminder about the need for the owners of short let properties to apply for a license by 30 September 2023 to enable continued operation. Applications for properties received after that date will not be allowed to be let until their license has been granted.

11.3 D Anderson asked why the current consultation on Council Budgeting is only open for a short period (from 14 September until 1 October 2023). Cllr McBain stated that there would be further opportunities for the public to provide their views. Details of this consultation can be found at:

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_150885.html with a survey at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MCBudget_24_25 (note survey closes midnight 1 October 2023).

11.4 S Moat asked if there was any specific reason that the CAT for the Forres Skate Park was not agreed at the Council meeting on 27th September 2023 and whether a lack of information contributed to the deferral. Cllr McBain stated that sufficient information had been provided within the papers.

Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco Village Report (FPEV)

12.1 There was no FPEV report.

Item 13 Planning

13.1 Two planning applications have been submitted for the FKCC area and were discussed during the meeting, no members of the public had approached FKCC members with regard to these applications.

23/01282/APP Erect domestic garage on plot 1 Fairway Heights

It was agreed that there was no planning reason to submit a response.

23/01408/APP Delete Condition 17 relating to Roads Construction Consent of planning permission in principle

19/00260/PPP on site R4 Damhead, Kinloss

Condition 17 relates to the provision of off-site infrastructure to provide a safe and suitable connection from the development to the existing footway which leads to the school and other facilities within Kinloss. It was agreed that an objection would be submitted on the basis that removing the condition could lead to a risk that this infrastructure would not be provided. **ACTION: A Skene to submit an objection to the removal of the planning condition and requesting that instead the wording of Condition 17 is amended.**

Item 14 Any Other Competent Business

14.1 R Hutchinson reported that the Resilience Event held on 12th September was well attended, including by members of the Forres, Dyke and Burghead Community Councils, which presented opportunities to talk about the sharing of assets and resources. More volunteers joined the WhatsApp group after the event. There will be a follow up meeting for local members of the community to discuss resilience on 10th October 2023 at Findhorn Village Centre at 7.00. All interested members of the Findhorn and Kinloss communities are welcome to attend.

14.2 R Hutchinson also attended a Community Resilience Training Event organised by Moray Council on 21st September 2023 which included a desk top resilience planning exercise. The setting up of a Resilience sub-committee was discussed and agreed to be an item for discussion at the next FKCC meeting. From now on Resilience Planning will return to being a separate item on the agenda. **ACTION: A Skene to add Resilience Planning item to Agenda.**

14.3 J O'Hagan confirmed that the road closure had been applied for and the wreaths had arrived for Remembrance Sunday, and that members of the local communities had been contacted with regard to their roles at the events.

ACTION: J O'Hagan seek assistance from other FKCC members, if required.

Item 15 Forthcoming Community Events

15.1 The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall promotions can be seen on website www.universalhall.co.uk
- 10th October 2023 Community Resilience meeting at Findhorn Village Centre at 7.00
- 24th October 2023 Sustainable Learning Estate for Forres ASG, all day Event, Forres Library

Item 16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 26th October 2023, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.

POST MEETING

After the meeting FKCC members discussed and reflected on how the Community Council could enhance community engagement in relation to consultations, planning applications and other matters.