

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY

12th AGM

12 December 2022

James Milne Institute

Prior to the start of the AGM the Board introduced Jude Barber, Collective Architecture (CA) The Board has secured the services of CA to support planning for the future and for TFVCC input into the Local Place Plan (LPP) with Moray Council. Jude took us through an overview of CA's experience and how they will be supporting the Board – mapping, consultation, and input into LPP. Members were invited to note their suggestions on the maps, which will be collated by CA.

- 1. WELCOME** Christine Hunt, Chair welcomed 34 members to the eleventh AGM.
- 2. APOLOGIES** were received from Sam Russell, Gary Hunt, Sarah Hunt, Margaret Allan, Marjory Barber, Bill Barber, Nicol Coates, Maggie Grigor, Kathleen Munro, Anne Skene Susan Anderson, Janet Wallace, Louise Simmons, John Low,
- 3. MINUTES OF 7th December 2022** Proposed by Joan Miller and Seconded by Neil Robertson. Adopted
- 4. MATTERS ARISING:** Hand Rail on Barron House Lane is a still being worked on.
- 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The following is a short report on the various projects the Board has completed and are working on for the future.

The final phase of the two toilet blocks was completed with the opening of the second block and the connection to the main sewers of the first block and both blocks being connected to the mains electrical supply. This project was funded by The Rural Tourism Fund via Moray Council and Moray Speyside Tourism Fund (funded by Beatrice Fund). TFVCC contributed over £10, 000 to the refurbishment work. Using local contractors Jason Brodie and Aaron Groundworks. However, the second block which incorporates the disabled toilet is closed for the winter, to save on costs, our thanks go to The Captain's Table for allowing people to use their disabled facilities until we reopen in the Spring.

The Beach Steps and Boardwalks have been replaced. Thanks go to Mr and Mrs Budge for contributing to the development stage as well as helping with a generous grant from the Budge Foundation. They were joined by 39 Engineer Regiment who provided the labour for two sets of beach steps. The Berryburn Fund, Baxter Foundation and Scottish Landfill Community Fund (Contributor Moray Council) plus two large private donations. And of course our Just Giving Appeal which was very well supported. In addition, we would also like to thank The Olive Tree Coffee Van, Findhorn Sauna and Vibe for their fundraising event. The Dunes Track is now undergoing its annual maintenance which will be completed by the end of this year.

The Motorhome Stopover continues to provide us with revenue to enable us to continue maintaining the track, car parks and toilets. However, we need to recover some costs and in the new year we will see a payment barrier being

installed at the West Car Park with a charge of £2 per day stay. We will not charge for the toilets or for the East Car Park as we hope that the revenue from the stopover and west car park will be sufficient to cover our ongoing costs.

As you will have heard Findhorn Church is to close in January 2024. We have been in consultation with the Village and have drawn up an initial plan to keep the Church open and widen its scope of use. In the months we will be in touch to keep those interested informed on our progress.

We are investigating the benefits of forming a Development Trust which will enable other Village groups and organisations to join together to make a secure future for the Village of Findhorn and beyond.

Finally, my thanks to the Directors of the Company, Cathy for her work as secretary and fundraiser, Nicole, Donald and Sam (representing FRA) all who take on extra tasks and who by working together manage and improve our village.

I wish you all a very happy festive season.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR The appointment of the Auditor, Cathedral Accountancy Ltd proposed by Neil Robertson and seconded by Cathy Low. Approved

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS One nomination received and shared with the members prior to AGM.
Eleanor (Elle) Adams
Proposed by Cathy Low
Seconded by Christine Hunt
Approved

Sam Russell has agreed to continue as the co-opted director representing the Findhorn Residents Association. The Board members are Christine Hunt, Cathy Low, Donald Watson, Nicole Edmonds, Elle Adams and Sam Russell.

8. AOCB

Inclusion of post code IV36 3AB into The Findhorn Village Conservation Company Community Body as listed in Articles of Association. Proposed by Cathy Low, Seconded by Christine Hunt. Approved. Articles of Association will be updated to reflect and uploaded to Companies House.

Christine Hunt thanked everyone for attending and their continual support.

Meeting Closed.