



# Findhorn and Kinloss

## Community Council

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**Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting**  
**held on Thursday 30 May 2024 at Osprey Room, JMI, Findhorn**

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Minute Taker	C Low	TFVCC
M La Tourelle	Chairperson		
R Hutchison			
S Worth		Moray Councilors	
		Paul McBain	
		Members of Public	
		No members of the public joined the meeting.	

### **Item 1 - Welcome**

- a. Apologies – D Anderson, A Shepherd, S Dominey, Shaun Moat, 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 – three items:
  - 1) Pop Up Library Programme: proposal for a regular library service in the community providing loans of reading materials and online library services. **ACTION: A Skene to request a trial for a period of time and enquire about funding for renting a community space.**
  - 2) Request from J Caddy to give a short presentation to the FKCC about the Duneland Restoration Project. **ACTION: A Skene to contact him to offer him 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.**
  - 3) Consultation on the Flood Resilience Strategy. It was agreed to take part. **ACTION: S Worth, M la Tourelle and R Hutchison to liaise to complete the consultation survey.**

### **Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at Culbin Room, Kinloss Church.**

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

### **Item 4 – Matters Arising** from 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

- 4.1** 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. ONGOING**
- 4.2** Framed Armed Forces Covenant Bronze Award for the Osprey Room. **ACTION: S Moat to drop off to M la Tourelle. COMPLETED** (handed over to A Skene)
- 4.3** Kinloss Barracks meeting to discuss the provision of a route through the barracks for emergency vehicles in the event of a prolonged 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. COMPLETED**

**4.4** A Skene has contacted J O'Hagan and will pass the Remembrance Sunday planning files to S Worth once they are available. **COMPLETED**

**4.5** It was agreed to revisit the possibility of having a representative from the army community on the FKCC **ACTION: A Skene to liaise with A Griffin about army representation on the FKCC. ONGOING.**

**4.6** 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. COMPLETED**

**4.7** Kinloss community engagement strategy. **ACTION: A Shepherd to reach out to Kinloss PS and Forres Academy Modern Studies Department regarding engagement with the community council and to attract youth representation. PROCESS HAS BEGUN AND WILL CONTINUE NEXT TERM**

**4.8 (7.1)** Moray Council Flood Risk Management (MRFM) team: coastal erosion to be a separate agenda item at FKCC meetings. **ACTION: D Anderson to ask MRFM to include A Skene in future correspondence regarding the coastal erosion in Findhorn so regular updates can be provided and ask if they would like to receive photos from S Worth. COMPLETED**

**4.9 (7.2)** Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May to discuss use of Southside Developer Contribution. **ACTION: A Skene to contact former Kinloss FKCC members about the meeting. COMPLETED**

**4.10 (9.1)** Handover of Treasurer responsibilities. **ACTION: A Skene, S Moat, A Shepherd to arrange. COMPLETED**

**4.11 (14.1)** Planning Application 14/00420/APP 43c Findhorn alter, extend, change use of fisherman's store to dwelling house. **ACTION: S Worth to submit representation from FKCC. COMPLETED.**

**4.12 (15.1)** 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, event at the piers on 6<sup>th</sup> June. **ACTION: A Skene to contact the Lord Lieutenant's Office to get details of event. COMPLETED**

### **Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company**

**5.1** The new payment barrier at Findhorn Beach, West Car Park has been installed and is operational. Approximately 80 Findhorn Village residents have applied for an annual car park pass and have been issued with access tokens.

**5.2** Wood has been ordered for the viewing platform at the top of the beach 'no step access ramp' at the Findhorn Beach West Car Park.

**5.3** A funding application has been submitted to the Community Land Unit requesting funds to undertake feasibility studies related to the purchase of Findhorn Church. Working groups are needed to take this project forward.

**5.4** Findhorn is gaining a raised media profile. C Low was acknowledged for her work with the media. There have been several filming events in recent months.

**5.5** The media have been interested in the coastal erosion along the Bay Road and have been taking pictures and interviewing residents about the emergency works recently completed. Regarding surface water, flood doors have been approved for residents at risk of flooding.

**5.6** The Moray Council has approved the planning application to increase maximum stay to three nights at the motorhome stopover.

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

**6.1** No report from Kinloss Barracks. **ACTION: A Skene to talk to A Griffin about provision of future reports.**

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

**7.1** On 7<sup>th</sup> May, A Skene chaired a public engagement meeting in the Cumming hall, Kinloss to discuss the Southside developer contribution fund. There was a reasonable turnout of interested residents. Also in attendance was L Cameron from the Moray Council Community Support Unit. She will work with a group of supportive participants from the local community to take the suggested project ideas forward.

