



Findhorn and Kinloss

Community Council

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Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting
held on Thursday 25 April 2024 at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	C Low	TFVCC
M La Tourelle	Vice Chairperson		
D Anderson	Minute Taker		
A Shepherd		Moray Councillors	
S Worth		Paul McBain	
S Dominey		Members of Public	
		Two members of the public joined the meeting in relation to Item 14.1	

Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – S Moat, R Hutchison, Cllr Robertson, A Griffin.
- b. Declaration of Interest – to be raised as and when it occurs.

Item 2 – Public Session

- a. Community Safety Report/Police Scotland Report – There were no obvious incidents reported in the Findhorn and Kinloss area.
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence - none

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 28th March 2024 Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

3.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as being accurate, proposed by M La Tourelle and seconded by A Shepherd.

Item 4 – Matters Arising from 28th March 2024

4.1 (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.**

4.2 (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.**

4.3 (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. A Skene has contact details for Fire Officer and will continue to try to make contact. **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.**

4.4 (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**

4.5 (6.2) The resilience meeting about emergency road routing has yet to be rescheduled, see item 4.3 above.

4.6 (9.1) A Moray Council grant of £2000.00 has been transferred from the capital account on behalf to the James Milne Institute, which will go towards the costs of replacement windows in the JMI.

4.7 (9.2) A Skene contacted S Russell of the Findhorn Residents Association regarding a contribution towards grass cutting costs in Findhorn. It was agreed that this year a contribution of £250 would be made towards the grass cutting at the playing fields. **ACTION: A Skene to contact S Russell to arrange contribution towards grass cutting costs**

4.8 (12.2) Emergency routing through the Park Ecovillage, see item 4.3 above.

4.9 (14.1) S Worth contacted Moray Council planning regarding the nine applications for properties 55, 61, 73, 74, 75, 85, 86, 91, 92, 143 Findhorn for the use to UPVC items to enable flood protection. Moray Council did not commit to any specific view on the use of this material. D Anderson highlighted that UPVC can now look very much like wood and that wood would not provide an effective flood barrier. It was agreed that no representation would be made.

4.10 (15.1) Kinloss community engagement strategy is on-going. **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 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC)

5.1 C Low shared that payment barrier will be installed in early May and that the planning application to vary the number of overnight stays permitted at the motorhome area has yet to be determined.

5.2 Work with Collective Architecture on the Findhorn village Local Place Plan (LPP) is ongoing and there remains a poor level of response from the stakeholder group. A newsletter providing an update on the LPP will be distributed to households in the coming weeks.

5.3 Discussions regarding the community purchase of Findhorn Church are on-going. C Low also reported that she had attended the Coastal Adaption Plan consultation at the Village Centre on 16th April, which was well attended, and had discussed the recent coastal erosion with Moray Council officers (see Item 7.1 below).

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 No report from Kinloss Barracks due to staff leave.

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 A Skene reported the coastal erosion along the bay between the War Memorial and Fyrish Road, resulting from a series of weather events and high tides, was reported to the Moray Council on 10th April. Council officers have visited and will be working with their contractor to install temporary protection measures during week commencing 29th April. A scheme to provide permanent protection measures is being designed. However, funding for these measures will need to be approved by the senior management team at Moray Council. S Worth has been visiting the bay and photographing the erosion on a near daily basis. D Anderson suggested that the photographs are shared with the Moray Council Flood Risk Management (MFRM) team. Coastal Erosion will be a separate agenda item for future Community Council meetings. **ACTION: D Anderson to ask MFRM to include A Skene in future correspondence regarding the coastal erosion at this location so updates can be provided to the community on a regular basis and if they would like to receive copies of S Worth's photographs.**

7.2 A Skene shared that there will be a meeting on 7th May to discuss the use of the Southside developer contribution. The meeting will be at the Cumming Hall and start at 6.30. **ACTION: A Skene to contact former FKCC members from Kinloss to share the details of the meeting.**

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence has been dealt with through other items.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 No Treasurer's report for this month. S Moat has resigned as Treasurer. A Shepherd volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer. **ACTION: A Skene, S Moat and A Shepherd to liaise to arrange handover, including change of banking details.**

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 at 7pm in the supper room of Elgin Town Hall.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 Cllr McBain reported that it has been a very busy time at Moray Council and that the current Chief Executive of the Council will be retiring in May. An interim Chief Executive has been appointed who will be in place until a new Chief Executive has been recruited.

11.2 Cllr McBain attended the Moray Transport Forum which discussed public transport and active travel. It was noted that the recent mConnect event held in Findhorn had a low attendance which may have been related to the provision of a timetabled bus service linking the village to both Elgin and Forres.

11.3 The consultation for the two potential sites identified for the replacement Forres Academy closed on 25th April 2024. The results of the consultation and recommendations will be presented to the Education, Children and Leisure Services Committee on 14 May 2024.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that a meeting was held on 24th April where the Ecovillage Findhorn Community Benefit Society (EF CBS) presented to the Community a map of the Ecovillage showing the areas that the Findhorn Foundation (FF) (as landowner) want to retain, and the areas that will be available for purchase. The FF has offered to the EF CBS rights of first refusal (ROFR), otherwise known as pre-emption rights, for three areas within the Park Ecovillage. EF CBS shared information on the financial considerations associated with the offer, which were the outcome of negotiations between the FF and the EF CBS. Attendees at the meeting voiced appreciation for the work undertaken by the FF and their generosity in relation to the proposals. An informal 'temperature check' was taken in the Universal Hall (100 people approx.) for the first area of land to be considered which showed whelming approval. EF CBS will now arrange a formal poll of its members as part of the next steps for the process.

12.2 The information presented during the meeting is key to the progression of the Park Ecovillage Local Place Plan. The chair of the Park Ecovillage Local Place Plan group has a meeting with Moray Council to discuss the progress on the plan to date.

12.3 An informal meeting was held with representatives from EF CBS, TFVCC, FKCC and Findhorn Residents Association to discuss LPPs and the future of both communities. Many of the issues, e.g. aging population, are shared.

Item 13 Resilience Planning

13.1 No update on resilience plans for Findhorn Village or the Park Ecovillage.

Item 14 Planning

14.1 Two members of the public attended to share their views on planning application 24/00420/APP 43c Findhorn – alter, extend and change use of fisherman's store to dwellinghouse. Concerns were raised regarding the loss of open space and the impact on the character of this part of the village. There also appears to be inconsistencies between the drawings submitted for this application. **ACTION: S Worth to submit representation on behalf of the Community Council, querying inconsistencies and raising concerns.**

Item 15 Any Other Competent Business

15.1 Events are being organised across Moray to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, including an event at The Piers in Findhorn on 6th June. **ACTION: A Skene to contact the Lord Lieutenant's office to find out the details of any other local events.**

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
- Volunteer's Market Place 15th May 2024 10.00 – 12.00 at Forres Town Hall

Item 17 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 30th May 2024, 7.00pm at the Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn.