



Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

Minutes of Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 29 August 2024 at Osprey Room, James Milne Institute, Findhorn

Present		Attendance	
A Skene	Chairperson	S Kane	Kinloss Barracks
D Anderson	Minute Taker	A Griffin	Kinloss Barracks
R Hutchison			
S Worth		Moray Councillors	
M La Tourelle			
A Shepherd			
		Members of Public	
		Two members of the public joined the meeting.	

Item 1 - Welcome

- a. Apologies – S Dominey, Cllr Robertson, Cllr McBain, 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 were no obvious incidents reported in the Findhorn and Kinloss area.
- b. Any other competent public business / public correspondence – four items:
 - 1) Southside Developer Contribution Fund

The funds held by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the community from the sale of the Southside development have now been transferred to the FKCC account to be held and drawn upon until projects at Southside have been completed. The appropriateness of FKCC holding these funds on the behalf of the community has been confirmed by the Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO) and a letter sent to the MoD. R Hutchinson queried whether the funds could be held in an account with a higher rate of interest. **Action: A Skene to check with the CCLO to see whether this is acceptable.**
 - 2) Resignation of Associate Member

S Moat has informed the FKCC that he wishes to resign. However, there are still outstanding actions from the transfer of Treasurer duties to A Shepherd. Resignation to be accepted once these actions have been completed.
 - 3) Vice-Chair Position

M La Tourelle has come of the end of the six-month period as Vice-Chairperson. **Action: A Skene to check community council constitution to see whether there was a requirement to have a vice-chairperson.**
 - 4) Proposed Removal of Stagecoach Bus Service No.32 from Kinloss and Findhorn

Over the summer M La Tourelle has organised and held a series of meetings regarding the Stagecoach Bus Service No.32, including formal meetings with Stagecoach and community update meetings held in The Park. She has provided regular update articles to the weekly community magazine The Rainbow Bridge. A Skene thanked M La Tourelle for all her hard work on this matter, which has been time sensitive and is a

great concern to many members of the community.

The status of the actions from the previous FKCC meeting are as follows:

4.1 a) A Shepherd to check that the paper version of the petition is available in Kinloss shops. Completed.

4.1 b) Cllr McBain to seek to place a paper version of the petition in the Forres Post Office. Unknown

4.1 c) A Skene to set up working group. Not applicable as group formed in A Skene's absence, led by M La Tourelle.

4.1 d) M La Tourelle, S Russell from Findhorn Residents Association, A Griffin Kinloss Barracks and Cllr Van der Horn to attend meeting with Stagecoach on 8th July 2024. Following the meeting, FKCC to submit a formal response to the consultation for the proposed amendments to the No.32 Service to remove the section of the route which serves Kinloss and Findhorn to Stagecoach. Completed.

Following the meeting on 8th July, the Moray Council Public Transport Manager investigated options for the provision of buses linking Findhorn and Kinloss to Forres. These options were reported to the Moray Council on 13 August 2024 (first meeting of the Council following the summer recess). The options were:

Option – 1 Do Nothing

Option 2 – Community Led Bus Service

Option 3 – Incorporate into Phase 2 of the Bus Revolution Project (expansion of m-Connect demand responsive service) as part of a potential Laich of Moray Coastal service connection to Burghead, Hopeman and Lossiemouth.

Option 4 – Fund additional m.Connect demand responsive service.

It was agreed that Option 3 would be taken forward for wider development and consideration at a following Council meeting on 25th September 2024.

A copy of the report can be found on the Moray Council website at:

<https://moray.cmis.uk.com/moray/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=IKLODLBAhgd2EURp1I7oSRceFF3Uw%2f36LURZyevddCzuZ%2bxkga6DA%3d%3d&rUzwrP%2bZ3zd4E7Ikn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNIh225F5QMaQWctPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFFxsDGW9IXnlg%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAjvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJff55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9QjjOag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7XOCSQK=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJff55vVA%3d>

The Moray Council's m.Connect team have been providing information to the community on how to use the current service. Leaflets are available in The Park and Village Centre. Information on m.Connect can be found on the Moray Council's website at: http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_125954.html In the meantime, Stagecoach is operating one service a day in the early morning to Elgin, which returns at the end of the day. This is to provide access to work in Elgin and for students to get to the Moray College. M La Tourelle reported that within The Park, people are coming together to offer lifts to those without access to a car. A Shepherd reported that a local employer is finding it difficult for their staff to travel to work. D Anderson suggested putting that employer in touch with the officer expanding the m.Connect service who has been working with other employers across Moray.

Item 3 – Ratification of Minutes of Meeting from Thursday 27th June 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 27th June 2024

4.1 (2.b) see Public Session above.

4.2 (4.3) (2.b.3) Flood Resilience Strategy consultation: **ACTION: S Worth, M la Tourelle and R Hutchison to liaise to complete the consultation survey.** ON-GOING

4.3 (4.5) (4.7) (15.1) Kinloss community engagement strategy is ongoing. **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.** ON-GOING and to be taken off the Agenda.

