



# Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

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**Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting  
held on Thursday 28 March 2024 at Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn**

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Minute Secretary	D Low	Kinloss Barracks
M La Tourelle	Chairperson	C Low	TVFCC
S Moat	Treasurer		
A Shepherd		Moray Councillors	
S Worth		Kathleen Robertson	
S Dominey		Members of Public	
		None	

**Item 1 - Welcome**

- a. Apologies – D Anderson, R Hutchison, Cllr Van der Horn.
- b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

**Item 2 – Public Session**

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – There was no March report.
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence - none

**Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss**

**3.1** The minutes of the meeting were agreed as being accurate, proposed by S Worth and seconded by A Shepherd.

**Item 4 – Matters Arising** from 29 February 2024

**4.3 (4.2) (4.3) (4.3) (4.5) (4.8) (14.1)** The updating of the draft flyer is on-going. **ACTION: missing photos and extra information to be sent to S Moat. Flyer to be finalised at next meeting.**

**4.4 (4.3) (4.4) (4.4) (4.9) (14.1)** The changes to the FKCC bank account - **COMPLETED**

**4.5 (4.4) (4.11) (13.3)** Terms of reference for resilience planning: **ACTION: A Skene/R Hutchinson to sign terms of reference once any A Skene queries had been addressed. Signed document to be sent to Community Council Liaison Officer. COMPLETED**

**4.6 (4.5) (4.14) (15.2)** Framed Armed Forces Covenant Bronze Award for the Osprey Room. **ACTION: S Moat to drop off to M la Tourelle.**

**4.7 (4.7) (6.2)** Condor Motor Sports on 23 March 2024. **ACTION: FKCC to display details of the event on noticeboards. D Low to submit article providing details of the event to the Rainbow Bridge newsletter. COMPLETED**

**4.9 (6.5)** Kinloss Barrack meeting to discuss the provision of a route through the barracks for emergency vehicles in the event of an emergency closure of the B9011 Kinloss to Findhorn Road. **ACTION: A Skene to liaise again with the Barracks to find a new date and also to request a fire officer survey of an appropriate route through the Ecovillage.**

**4.12 (15.2)** A Skene has contacted J O'Hagan and will pass the Remembrance Sunday planning files to S Worth once they are available. **ONGOING**

**5.2** Local Place Plan for Kinloss was discussed. **ACTION: A Shepherd to review information on Local Place Plans and D Anderson to provide additional information and contacts for other communities undertaking Local Place Plan work for discussion at the next FKCC meeting. COMPLETED. Refer to ITEM 15 below.**

**10.3** 'Road Safety Champions'. It is hoped that there would be a 'champion' from each established community council. **ACTION: FKCC members to consider whether they wish to represent the CC on the new group and to respond to council officers by 22 March 2024. COMPLETED**

### **Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC)**

**5.1** C Low shared that Collective Architecture is in the process of reviewing the feedback derived from the consultation on the local place plan. The stakeholder consultation was poorly attended.

**5.2** C Low reported that there was a delay in erecting the barrier at the car park but it should be up by the end of April. The motorhome barrier has also been delayed. The south toilet block has re-opened so now both toilet blocks are operational. Repair work and other preparations are being made in readiness for the new season.

### **Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report**

**6.1** D Low reported that the unit Easter leave had started, running until the 15<sup>th</sup> April. However, there will be some training over that period including exercises between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April which may involve the use of flares.

**6.2** The resilience meeting about emergency road routing had to be postponed but A Griffin will be in contact after 8<sup>th</sup> April to reschedule. It was agreed to revisit the possibility of having army representatives from the army community on the FKCC. **ACTION: A Skene to liaise with A Griffin about representation from the army community.**

### **Item 7 Chair's Report**

**7.1** A Skene thanked those who made up the FKCC team at the annual Findhorn Village Quiz on 1<sup>st</sup> March and congratulated them on their result of second place.

**7.2** A Skene attended the Learning Estate Consultation meeting in Forres on 14<sup>th</sup> March. There was an update on the condition and suitability of the school estate and groups were invited to workshop ideas and come up with creative solutions for future sustainability of schools in the Forres Associated School Group.

**7.3** A Skene attended a presentation on the Hinterland Restoration project. J Caddy would like to present to the FKCC and it was agreed that he will be invited to a future meeting.

**7.4** An MConnect drop-in session was held at the Village Centre on 21<sup>st</sup> March but there was poor attendance at the event. A Skene pointed out that the service was well used in the towns but not in rural areas where it was needed due to the lack of a regular bus service. It was acknowledged that there was a need to build awareness and make it more accessible in rural areas.

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**7.5** The meeting with the MOD on 21 March to discuss emergency road routing through the Barracks was cancelled due to unavailability of key MOD staff. A new date will be arranged.

### **Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence**

**8.1** Correspondence has been dealt with through other items.

### **Item 9 Treasurer's Report**

**9.1** S Moat provided confirmed that currently there is an additional £2,000 in the capital account which is being held on behalf of the James Milne Institute. The £2,000 is a grant from Moray Council to be used for the replacement of windows.

Bank balance is £5,185.30, which is made up of:

Balance C/F TMC admin grant           £ 1,813.17

Balance C/F Capital funds           £ 3,372.13

**ACTION: A Skene to contact the JMI management committee about handing over the £2000.00**

9.2 It was suggested that the FKCC might contribute to the village grass cutting costs undertaken by the residents committee. **ACTION: A Skene to contact S Russell to get more information about grass cutting costs**

### **Item 10 Joint Community Council**

10.1 There has been no Joint Community Council meeting since February. The next JCC Meeting will be held on 9 May 2024 (venue to be confirmed).

### **Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report**

11.1 Cllr Robertson reported that a one-off award of £15,000.00 from the Revenue Budget was made available to the four Forres Moray Councillors to distribute to the Ward 8 Community Councils. It was decided to grant £2000 to the FKCC to pass on to the JMI to go towards the costs of replacement windows.

11.2 The recent budget aligned to the Corporate Plan which has three key priorities: (1) Tackle poverty and inequality; (2) Build thriving, resilient, empowered communities; (3) Build a stronger, greener, vibrant economy. It was the first cross-party budget in 10 years.

11.3 Community wardens will be increased from 2 to 4 and youth workers increased from 4 to 8.

11.4 Two upcoming dates for the diary: D Day Celebration on the Pier at Findhorn on 6<sup>th</sup> June; Royal Regiment of Scotland will be given the Freedom of Moray on the 8<sup>th</sup> June and there will be celebratory parades.

11.5 The final two potential sites have been identified for the replacement Forres Academy; on farmland at Lochyhill and at Roysvale /Applegrove PS. The public are now invited and encouraged to take part in an online survey to share views on their preferred site. The survey runs until 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024. A community drop-in session will be held in the Forres Town hall on 18<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – 7pm. **Survey link:**

[https://newsroom.moray.gov.uk/news/moray-council-launches-engagement-on-the-site-of-new-forres-academy?fbclid=IwAR1OIkTa\\_fRp3smtYssjK\\_L6v\\_A2pJOBuwpjgvmS393clgkvbF6dcwNIM\\_aem\\_ASMhQqLiFzObZNelsv2G7p3UeFEYyCtPWdunchOnC0xbVIZPhLr7M2rj361p0zZTSGZEwLuJMGrUNiqi-ERHCqxeT](https://newsroom.moray.gov.uk/news/moray-council-launches-engagement-on-the-site-of-new-forres-academy?fbclid=IwAR1OIkTa_fRp3smtYssjK_L6v_A2pJOBuwpjgvmS393clgkvbF6dcwNIM_aem_ASMhQqLiFzObZNelsv2G7p3UeFEYyCtPWdunchOnC0xbVIZPhLr7M2rj361p0zZTSGZEwLuJMGrUNiqi-ERHCqxeT)

11.6 The Best Value report has been published and no follow-up report will be required. Transformation at pace is needed over the next few years.

### **Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)**

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that the Local Place Plan working group and feedback group are reviewing all the contributions to the plan.

12.2 Park Ecovillage Emergency Resilience Planning: Continuation of annual update/review and meeting with key people including the New Findhorn Association; the Title Holders Association about renewal of the fire defense contract; those involved with food security (Cullerne Gardens), Infrastructure (pumps, living machine, security etc), emergency routing through the Park. M la Tourelle advised that discussion with a Fire Officer would be beneficial. **ACTION: A Skene to contact the Fire Service to invite a fire officer to make a site visit to the Park to discuss an emergency route if the B9011 closed.**

12.3 Motor Sport Event On 23<sup>rd</sup> March was well publicised and there was no sound disturbance in the Park on the day.

### **Item 13 Resilience Planning**

13.1 The Findhorn Village Community Resilience Group (CRG) did not meet in March as plenty has been going on behind the scenes. The 'Emergency Plan' is nearing completion by a small sub group within the CRG. Plans are still underway to liaise with Kinloss Barracks regarding an alternative route to and from the village if the main road becomes blocked and the flyer for all village residents with more CRG information and a map of the 'zones' is ready to be printed and distributed next month. Members of the CRG have also been meeting up informally to discuss topics/potential issues/ needs within their specific zone which will be reported at the next meeting. The CRG will meet again on the 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Village Centre. New members who live in Findhorn Village are most welcome. We are still looking for a resident within the Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council area to fill the Resilience Coordinator role. Please contact [mail@fkcc.online](mailto:mail@fkcc.online) for more details.

#### **Item 14 Planning**

**14.1** Nine planning applications have been submitted for the FKCC area and these were discussed during the meeting. The nine applications for properties 55, 61, 73, 74, 75, 85, 86, 91, 92, 143 in Findhorn were concerned with addressing flood prevention measures. All applications were seeking permission to install either UPVC doors or flood gates. **ACTION: S Worth to consult with Moray Council planning department regarding the use of UVPC in the conservation area.**

**14.2** S Worth will attend a Moray Council 'teams' meeting about the appeals procedures for planning applications.

#### **Item 15 Any Other Competent Business**

**15.1** Before the meeting A Shepherd had circulated information about a Local Place Plan with regard to Kinloss. A template is available and it could be done with a light touch. The process is about engagement, consultation, drafting and delivery. The consultation requirement is significant but Kinloss is spread over four population centres with no community hub. However, there are places for consultation, for example, the school. Barracks, pub so the potential for consultation exists but it would be a big job. There is not a strong sense of what people want for Kinloss so consultation would be crucial. A strong, committed group of volunteers would be required for 3-4 years to engage and deliver in Kinloss. A draft LLP would need to be submitted to Moray Council by end of September and the resources are not available to do this. As a start -

**ACTION: A Shepherd will reach out to the Kinloss primary school and Forres Academy Modern Studies Department regarding engagement with the community council and to attract youth representation.**

#### **Item 16 Forthcoming Community Events**

**16.1** The following forthcoming events were shared:

- Universal Hall promotions can be seen on website [www.universalhall.co.uk](http://www.universalhall.co.uk)
- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Findhorn Village Community Resilience Group meeting at 7.00pm at Findhorn Village Centre.

**Item 17 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.00pm at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss.