

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 27 November 2014 - Kinloss Church Culbin Room

Present: L Morgan (Chair), M Hyde (Minutes Notes), P Carroll, S Finnegan, T Brown, H Morton, J Devlin
In attendance: Capt E Brown (Kinloss Barracks), Cllr Cresswell, Cllr Skene (late arrival), Cllr Alexander, T McLaren (Forres Gazette), 1 member of public

Item 1 Apologies: F Allan, J O'Hagan, F Rietberg, Sgt McCarthy

Item 2 Police report and public business

2.1 Constable Ian Dormand reported that during the period 27 Oct until 20 Nov14 a total of 5 crimes have been reported. To date 4 offenders have been identified. These crimes include Assault, Threatening behaviour, Theft and Careless Driving. On 10 November 2014, following two separate incidents in Kinloss, two males appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court in connection with Domestic Assaults. Crimes currently being investigated include the following: between 20 October and 3 November 2014, an insecure Ridgeback pedal cycle was stolen from The Park, Findhorn.

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.

From 0001 hours on 5 December 2014 the Drink Drive limit will be reduced. The position on consumption of alcohol before driving remains the same, there is 'no safe limit' to drink driving. Between 5 December 2014 and 2 January 2015 to coincide with the reduction to the drink drive limit, a drink/drug drive campaign will be carried out by Police Scotland.

The Chairman had been contacted by the owner of Yellowsands on the left as you enter Findhorn. He was concerned about speeding past his house and asked that something be done.

Complaint received about speeding in Findhorn Road, Kinloss, mainly traffic coming into Kinloss from Findhorn. Problem has been reported to Moray Council (MC) and Police several times but problem persists. (more info at 13.6 below).

Chairman thanked Constable Dormand who then departed.

Item 3: Ratification of minutes

3.1 There was 1 change to the Draft Minutes 30 Oct 14: Item 4 Matters Arising, 13.2 delete "Donald MacRae in MC", insert "Stagecoach". Minutes were then ratified, proposed H Morton, seconded M Hyde.

Item 4: Matters Arising

a. 4.b Access to Streets. P Carroll has submitted the survey to M Council. The next meeting on Access to Streets is at the end of Jan 2015. T Brown and L Morgan looked at the narrow pavement by the Kinloss Church of Scotland and decided that, as there was a good pavement on the opposite side of the road, the M Council would be very unlikely to spend money on widening the pavement by the Church.

b. 13.2 Follow up with Elaine Penny (MC) 20 mph signs. J oHagan reported that E Penny spoke to her briefly about the 20 mph signs. E Penney said she hasn't forgotten us, but didn't have anything else to report at the time. **Action: Ongoing**

c. 13.3 Rubble residue. T Brown has the application forms and will apply to BerryBurn for funding for repairs to Beach Road at the same time as applying for funding for repairs to the path by the yacht club. Applications require 3 tenders. The Beach Road repairs will need to be cambered to allow water to run off.

d. 13.11 Co-option. Jenny Devlin completed an revised Co-option form which was countersigned by 2 Councillors. The form will be given to Tracey Rae MC.

e. 13.2 Findhorn – Kinloss/Elgin 08:31 service. H Morton has e-mailed MC and Stagecoach as there has been some mis-information in answers already received. H Morton is attending transport seminar on 29 Nov to raise this issue. Much discussion on the subject of the public travelling on the same bus as the schoolchildren. The 08:31 Findhorn – Kinloss school run is

funded as such and is not a “public” service. As there is no adequate No.31 public service at that time the Dial-a-bus service should be able to be used and this needs to be tested.

f. 6.1 Youth Members. J oHagan e-mailed the youth members regarding their future intentions, no reply. Decision was to request that Tracey Rae take action to remove them from the list of councillors. **Action: J oHagan**

g. 6.2 Feedback on Community Event. No longer required

h. 6.3 Estimates for Yacht Club path. F Allan carried out a site visit to the path in front of the yacht club dinghy park. The old fence would be removed and the turfs removed to give straight edge - probably get small digger to this and then fence constructed - all this would be work of the fencer. Investigated possible surface finishes for the path and based on following size: 1.5m wide 60m long and depth of about 6cm. At the quarry looked at surface finishes; the best is recycled planings, the material crushed when road surfaces are lifted and then crushed/planed to specific size. Estimate we would need 6 tons; total cost for material and delivery to site is £143.86. Once laid maybe a team of volunteers to barrow along the path and spread out. Can take steps to get us access to vibrating plate to give hard surface finish. H Morton has contacted the Community Payback service and manpower can be provided on request. **Action: F Allan and H Morton**

i. 6.6 Emergency Plan Volunteers. Chairman emailed two, no response. No further action at present, no table top exercise

Item 5: Kinloss Barrack’s Report

Capt Brown reported that 39 ER are busy at several locations. Support to the local communities provided at many locations on Remembrance Sunday, at Forres fireworks display, and at Kinloss Abbey schoolchildren’s play. Drink awareness campaign over the festive season started on base with emphasis on forthcoming reduced drink-drive limit. Councillors thanked 39ER for their support to the community.