**7.2** A Skene reported that she had attended the Forres Locality Planning Group meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May. The Forres Lossiemouth Locality Profile was the key area for discussion. Performance indicators and statistics for the categories of housing, general health, lifestyle and risk factors, hospital and community care were studied. The local area performs well in these categories compared to the rest of Scotland. However, there is high prevalence of physical long-term conditions in the over 65 age group in Forres, including, arthritis, cancer, coronary heart disease, diabetes. It was acknowledged that there needs to be more promotion and proactive management of physical activity for all age groups, and better education to encourage lifestyle changes for improved health care. Suggestions included more promotion in schools, roadshows and community support teams. Plans will be made to engage more thoroughly with the wider community. Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> June.

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

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

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

**9.1** FKCC Finances

Administrative Grant	£1648.30
Capital Grant	£1122.13
TOTAL	£2770.43

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

**10.1** There was no-one available to attend the JCC Meeting held on 9 May 2024 at 7pm in Elgin Town Hall. The minutes have been circulated to all members. Next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Venue tbc.

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

**11.1** Cllr McBain talked about the value of the Joint Community Council and whether it was in need of revamping.

**11.2** Cllr McBain reported that Roddy Burns, the chief executive of Moray Council had retired and that John Mundell the new CE was now in post.

**11.3** Due to the upcoming election, Moray Council is now in Purdah. The council will observe discretion about making new announcements or decisions that could be viewed as political or influence voters.

**11.4** Three Moray Councillors will be candidates in the General Election. Big changes in the Council will result if any or all of them are elected. Councillors may have to work in the summer recess to be ready for the new council term on the 8<sup>th</sup> August. Due to changes in constituency boundaries, there will be two Members of Parliament in the Moray area.

**11.5** The full Moray Council approved the Roysvale/Applegrove site for the new Forres Academy. This decision was supported by the four Forres Councillors.

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

**12.1** Three Options have been presented to the Ecovillage Findhorn Community Benefit Society (EF) for the purchase of property and land from the Findhorn Foundation (FF). All three options have been agreed by 97% of registered EF members.

**12.2** Resilience planning – emergency access route through the Park Ecovillage: exploratory walk with a chief fire officer took place on 27<sup>th</sup> May. The proposed route was thought to be satisfactory and the next step will be to test suitability for a fire appliance.

**12.3** M la Tourelle reported that she had attended a Local Place Plan feedback group meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May. The work is ongoing.

**12.4** Ecovillage Findhorn is holding open weekly café meetings where people can ask questions about developments in the Park and put forward ideas. These café sessions are well attended.

### **Item 13 Resilience Planning**

**13.1** Overall Emergency Plans for Findhorn Village are being finalised. A comprehensive flyer is ready to go to the printers and will be delivered to every house in the village. It will give information about what the Community Resilience Group (CRG) can and cannot do. Zoning of the village has been completed and a zone map has been produced with two representatives identified for each zone.

**13.2** The CRG have asked the FKCC for funds to pay for the printing of 450 flyers estimated at £100. Agreed unanimously.

**13.3** Outfit Moray free first aid training – 2 members will attend from the CRG.

### **Item 14 Coastal Erosion**

**14.1** Moray Council reacted quickly to the coastal erosion adjacent to the Bay Road between 208 Findhorn and the War Memorial but the temporary barrier works are only a sticking plaster. There are some stretches of bad erosion. At 207/208 the newly placed stonework is already falling off and the top level of sand is coming away due to heavy rain and wind. It is a fragile and serious situation. **ACTION: Cllr McBain to find out about the tender process and the timeline for further works.**

### **Item 15 Planning**

**15.1 24/00745/APP** – Replace existing window opening with a new access door at Beach View, Findhorn House, Findhorn Yacht Club. **ACTION: S Worth will contact Moray Council to request more detail and await consultation response from HES.**

**24/00746/LBC** – Replace existing window opening with a new access door at Beach View, Findhorn House, Findhorn Yacht Club. FKCC will await HES response

**24/00492/APP** – S42 application to vary conditions 2, 4, 5 and 10 of planning permission 23/01156/APP associated with the reconfiguration of the foul pumping stations at Kinloss Barracks. No objection.

**24/00575/APP** – Replace existing Ballachulish slates with Hasting Spanish slates at the Lodge, Findhorn IV36 3YE. **ACTION: S Worth to contact Moray Council for more information and await consultation response from HES.**

**24/00719/APP** – Revise house design approved under ref 21/00220/APP to erect dwellinghouse and detached domestic garage on Plot19, Fairway Heights. No Objection

**Item16. Any Other Competent Business - None**

### **Item 17 Forthcoming Community Events**

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

- Universal Hall promotions can be seen on website [www.universalhall.co.uk](http://www.universalhall.co.uk)
- Forres Scottish Week 1-9 June

**Item 18 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.00pm at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss.