

## FINDHORN & KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held in the James Milne Institute Findhorn on Thursday 28 Aug 14

#### **Present:**

L Morgan (Chairman/Minutes), F Allan (Minutes Assistant), P Carroll, H Morton, M Hyde, F Rietberg

#### **In Attendance:**

Sgt McCarthy (Police), T McLaren (Forres Gazette), Capt E Brown (Kinloss Barracks), Jenny Devlin (prospective new F+KCC member) and 4 members of the public.

#### ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Skene, Cllr Creswell, J o'Hagan, S Finnegan, J Kellas

#### **Public Session**

The Chairman introduced Jenny Devlin and welcomed two members of Forres CC.

#### ITEM 2. POLICE REPORT & ANY COMPETENT PUBLIC BUSINESS.

2.1 As Sgt McCarthy was unable to arrive on time, her police report was read out. During the extended period, 22 June until 24 August 2014, a total of 17 crimes have been reported. To date 10 offenders have been identified. These crimes include Theft, Drugs possession, Vandalism, Threatening behaviour, Counterfeit Currency and Road Traffic Offences. Crimes currently being investigated include the following:

Overnight on 4 July 2014, an attempt was made to enter retail premises in Kinloss.

Between 24 and 31 July 2014, a quantity of fuel was stolen from garage premises.

Anyone with any information on the crimes mentioned above and any crimes in the Forres Community Policing Area should contact the Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Forres Police Office. Crimestoppers allow information to be passed in relation to any crime or criminal activity anonymously. The report also gave information on Police Scotland's information sessions in Aberdeen and Inverness to assist people thinking of becoming a police officer or special constable with their application.

Sgt McCarthy then arrived, answered questions, was thanked by the Chairman and departed.

2.2 Mr A Hunt provided information on behalf of the Findhorn Fairways Committee on the damage to moorings, boats and navigation buoys following the storm on 11 Aug. A considerable amount of damage was done mainly by the roots of large trees carried downstream into the Bay and Mr Hunt wished to record his gratitude to all the volunteers who assisted with damage repair and clean-up. The Chairman drew his attention to a point of contact in Moray Council who may be able to provide assistance if needed to remove some large, heavy debris which remain.

#### **Council Session**

#### ITEM 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3.1 There were two corrections to para 10.1 of the last draft minutes: change "3 years" to "next year", change "in September" to "on Thu 25 September". The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June were then ratified, proposed P Carroll, seconded F Rietberg. Thanks to F Allan for chairing last meeting.

#### ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING

a. 4.a. Paths for All. As T Brown was not present this item regarding the possibility of a grant is carried forward to the next meeting. **ACTION T Brown**

b. 4.b. Access to Streets. P Carroll will attend a Moray Council presentation on Access to Streets on 10 Sep. **ACTION P Carroll**

c. 13.1 Steps to Culbin House P Carroll is in the process of submitting a request for funding from the Auchernack Trust for a safety rail on the steps. **ACTION P Carroll**

## ITEM 5. KINLOSS BARRACKS REPORT

5.1 Capt Brown advised the meeting that until further notice he is assuming the community liaison task previously done by Sel Williams who has retired. The number based at the barracks will increase to around 700 but at times the number living at the barracks in the next year will be considerably less due to planned duty away from Kinloss. The Chairman thanked Capt Brown who then departed.

## ITEM 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

6.1 Emergency Plan ready to go live. Press Release gone to Gazette, Moray Council ready to publicise, hard copies and questionnaires ready to go out. Current list for hard copies:

1. Jen oHagan (Secretary)
2. Les Morgan (Community Coordinator)
3. Frank Allan (Deputy Community Coordinator)
4. Findhorn Post Office
5. Findhorn Village Centre
6. Findhorn Foundation
7. Kinloss Post Office
8. Kinloss Barracks
9. Woodside Farm Shop/Cafe Kinloss
10. Forres Gazette
11. Forres Police

Additional electronic copies for:

Fire Service, Coastguard, Mountain Rescue, MIRO (Marina), JMI, F + K pubs/shop/restaurant, F+K churches, F + K Caravan Parks, FRA.

**ACTION: L Morgan**

There will be no deadline for return of completed Questionnaires but if insufficient have been received by 31 Oct, more publicity will be arranged. The Moray Council Emergency Planning Officer has offered to run a table-top emergency exercise to practice the plan. It was decided this should take place one evening in Mar 2015.

6.2 Notice Board for the Kinloss - 39 ER have kindly erected a refurbished board on the Post Office/Shop wall. This larger board will accommodate more space for Minutes and notices. CO has been thanked.

6.3 Community Event - Lorna Creswell is leading a Community Consultation Event on 2 Oct in the Forres Town Hall at which our help was requested along with reps from Forres CC, Forres Area Community Trust (FACT), Forres Area Forum (FAF) and others. We had 3 reps at two planning meetings. The stated aim is "to discuss what is important to us and our community, network and to agree possible priorities for the future". It was suggested that the second stage should be a meeting between F+K CC, Forres CC, Forres Area Forum, the FACT and the 4 Forres Moray Councillors. Several themes have been identified for 2 facilitators per theme to note down the contributions from the attendees. It was decided that F Allan and L Morgan should be put forward as the facilitators for the "Use of Community Facilities" theme and M Hyde is willing to be a facilitator for the "Environmental" theme.

**ACTION: L Morgan to advise Lorna Creswell**

6.4 T McLaren, Forres Gazette is considering expanding the newspaper's coverage of our meetings. She was thanked for her continued support to the F+K CC.

6.5. The FACT Chairman has suggested we have representation on the FACT and attend FAF meetings. The FAF has significant funds and they may be available for projects in our area. The FACT is hopeful that another substantial source of income will come on stream in 2016. This source is expected to yield about £165k per annum but is currently under negotiation. We have requested meeting dates and are considering suitable projects for funding requests. **ACTION: L Morgan**

6.6 Thanks to P Carroll and H Morton for attending Dyke Village Hall Open Event to recruit for resurrecting Dyke and Landward CC.

## ITEM 7. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

7.1 As she was unable to attend the meeting Jen O'Hagan provided a written note. Jen met with Elaine Penny (Moray Council, Roads Engineer) about the speeding issues (which had been reported by e-mail by the Chairman), both at the Findhorn end and Damhead side. The issues were discussed and Jen viewed statistical data and some detailed reports from the Police in relation to the accidents that have

occurred, going back to about 2005. Jen was of the opinion that Moray Council cannot legislate for poor driving.

7.2 Sec holds additional hard copies of the Resilience Plan.

7.3 The Moray Community Award Nomination Forms are not yet available.

#### ITEM 8. TREASURER'S REPORT

8.1 The annual Standing Order for £15 to the ASCC should be cancelled as the ASCC is now defunct. The balance in our account is £3534.84. **ACTION: F Rietberg**

8.2 It was suggested at the last JCC meeting that each of the Moray Community Councils be invited to contribute funds to the new Moray Community Awards scheme. Councillors had been sent an e-mail with details of the scheme. Following discussion it was decided to contribute £50.

**ACTION: F Rietberg**

#### ITEM 9. JCCM REPORT

9.1 Last meeting was 14 Aug, attended by Chairman. There was a presentation by Keith Community Radio. It is actually Moray-wide, not just for Keith, and is going live on 10 Oct on 107.7FM. Feedback is requested on how it can be used to promote CCs. **ACTION: All**

9.2 Moray Community Awards. All were requested to consider nominating suitable candidates.

**ACTION: All**

Next JCC meeting 13 Nov, Chairman and P Carroll will attend.

**ACTION: LM and PC**

#### ITEM 10. MORAY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nil report.

#### ITEM 11. FINDHORN FOUNDATION REPORT

Nil report.

#### ITEM 12. PLANNING

Planning apps since last meeting:

Findhorn-

Findhorn Foundation, Workshop.

Findhorn Foundation, Office.

8 Fyrish Rd, New boundary wall

Elderslie House, One and a half storey house.