Item 6: Chairman’s Report

6.1 J Caddy of the Findhorn Hinterland Group (FHG) requested that we consider nominating a representative that could sit on the FHG committee. This request was also discussed during discussion on the Dunes Trust (DT) item at para 13.7 below. In view of everything it was decided that due to mixed messages from the FHG and the DT, we should not nominate a representative at the moment and discuss this again when F Allan is present. **Action:** Carry forward the FHG item to next meeting.

6.2 T Brown drew attention to potentially dangerous tree between Glebe Cottage and 20 Glebe Rd, Kinloss. Chairman passed to M Council who are verifying from title deeds whether or not the tree is on M Council property. Further action dependent on outcome, M Council will keep Chairman informed.

6.3 Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying. Ceremonies at Kinloss Abbey and in Findhorn went as planned. Thanks to S Finnegan for organising the Findhorn event.

6.4 On 14 Nov seven from F+K CC visited the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre, Kinloss and found the visit very informative.

6.5 On 21 Nov P Carroll and Chairman attended the Moray Community Awards Ceremony in Elgin and witnessed T Brown receiving a Certificate for reaching the top three candidates for the Community Award. Congratulations to T Brown. Information will be provided to F Gazette.

Item 7: Secretary’s Report

7.1 Information received about a Veterans’ Fund will be forwarded to all.

7.2 Secretary had nothing else to report.

Item 8: Treasurer’s Report F Rietberg reported no changes in our finances.

Item 9: JCCM Report

9.1 Chairman attended last meeting. Encouraged to use Keith Community Radio, 107.7 FM serving all Moray, for publicising F+KCC news and community events. At present there is only one person from the JCC, Gordon Methven from Elgin CC, representing all Moray CCs at the Scottish Rural Parliament. Gordon recommends there should be more representation. If interested contact G Methven. Dyke CC gained enough nominations to re-form the CC, thanks again to P Carroll and H Morton for their support.

Chairman's report to the meeting included info on: Community Consultation Event in Forres on 2 Oct, update on response to Emergency Resilience Plan, repairs to Beach Road, Findhorn, youth members, Forres Gazette coverage of our monthly meetings, Kinloss finalist in the Moray Community Awards.

Item 10: Moray Councillors' Report

10.1 Cllr Skene reported a busy and contentious month, particularly with the Sustainable Education Review with many issues still to be resolved. Forres town schools will be re-zoned considering possible new housing, e.g. Lochyhill. Changes to school management and new head teacher appointments. One-Stop shop for Autism, Elgin Library, Mon and Thu pm. Kinloss Pri 7 taking part in Junior Princes Award. Forres Community Centre Café reopening under new management Jan. Moray Arts Centre Christmas Arts + Crafts Market, The Park, Findhorn.

10.2 Cllr Cresswell reported progress with the merger of Health + Social Care which involves liaison with Aberdeen. New bus drivers sought for Osprey bus. Auchenack Fund applications being considered. Concern about the introduction of Moray leisure facilities pre-paid memberships if that means disadvantaged people, e.g. from Youth Learning Disability Partnership, have to pay for swimming pool access which is free at present. The council have been looking at the housing stock in Findhorn and Kinloss regarding improvements needed.

10.4 Cllr Alexander expressed concern about Moray's comparatively low population versus the number of facilities provided across Moray, e.g. swimming pools. To sustain these we need more people, more houses (paying Council Tax), and more businesses. Western Link Road not approved at present, need for another road crossing of railway line in Elgin. Lochyhill development being reconsidered. Parent Early Intervention Programme (assisting inexperienced parents) launched. Number of "Did Not Attend" at new Forres Health Centre risen dramatically, under investigation. There is to be a M Council By Election on 11 Dec for North Elgin constituency, this may change the political shape of the council.

10.5 H Morton sought clarification from Moray Councillors on whether or not M Council was aware of the Moray Care Share Scheme in relation to parking space allocations. He said there are positive and negative aspects to this which need careful consideration. M Cllrs not aware.

Item 11: Findhorn Foundation Report Nothing to report.

Item 12: Planning

12.1 Findhorn application 14/01989 discussed. The site is small. The application requested that the normal planning provision for 2 parking spaces be dropped as a car parking space for the Moray Car Share Scheme was being requested. It was decided to object to the application on the grounds of over development of the site, access problems and parking issues.

