

FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 26 Mar 2015 at the JMI Findhorn

Present: L Morgan (Chair/Minutes), J O'Hagan (Minutes Notes), S Finnegan, F Allan, P Carroll, F Rietberg, H Morton, M Hyde

In attendance: Lt Col T Marsden (Kinloss Barracks), Cllr McLean, T McLaren (Forres Gazette) and 10 members of the public.

Item 1 Apologies: T Brown, J Devlin, Cllr Creswell, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Skene, Sgt McCarthy

PUBLIC SESSION

Item 2 Police report and public business:

2.1 Constables Ciaron Fox and Sean Wood attended. During the period from 23 February until 20 March 2015, there have been 4 reports of crime being committed within the Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council area. To date 2 offenders have been identified. These crimes relate to Theft, Careless Driving and acting in a disorderly manner within Licensed Premises. Enquiries are ongoing into the following incidents: between Midday on 23 February and 0730 hours on 24 February 2015, an insecure greenhouse located at Findhorn was entered and a hand operated Rotovator stolen; between 4 March and 11 March 2015, two drums containing fuel were stolen from a garden in Findhorn. Residents are encouraged to secure their property and immediately report any suspicious persons or vehicles, particularly in rural locations. Officers attended 183 incidents across the Local Policing Team area during this reporting period. 17 of these incidents related to Findhorn and Kinloss area. 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. There were no questions, the Chairman thanked the policemen who then departed.

2.2 Presentation by Moray Council (M C) on Waste Management. Ms F Burnett, Moray Council gave a presentation and answered questions on waste management and recycling. Members of the public wishing to check what material goes in which coloured bin should look at the relevant section on the M C website www.moray.gov.uk or telephone 01343 557045. Information leaflets can be sent out. The Chairman thanked Ms Burnett who then departed.

2.3 A member of the public enquired about the procedure for challenging the Local Plan and expressed concern that The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (FVCC) had submitted an objection, confirmed by K Henderson M C, but the FVCC would not elaborate on this at the FVCC public meeting on 26 Mar. The Chairman advised that if there was an issue with the Local Plan the M C Planning Dept should be made aware and we should be copied in. In answer to the assertion that the FVCC has overtaken the Community Council (CC) in authority in the community, the Chairman pointed out that if the FVCC submit a planning application, the CC is able to comment on the application.

(Post meeting note: according to the FVCC the use of the word "objection" did not properly describe the FVCC submission. The FVCC had made a request for a change of land usage).

2.4 Another member of the public was of the opinion that the traffic prioritisation for traffic leaving the village at the junction by the church was wrong and this resulted in near accidents on many occasions. Priority should be given to traffic leaving the village and not to inbound traffic turning right past the church and outbound traffic on the opposite route. This Council has previously recommended to M C that this prioritisation be changed but it was rejected. It was decided to make a further request. **Action: L Morgan**

COUNCIL SESSION

Item 3. Ratification of Minutes of meeting on 26 Feb 15. The spelling of (Cllr) Creswell was corrected. The Minutes were approved by P Carroll, seconded by F Rietberg.

Item 4. Matters Arising

Item 4

a. 6.1 Follow up with Mr Clark use of scrapings for Beach Car Park. **T Brown**

Overtaken by events, the Beach Car Park has been repaired by M C.

b. 6.2 Contact contractors for Beach Rd estimates. **T Brown**

Overtaken by events, it is hoped to repair the Beach Rd in the autumn without the use of contractors.

c. 10.1 Check report of blocked path at Oina Mara . **P Carroll** The blockage was a legitimate fence protecting private land. It is unfortunate, and an act of vandalism, that this fence has been breached because it is possible to access the bay along the side of the private property without breaching the fence or crossing private land.

13.4 Verify the rail letter expresses the wish of the Chairman/FRA. **Action: P Carroll** Done, the rail will be positioned down the side and not in the middle.

Other Items

e. Item 6. Request developer starts asap closure is as short as poss. **Action: L Morgan**

Overtaken by events, the Beach Rd will now remain open during construction works. The road will not now be adopted by M C in the short term.

f. Item 7. Advise J Calder KCR, no presentation but request flyer. **Action: J O'Hagan** Done.

g. Item 10.a. Pursue Mr Miller's street lighting still not working. **Action:Cllr Alexander** Ongoing

h. Item 10.b. Request G Sutherland gives presentation to F+KCC. **Action L Morgan**
Overtaken by events, Kinloss removed from Spaceport shortlist so presentation unnecessary.

i. Item 13.a. Request M Council take part in our Exercise on 28 Apr. **Action: L Morgan** Done

Provisionally book Kinloss Church as venue. **Action: T Brown** Done

j. Item 13.f. Investigate the procurement of two defibrillators. **Action: L Morgan** Cost is about £1500 each so no further action.

k. Item 13.g. Try to recruit new Youth Members. **Action: J Devlin, Ongoing**

Item 5. Kinloss Barracks Report. Chairman welcomed Lt Col T Marsden, CO Kinloss Barracks. Col Tom reported that due to the increased national security threat, the domestic site to the south of the Kinloss-Burghead road will be protected by fencing when funding becomes available. Units are or will be deployed to Kenya, the Falklands and USA. The DIO hopes to re-open the Kinloss pool but only to service personnel. The Chairman challenged this and requested he point out to DIO that the pool was established with funding from the Nuffield Trust, not MOD, and that before the Army took over, the F+KCC had provided £80K to improve the plant at the pool. Col T explained that it is the DIO who is deciding policy. As regards the allotments, the Chairman is still waiting a response from DIO on the situation.