4.4 (4.7) (14.1) Coastal erosion between 208 Findhorn and the War memorial. **ACTION: Cllr McBain to find out about the tender process and the timeline for further works.** Cllr McBain was not present to provide an update. **POST MEETING UPDATE:** Design work is on-going and topographical surveys were undertaken on 2 September.

4.5(5.6) The wall at Findhorn War Memorial has been repaired.

4.6 (13.4) R Hutchinson highlighted the concerns raised about what would happen should the Main Road into Findhorn experience a sudden collapse due to coastal erosion. **ACTION: R Hutchinson to write to Moray Council for confirmation of procedures should there be a sudden collapse of the Main Road due to coastal erosion.** This action was not required following discussions at the Resilience Planning meeting of 2 July 2024 where a protocol was set up for informing the Council and Police Scotland of any sudden collapse of the road.

Item 5 The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

5.1 No report.

Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report

6.1 S Kane has returned to Kinloss and is now the second part of the job share for the role of community liaison. There will be flying exercises taking place at the Barracks from 15 September to the 4 October. This will include nighttime flying.

6.2 The Barracks will be hosting Park Run on the 31st August, there will be a Motorsports event on the airfield on 14 September and on 10 September there will be a community briefing event held in the Cumming Hall from 6.30pm where 39 Regiment will provide an update on their activities.

6.3 With the closure of the Kinloss Krafty Kids care facility the community has been experiencing difficulties in finding childcare. The MoD and other agencies are seeking a workable solution to the sudden loss of this service.

6.4 The next stage of the development of the Major Incident Plan is a desk top exercise. A Griffin will co-ordinate dates with A Skene and R Hutchison regarding the exercise.

6.5 D Anderson raised concerns that the beech hedge to the west of the Primary School is encroaching onto the footway making it narrow for pedestrians and its height is starting to obstruct sightlines of the 20mph School signs.

ACTION: A Griffin/S Kane to speak to estates team at the barracks to arrange for the cutting back of the MoD's hedge.

Item 7 Chair's Report

7.1 See Public Session item 4 and other matters raised throughout minutes.

Item 8 Secretary's Report/Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence has been dealt with through other items.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

9.1 A Shepherd reported that the changes to the signatories for the account on-going and full access has yet to be transferred. **ACTION: A Shepherd and S Skene to liaise with S Moat to finalise handover of Treasurer's role.** A Skene stated that the admin grant from Moray Council was to be discussed at the next Joint Community Council meeting in November.

Item 10 Joint Community Council

10.1 The draft minutes from the August Joint Community Council meeting are available. The next meeting will be on 7th November 2024, the venue has yet to be confirmed.

Item 11 Moray Councilors' Report

11.1 No report.

Item 12 Park Ecovillage, Findhorn Report (PEVF)

12.1 M La Tourelle reported that activity of the Local Place Plan was on-going and other activities related to a series of meetings and discussions relating to the withdrawal of the Stagecoach no 32 service, see item 2b) 4 above.

Item 13 Resilience Planning

13.1 M La Tourelle reported that a resilience event had taken place at the PEVF which highlighted the differences between emergency and community resilience and that R Nicol from Moray Council had been in touch to arrange a meeting for both the PEVF and Findhorn Village Resilience Plans.

13.2 R Hutchison reported that the Findhorn Village resilience meeting in July discussed and set up a protocol to be followed should there be a sudden need to close the B9011 main road through the village. There is now an agreement in place for the use of the access through the Findhorn Sands Caravan Park in an emergency. The Findhorn Village

Centre has been designated as a 'safe space'. However, there is currently no power source independent of the grid to provide heating/light. R Hutchinson has been investigating funding for battery storage and how a generator could be used to provide power in the event of a prolonged power outage.

13.3 The next resilience plan meeting will be on 17 September at 7.00pm in the Findhorn Village Centre.

Item 14 Coastal Erosion

14.1 See item 4.4 above.

Item 15 Planning

15.1 The following planning applications have been submitted and were discussed:

24/01003/APP Revise design approved under ref. 21/00246/APP to alter and extend dwelling house at Copperfield, Whiteinch, Forres.

24/01150/APP Alter and extend dwellinghouse, relocate oil tank at Greenwhins, 7 Findhorn, Forres

24/01136/APP Alter and extend dwellinghouse at 196 Findhorn, Forres

24/01126/APP Alter and extend dwellinghouse at 54 Findhorn, Forres

24/01234/S75 Update section 75 agreement against planning permission 19/00260/PPP to incorporate application 23/01408/APP (S42 application) on Site R4 Damhead, Kinloss, Forres

24/01304/CLE Flat 17 Culbin Sands Apartments, Findhorn Certificate of Lawfulness to operate flat as short term let.

24/01332/APP Erect dwellinghouse on site to rear of 208 Findhorn

15.2 An extension for the time to respond has been requested for planning application 24/01136/APP to enable the submission of response.

Item 16. Any Other Competent Business

- a) Recruitment to FKCC – there are three vacancies on the community council to be filled. Members encouraged to spread the word and interested persons to contact the FKCC.
- b) Remembrance Sunday – S Worth update

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

Item 18 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26th September 2024, 7.00pm at the Culbin Room, Kinloss Church, Kinloss