Item 13: AOCB

13.1 Allocation of Duties. Thanks to F Allan for considering the Forres Community Council suggestion to publicise a list allocating areas of responsibility to individual Councillors. Following discussion it was agreed that in our area, which has a smaller population than Forres, feedback to our Councillors would not take account of the topic and we should continue with the system presently in place.

13.2 Meeting Dates for 2015. Chairman will circulate by e-mail.

13.3 Email from M Thomson – Findhorn Road, Kinloss problems.

- Drain on the Findhorn Road by the corner of Kinloss Parish Church requires cleaning
Will be reported to M Council **Action: L Morgan**
- Kerb on footpath between Glebe Road and Manse Road, Findhorn Road, Kinloss needs raised.

Already reported to M Council on 13 Aug, feedback requested on 25 Nov.

- Speeding in Findhorn Road, Kinloss. Problem has been reported to M Council and Police several times. Will be reported again. Chairman will look into Police Report referred to.

Action: L Morgan

13.4 Further Email from M Thompson – Kinloss/Findhorn Cycle Path maintenance.

- Cycle path from the entrance to The Findhorn Foundation towards Findhorn needs to be cleared of loose earth, stones and undergrowth. **Action:** As this breaches a planning condition, **H Morton to report to Planning Enforcement at M Council.**

- Undergrowth on cycle path opposite Seaview Caravan Park needs to be cut back and sink holes repaired. Responsibility for trimming the undergrowth lies with the owner and it was thought that the owner of this land is the owner of Seaview Caravan Park. **Action: L Morgan** to discuss with the owner. The sink holes will be reported to M Council. **Action: L Morgan**

- It is suggested that the entire Kinloss-Findhorn cycle path has a safety review. Cllr Skene stated that a complete safety review was conducted in 2013. It was decided that this matter should be discussed with M Council. **Action: L Morgan**

Post Meeting Note: Following this meeting it was possible to do a survey of the entire path and for 30yds or so opposite the entrance to Seaview Caravan Park the green edges have grown onto the path and it is not wide enough for two cyclists to pass each other. However, as most of the narrowing is on the side of the path nearest the road, it is not clear whether this is the responsibility of M Council or the owner of Seaview Caravan Park. Rather than spend time on e-mails and discussions about this, it took 10 minutes to edge the path so it is now wide enough for two cycles.

13.6 It has been reported that the drain on the road at the corner of Fyrish Road and Elvin Place often overflows after rainfall resulting in a large area of water across the road. H Morton has investigated this and reported the matter to M Council.

13.7 Dunes Trust Statement. S Finnegan reported that the Treasurer of the Dunes Trust (DT) has advised that for complete clarity, although the DT agreed to cooperate with the FHG if a particular matter concerning both parties arose, following their meeting last 21 Nov, they wish to make it clear that they are a completely independent and autonomous Trust, are already a registered charity in their own right, apply for their own funding and are not managed by the Hinterland Group.

Coupled with previous pronouncements from the FHG, the F+K CC feels that mixed messages are being received and the Chairman felt that it was not the CC's job to arbitrate between different groups within the village. However, as there is a difference between the DT statement and info received from FHG, our response to the FHG request at para 6.1 above is affected and it was decided that we should carry forward the discussion on the FHG and the DT to next meeting when F Allen will be present.

Action: Next Agenda Item

13.8 Submission of items from the Public. S Finnegan suggested a concept for consideration: if anyone wishes to raise a concern with the F+KCC, they should either come to the meeting or put their concern in writing or e-mail and ideally should be prepared to be named as the person concerned rather than be anonymous. Following vigorous discussion it was decided that:

1. Concerns could be raised even although they were submitted anonymously.
2. Complex issues should be presented in writing or by e-mail.
3. Simple issues could be raised by any Councillor, verbally, on behalf of a constituent.

13.9 M Hyde reported there had been some objections about the location of Emma's seat. Discussed, no action at present. Also a complaint had been received about the high-level track past G Munro's house – recent topping-up included large stones making it difficult to negotiate on foot and near impossible by bike. **Action: P Carroll** will ask G Munro to in-fill to make the track more smooth.

Item 14: Forthcoming community events

14.1 29 Nov – 11 Jan, Moray Arts Centre Christmas Arts + Crafts Market, The Park, Findhorn

14.2 6 Dec – Christmas Bazaar, Findhorn Village Centre, 1 – 5pm.

14.3 25 Dec – Free Christmas Lunch, organised by tsiMoray, in the Williamson Hall Elgin, transport may be available. To book, contact Jenny Devlin 01343 541713

14.4. 16 Jan – Kinloss Abbey Trust Quiz Night, Kinloss Church, contact Tom Brown, 01309 690348

Item 15: Date of next meeting 29 Jan 2015 in the JMI Findhorn. **(No meeting in Dec)**