Item 6. Chairman's Report. Met Donna McLean, M C Emergency Planning Officer in Kinloss Church. Venue very suitable for our table top emergency plan exercise. Ex will take place on 28 Apr at 6.30 for 7pm start. Volunteers, emergency services and 39ER invited to participate. Ex will be controlled by D McLean. Received emails from developer supporting his app for Beach Huts. Attended Beach Huts site meeting, covered in Item 12 Planning. Attended FVCC public meeting on 26 Mar. Letter from FRA offering £150 for the upgrade to the public path past the RFYC. Invited to attend Planning Workshop on the Local Plan and Developer Contributions 20 Apr. **Action: LM, PC and HM will attend.**

Item 7. Secretary's Report. J O'Hagan covered routine correspondence and informed all about the new M C Welfare Map to assist those who need to claim benefits. The website is <http://welfare map.gov.uk>

Sec reminded us that those wishing to attend the M C Planning event on 20 Apr should book through Tracey Rae. **Action: L M will book three places.** P Carroll expressed concern about the feedback process regarding comments already submitted on the Local Plan. It was suggested that PC take this up with G Templeton M Planning Dept. **Action: PC**

Item 8. Treasurer's Report. F Rietberg stated there was nothing new to report. It was suggested that we revert to two separate accounts, one for admin and another for grants. After discussion it was decided to maintain one account but recording transactions under two cols, one for admin and one for grants.

Item 9. JCCM Report. Next JCC Meeting 14 May. **Action: LM will attend.**

Item 10. Moray Councillors' Report.

a. **Cllr McLean.** M C is encouraging that development in rural areas is in groups of houses in rural areas is in groups rather than a proliferation of single dwellings widely scattered. Work in progress on appointment of principal teachers and the management structure for schools. Much of this dependent on the re-zoning, particularly in Elgin, which is in progress. M C considering small schools sharing a head teacher. A McLean encouraged the use of Forres Swimming Pool.

b. **Cllr Creswell** was not present but provided an email in which she expressed interest in attending our emergency exercise if time permits. L Creswell suggested Stewart Noble and Dyke Chair Carol may wish to observe. Osprey minibus admin is now missing as Magdalene has gone and the Army will not replace her for some months so it is not known how to book. New volunteer drivers are sought. The Chairman is seeking a volunteer to act as the Osprey Bus admin/booking person until the Army recruit a replacement.

Item 11. Findhorn Foundation (FF) Report. F Rietberg reported research ongoing in the FF whereby she can check on her computer when wind power electricity is available, indeed some cannot for example use their washing machine unless wind power is available. The FF Community Association has new officials after recent elections. The FF in partnership with M C and Action for Children has been engaged in a Youth Empowerment Programme designed to get disadvantaged children into work. There is a new "Lift – Share" system in operation for those seeking or wishing to provide a lift, see www.findhorn.cc/lifts.

Item 12. Planning. H Morton began by outlining the Community Council's (CC) duties and responsibilities in the planning process, highlighting that it was our responsibility to ascertain and reflect the wishes of the people in the area we serve. As a statutory consultee, we are able to comment on all planning applications in our area.

a. In respect of the application 15/0389 to erect 30 Beach Huts on the North Shore, Findhorn, he outlined the requirements of ENV6 and in particular Policies E2 and E4 in the 2008 Moray Local Plan. The Policy E2 deals with nature conservation and E4 with recreational, amenity and biodiversity of the site. The review of the large number of comments posted on the MC Planning website, the most ever seen, showed that a large number of local people had objected to the application because it adversely affected the 'Natural Environment' and 'Recreational and Amenity' of the site. A statement had been received from the Findhorn Residents' Assoc opposing the Huts. H Morton proposed that, as a statutory consultee, the CC submit to M C our objection to the application because the proposed use does not outweigh the value of the green space as required by Policy E4 and that the Natural Environment will not be conserved and enhanced as required by Policy E2. The vote was unanimous in favour of submitting the objection.

b. App for a house at Clare Point in the FF – no issue, no comment.

c. App at 209 Findhorn. Just in. This is a re-submission of an app and the Findhorn Councillors will meet within the next week to discuss our response to this.

Item 13. Any Other Competent Business.

a. Emergency Plan exercise discussed in Item 6.

b. P Carroll reported that the Awards for All application is proceeding.

c. S Finnegan had received a suggestion that there should be a prominent sign directing the appropriate traffic right towards the beach along the Beach Rd. This would reduce through traffic through the village. It was suggested that village businesses would not be pleased with a strong attempt to divert potential customers away from the centre of the village. It was decided to re-visit this suggestion after the Beach Rd has been improved. **Action: S Finnegan**

Item 14. Forthcoming Community Events.

4 Apr - FVC Teas and Crafts 1pm

10 Apr - Bird watching presentation, JMI Findhorn 7.30pm

Date of Next Meeting. 30 Apr 15 in the Kinloss Church Culbin Room at 7pm.

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