

FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (F & K CC)

Minutes of Community Council meeting held in Cumming Hall, Kinloss on 30th January 2014

Present: Les Morgan (Chair), Frank Allan, Patrick Carroll, Sue Finnegan, Harvey Morton, Derek Morton, Francine Rietberg, Heather Schoeman and Jade Kellas (Youth Members), Jen O'Hagan (Sec/Minutes), Cllr Skene, Cllr Alexander

In attendance: Sel Williams (39 Engineer Regiment), Sgt Jones (Police Scotland) Item 2, 1 member of public

Item 1 - Apologies: Cllr Cresswell, Cllr McLean, Mo Hyde, Tanya McLaren, Peter Finch

Item 2 - Public session:

2.1 Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Jade Kellas. Heather Schoeman arriving later.

2.2 Police Scotland report 1) 2 persons charged with possession of Cannabis in car stopped in Kinloss. 2) John Deere Buggy stolen from HRN Tractors at Kinloss; enquiry ongoing. 3) Bicycle stolen in Findhorn; been recovered and male charged. 4) Vehicle stopped in Kinloss with no MOT. 5) Several fixed penalty tickets issued for speeding in recent months. 6) Number of thefts from insecure vehicles in Forres. Reminder to be vigilant.

Sgt Jones advised that the SPA board will meet on 30/01/14 to discuss proposed structure. If approved full engagement with staff, management and unions will need to take place. The proposed structure follows a comprehensive review and identified improvement through fewer, but larger sites, enhanced by ICT systems. The new proposed sites would be West Command Area Control (CAC) – (Govan & Motherwell), East CAC – (Bilston Glen), North CAC – (Dundee) and National Command Base (Inverness).

Discussion took place as to effects locally and possible loss of local knowledge.

Chairman thanked Sgt Jones for his report. (Heather joined meeting).

Item 3 – Minutes of last meeting:

3.1 Minutes of meeting held on 28/11/13 were ratified. Proposed Pat Carroll, seconded Sue Finnegan.

Item 4 – Matters Arising:

4.1 Youth reps – 2 members welcomed. Duties/roles will be discussed in later Item.

4.2 Bird Hide access – now resolved. Raise again if problem persists.

4.3 Banks near Dunes Rd – Discussion centred on bank up on west and east side, vehicle access, road condition and who was responsible for maintaining, given part of land privately purchased.

4.4 Street lighting – Discussion on questionnaire developed by Sue Finnegan. Copies to be made and accessed by community in Findhorn. Derek Morton advised limited options available in Kinloss, given lights not compatible with dimming in most areas. Agreed responses to be collated at end of February 14, when Moray Council (MC) will be advised of proposals.

Action – Jen O'Hagan (photocopy), Sue Finnegan (collate responses).

4.5 Disabled parking – Harvey Morton followed up parking space – no longer required.

4.6 Generic email – some confusion over its access and use. Frank Allan not yet had access. Agreed following discussion that everyone would access for information, but follow up emails would be direct to personal accounts.

4.7 Review of Leisure facilities – Les Morgan attended presentation – All welcome to complete the questionnaire/make comments either online or via post.

4.8 Findhorn toilets – Jen O'Hagan made enquiries with Stephen Cooper (MC). Following exploration, it was established that toilets remain with MC at present. If future review of toilets is necessary, interested parties are encouraged to consult each other – currently Findhorn Conservation Group and Scouts.

Item 5 – Chairman's report:

5.1 Novar Estate and Findhorn Village Conservation Company are in discussion re purchase of land. Views of CC wanted by end of January 14. Frank Allan gave a helpful overview of FVCC land purchase for the benefit of youth members and new CC members unfamiliar with the process.

Action – Chairman to send agreed comments to FVCC Consultant, Duncan Brydon.

5.2 Response to letter from Ann Milston re Spaceport in Kinloss.

Action – Chairman to send agreed comments.

5.3 Youth member duties. Heather Schoeman and Jade Kellas have agreed to progress the use of social media to help connect with local people and possibly gather views in future consultations.

Action – Chairman to arrange admin access to F+KCC Face Book page.

5.4 Chairman requested that replies to his e-mail requests for comments be returned within 3 days, if possible.

Item 6 – Secretary’s report:

6.1 A number of consultations have been issued by MC since the last meeting in November, examples being Water & Sewerage charges Exemption Scheme, Taxi Conditions and Public Entertainment Licensing. All have access via g-mail and are welcome to respond.

6.2 Letter received from Democratic Services Manager advising that Mary Vines is no longer eligible for membership, given she is no longer resident in the community council area. This seat is now available for co-option.

Item 7 – Treasurer’s report:

7.1 Cheque received from MC taking balance to £3,275.87. No movement since last meeting. Despite great efforts from Frank Allan and Francine Rietberg, mandate for signatories will need to be re-submitted due to bank error. Cllr Alexander suggested everyone involved should attend bank together as likely to result in a resolution. Agreed date in principle of 06/02/14 2pm.

Action – Les Morgan, Frank Allan and Francine Reitberg.

