



Findochty Community Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 1 June 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: Findochty Town Hall

Attendance

Community Councillors:

Anne Braidwood (Chair), Paul Steel (Secretary), Paul Kerrison (Treasurer), Jeffrey Masterson, Ron Dawson

Guest: Sergeant Lucy Cuthbert, Police Scotland Community Policing Team

Associate members: None

Members of Public: Ten

Moray Council: Cllr Sonya Warren

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees and confirmed the meeting was quorate.

It was noted that the meeting would be audio recorded solely to assist minute preparation and the recording deleted following approval of the minutes

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr John Stuart

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Paul Steel | Seconded by: Ron dawson

4. Guest Presentation - Police Scotland: Antisocial Behaviour Update

Sergeant Lucy Cuthbert provided an update on ongoing antisocial behaviour concerns within the village.

Police Scotland confirmed that offences have been recorded and enforcement action is ongoing. Members highlighted the impact on residents, businesses, tourism and community wellbeing. Concerns were also raised regarding reporting pathways and witness confidence.



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Police Scotland encouraged residents to continue reporting incidents and confirmed that abusive shouting and threatening behaviour may constitute criminal offences.

Actions:

- Sgt Cuthbert to raise the request for a Community Impact Assessment with Inspector Bayliss.
- Police Scotland to review recent call logs and consider whether further formal action is appropriate.
- Treasurer to publish reporting guidance and police contact information.

Sergeant Cuthbert left the meeting following this item

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1 Correspondence with Moray Council Transportation - Timothy Mackay

A substantive response has been received from Timothy Mackay, Service Manager, Transportation. Key points are:

- 20mph - the western approach to Findochty is being reviewed by the project engineer in light of the school access concerns raised by FCC. A monitoring period begins in June. FCC's correspondence has been accepted as a formal representation.
- Bus shelters - all repair requests, including the concrete shelter and the Town Hall shelter, are included on the list for consideration. The procurement exercise for new shelters is expected to complete over the summer, with installation and repairs to follow before winter. A wider communication to community councils regarding shelter improvements will follow.
- Route 35 – Timothy Mackay intends to meet with Stagecoach North Scotland in June and will raise the reliability concerns at that meeting.

5.2 Crooked Hythe Benches

Several benches require timber replacement.

Action:

Secretary to contact Steve Houston regarding bench inspection and replacement.

5.3 Maintenance and Planting Plan

Planters have been planted, additional planters installed at the public toilets and maintenance materials purchased. Installation of lamp-post brackets is nearing completion.



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Actions:

- Secretary to arrange volunteer painting day.
- Treasurer to confirm insurance implications of shed shelving.
- Secretary to arrange installation of remaining lamp-post bracket.

5.4 Governance Documents

Revised Standing Orders have been approved by Moray Council and the signed Constitution received.

5.5 Community Land Lease / FABDT Partnership

FABDT has indicated willingness to consider leasing the picnic area but not the informal path due to liability concerns.

A response is awaited from Seafield Estate regarding bench placement without a formal lease.

5.6 Ride-on Mower

The mower remains non-operational following recommissioning attempts.

Actions:

- Treasurer and Secretary to undertake further testing.
- Secretary to bring a retention or disposal recommendation to the July meeting.

6. Community Updates

6.1 Community Police Update

The Buckie and Keith area report was noted.

Members agreed that future reports should better reflect local concerns

Action:

Secretary to share crime prevention advice via FCC media channels

6.2 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the following financial position:

- Bank balance: £6,996.59
- Admin Grant: £1,718.25



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- Events Fund: £623.10
- Maintenance Fund: £2,041.59 (includes £500 earmarked for defibrillator)
- General Fund: £2,613.65

Income since the previous meeting: £190.00

Expenditure since the previous meeting: £467.58

The report was noted.

7. Community Feedback

Significant resident communications have been received regarding the antisocial behaviour issues. This was addressed substantively under Item 4. Ongoing liaison with Inspector Bayliss and Moray Council continues. The limited powers of community wardens were noted.

8. Items Submitted by Community Council Members

8.1 Defibrillator Fundraising Raffle

The Treasurer reported that the raffle raised £500 towards future defibrillator battery and pad replacement costs

8.2 Defibrillator Status

Battery level has reduced from 20% to 19%.

Action:

- Ron Dawson to continue monthly monitoring.

8.3 Community Resilience Plan

Version 3.1 of the Community Resilience Plan has been submitted to Moray Council.

Action:

- Treasurer to arrange a desktop exercise with the Community Resilience Group

8.4 Route 35 Bus Service

The joint bus survey has been completed and submitted to Stagecoach North Scotlan. A detailed response is awaited.



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Action:

- Treasurer to monitor progress and report back.

9. Reports

9.1 Local Councillor Report - Cllr Sonya Warren

Cllr Warren provided updates on:

- Route 35 bus service
- 20mph rollout
- Bus shelters
- Antisocial behaviour
- FitLife card scheme
- Green shed repairs
- Potential e-bike infrastructure opportunities

Actions:

- Cllr Warren to follow up shed repairs.
- Treasurer to continue e-bike feasibility discussions..

9.2 Sub-Committee: Community Resilience Group

Covered under Item 8.3.

9.3 Member Responsibility Updates

Harbour Advisory Group: Next meeting scheduled for 8 June 2026. FCC representative to attend and report back at the July meeting.

Maintenance and Gardening: Covered under Item 5.3.

Defibrillator: Covered under Item 8.2.

10. Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)

10.1 Grit Bin - Findochty Primary School

Moray Council has indicated a willingness to consider a grit bin subject to policy requirements.

Actions:

- PSG to obtain current school risk assessment.
- Treasurer to respond to Moray Council following receipt.



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10.2 Correspondence with Seamus Logan MP

No response has been received from Seamus Logan MP to FCC's correspondence regarding climate change and coastal erosion. The Council resolved to minute the lack of acknowledgement. It was noted that a climate resilience film screening was held in Buckie through the Sea Change project.

10.3 Petanque Court Proposal

Members agreed to explore the feasibility of a community pétanque court.

Action:

- Members to investigate locations and costs.

10.4 Summer Gala and Community Events

Interest was expressed in reviving the summer gala. It was suggested that several smaller events throughout the year might be more sustainable than a single large gala. The Council agreed to explore options for next year.

10.5 Beach Litter and Bin Capacity

Concerns were raised regarding litter and insufficient bin capacity at several locations

Action:

- Secretary to submit a further request to Moray Council for larger bins.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 6 July 2026 at 7:00 pm — Findochty Town Hall.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Community Council.