Kinloss -

Abbey Cres, Conservatory.

Miltonhill Farm, 60 Containers.

Seapark House, Plots 1, 2 and 3 Outline planning app.

No objections were raised for any of the above. The meeting agreed to register concern regarding access on to B9011 from plots 1, 2 and 3 at Seapark House. **Action: H Morton**

The appeal against two of the conditions listed in the approval for the zip wire at 'The Loft' was noted.

#### ITEM 13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

13.1 Seagull Nuisance. P Carroll provided information on the topic from the RSPB. In short, preventative action can be taken prior to eggs being laid. PC will produce an info flyer and post in notice boards encouraging householders to take action to eliminate problem. If assistance is required, because for example the householder is infirm, the Community Council may be able to assist.

13.2 Speeding Issues. Letter sent to Moray Council re speeding at the Findhorn road entrance to Kinloss and the Damhead entrance to Kinloss. Another area of concern, not reported to Moray Council, is the one way system in Findhorn where speed limit is 20mph. It was decided that additional 20mph signs should be requested, perhaps painted on the road, one halfway between the War Memorial and the Kimberley and another near the Post Office. **ACTION: L Morgan**

13.3 Beach Road Condition. Consensus was in favour of filling the worst potholes and cutting back whins but the problem was how to fund this. A suggestion to erect a warning sign about the poor condition of the road was not supported.

**ACTION: L Morgan to investigate source of funds and also a Moray Council machine for trimming whins.**

13.4 Findhorn Hinterland Group Changes. J Caddy (FHG) will give a presentation at the Sep meeting.

13.5 Use of Allotments Funds. There was discussion on the topic and there was no support for giving the funds to Cumming Hall. There was support for trying to find alternative private land for setting up the

allotments. It was suggested that interest on the ring-fenced allotment funds be used for floral decorations, for example flower barrels, in Kinloss. It was decided that CO 39 ER should be advised that we have no suggestions at present for use of funds but are investigating procuring private land for setting up the allotments.

**ACTION: L Morgan to write to CO 39 ER.**

**ACTION: P Carroll and H Morton to investigate availability of private land.**

Letter has been sent requesting reimbursement from DIO of expenditure on LQA for allotments.

13.6 Solar Meadows Response. E-mail has been sent supporting FACT's attempt to seek funding to carry out a feasibility study to determine the viability of a solar meadow in the area. Our support for a solar meadow is conditional. We are in favour of the concept but if there is a future proposal to site one which, due to its size and location, in our opinion is detrimental to the local amenity, then we reserve the right to object to it.

13.7 Councillors' attention was drawn to the COSLA report on Strengthening Local Democracy.

13.8 Moray Council reacted swiftly to erect a one way sign on road at exit from Links View. The CC thank MC for swift action in erecting the sign. Councillors urged to note instances of motorists turning right when exiting onto main road.

13.9 M Hyde raised the hogweed elimination problem and pointed out that trained volunteers carry out this work although more are required. It was agreed that the Forres Gazette will publish this information at start of the next growing season.

13.10 Coastal erosion. H Morton notified Moray Council of erosion of Moray Coastal Path at bomb dump area and L Morgan copied to CO 39 ER. No responses have been received.

**ACTIONS: H Morton and L Morgan to follow up.**

13.11 Co-option for vacant Kinloss seat. J Devlin was asked if she wished to proceed with her nomination to join the F+K CC. Following her affirmative reply, she was requested to leave the room temporarily. The nomination was proposed by L Morgan, seconded by F Rietberg and the Council unanimously agreed to support Jenny Devlin's nomination.

**ACTION: L Morgan to progress the nomination admin with T Rae, Moray Council**

#### ITEM 14 FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

14.1 Scottish Teas and Crafts Findhorn Village Centre 6 Sep

14.2 Abbey Pub/Restaurant under new management, opening BBQ 7 Sep

14.3 Community Consultation Event Forres Town Hall 2 Oct

#### ITEM 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25 Sep at 7.30pm in Kinloss Church Hall, Culbin Room.