Item 8 – JCCM report:

8.1 Pat Carroll and Les Morgan to attend next meeting on 13 Feb. Chairman sent to JCC our agreed response that tsiMoray should not represent Moray Community Councils on the Community Planning Board.

Item 9 – Moray Councillors’ Report:

9.1 Cllr Skene - advised of launch of Moray Children & Young People’s Service Plan that brings together all plans collaboratively. Also the Autism Strategy 10 year plan for children and adults has been launched.

9.2 Full Council has agreed the Western Link Road to the development plan.

9.3 The Education Review continues – reports from workshops are due in shortly and will be available to the public for consultation possibly mid February 14.

9.4 Sport & Leisure Review – so far 850 responses have been received. The Community Support Unit has held public briefings. Due to process, there will be nothing practically for some time, as Area Based Review Group and Council need to give consideration. Online survey closes 02/02/14.

9.5 Forthcoming By-election in Buckie. Outcome may affect balance of power in the MC administration.

9.6 Cllr Alexander advised launch of SEPA Flood Risk Hazard Maps, looking if area has a propensity for flooding.

9.7 New Health Centre in Forres due to open in June 14. Traffic lights shortly going up nearby.

9.8 Bogton debate – not consulted on re date of meeting, which coincided with tonight’s meeting.

Item 10 - Kinloss Barracks:

10.1 Sel William advised as part of “Army 2020” reorganisation, the 39 Engineer Regiment will take on more ‘traditional’ engineering tasks in support of the Army. Shortly, they will be equipped with vehicles such as the ‘Foxhound’.

10.2 140 Sappers will move to Kinloss from Germany. The sub-unit of 65 Field Support Squadron, will bring some unique skills and capabilities. As a result, approximately 40 families are expected to move to Kinloss, but due to previously announced redundancies, the net effect is an increase of around 40 personnel.

10.3 A number of training deployments to support “Operation Herrick” will take place in the next 12 months, largely deployed to The Falkland Islands and Kenya. A replica ‘Armstrong Hut’ will be constructed as part of the commemoration of WW1 and will form part of the WW1 display in a museum in France.

10.4 Exercise 'Joint Warrior' – a twice yearly large scale multi-national exercise, will first take place 25/03/14 to 11/04/14. There will be increased activity at RAF Lossiemouth, with a large deployment of troops and helicopters to Kinloss Barracks, period 5-11/04/14 (TBC). The units involved will be using Crash Gate 1 (Findhorn Rd) for access. There is likely to be increased disturbance both night and day to those who live near the boundary fence.

10.5 Query from Derek Morton as to whether Army are purchasing unsold housing on Southside.

Action – Sel Williams will make enquiries.

Item 11 – Findhorn Foundation Report:

11.1 As Pete Finch was absent, Francine Rietberg gave a report. SEPA Flood plan noted, a large part of the FF is at risk. There is an e-map that can be sent round for consideration. For FF events, see para 14.

Item 12 – Planning:

12.1 All planning consultations have been dealt with by Harvey Morton, Derek Morton and Les Morgan. These have included: conversion of a caravan site to lodges where a Planning Officer visited the site, a zip wire construction at Newton Struthers, a house on plot at Kinloss Golf Club, and a request for 5 extra caravans on Findhorn caravan park.

No objections.

Item 13 – AOCB:

13.1 Action - Chairman will forward our agreed Constitution to MC for approval.

13.2 Co-option for vacant Kinloss seat – Tom Brown, Kinloss Church of Scotland hall keeper, proposed by Les Morgan and seconded by Heather Schoeman. All agreed.

Action - Chairman to advise T Brown and MC.

13.3 Derek Morton raised the issue of litter on the road leading down to Southside. The Army and residents have both had a litter pick – discussion re MC's responsibility.

Action – Jen O'Hagan to speak to MC re possibility of litter pick.

13.4 Problem with venue for our Sep meeting. Harvey Morton requested Sep meeting be held in Kinloss.

Action – Chairman will distribute revised meeting venue/dates to all concerned.

13.5 Harvey Morton attended a seminar September 2013 re the bus service. Discussion around the withdrawal of funds from MC to Stagecoach and changes to the 'Dial a bus' service. Harvey Morton will follow up re issue of 08:33 bus, as this does not appear to go back to Findhorn to pick up as intended on time table.

Action – Harvey Morton to follow up bus time table.

13.6 Pat Carroll raised issue of notice boards, particularly in Kinloss. There does not seem to be anywhere to advertise. Les Morgan and Heather Schoeman will explore cost of a new board erection and speak to local shop.

Action – Heather Schoeman and Chairman to investigate new notice board for Kinloss.

Item 14 – Forthcoming events:

14.1 Findhorn Fete 27th July 2014. Francine Rietberg advised of some up and coming events:

New Story Summit – a new paradigm for society, financial/environmental/societal etc. Global youth and elders are invited along with locals.

Earth Sings – Performances and singing 12/04/14 and Sociocracy. Links can be found at:

action@sociocracymoray.net

<http://www.marvellousmeetings.co.uk/forthcoming-events>

and in Findhorn programmes.

Item 15 – next meeting:

27th February 2014 at the James Milne Institute in Findhorn.