

**THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
DIRECTORS MEETING ON 03 JUNE MONDAY 2019**

PRESENT

Frank Allan (FA) Christine Hunt (CH), Neil Robertson (NR), Sarah Theman (ST), Sam Russell (SR), Marjory Barber (MB), Donald Watson (DW), Cathy Low (CL) Nicole Edmonds

APOLOGIES: Mo Hyde (MH),

		Action By
1.	Declaration of Interest -None	
2	Minutes of last Meeting The minutes of May meeting were amended and approved Proposed CH seconded by ST	
3	Matters arising not on Agenda	
3.1	Cover for the directors was not included as yet in the Company insurance NR to follow up.	
3.2	Non/late payments not as yet pursued.	
3.3	Resignation of Neil Robertson from Board was recorded.	
3.4	Signage for Car Parks should be available in the coming week. External consultant will be invited to August Board meeting to explain payment methods. CH	
3.5	National Consultation on Fire Risk-ST has made contact with Dunes Trust.	
4	Correspondence	
	Some covered in Agenda items	
4.1	Caledon Place-notification of work Owner informed to photograph area prior to and on completion of work.	
4.2	Confirmation that leases on Garages have been returned by Development Officer.	
4.3	Community Land Scotland AGM -Sleat, Skye MB to consider attending.	
4.4	16 DTAS annual conference 01/02 Glasgow.	
4.5	FACT invitation to attend CAT transfer of Forres Town Hall ST/MB to consider attending.	
4.6	Letter from executer of late local resident to inform that loan of £200 to be considered as a donation.	
4.7	The SSE wayleave agreement for electric cables for Pumping Kiosk would is a one off payment.	
4.8	HIE payment for Development Officer and Phase 1 of garage upgrade project received.	
5	Finance	
5.1	<i>Annual accounts are available on TFVCC website</i>	
5.2	Annual Audit and returns completed. To be on website.	
6	Car Parks	
6.1	Income from car parking continuing to increase as summer season starts.	
6.2	Improvements-Cutting back of gorse as highlighted by Fire Service complete. Board made aware of rare plants in car park area. Load of chips will be laid under seating.	
7	Land/Sales/Leases	
7.1	5 Heath Neuk- CL and FA had met with owner, in order to discuss way forward. The Board agreed to a consistent approach on land matters. CL to contact owner for a firm date for clarification.	
7.2	Calren Ltd – dispute not yet settled. FVCC must follow same procedure in all cases of land boundary disputes. Identify area of encroachment, have area surveyed and the valued. Police to be informed that survey is taking place.	
	A response to local resident's communications informing him with	

	reasons why the Company declines his offer to act as facilitator between Calren and TFVCC on the land dispute. FA to seek advice from solicitor prior to letter being sent.	
7.3	Project Maps for boat storage to be procured of the title from Registers of Scotland. MB requested that local resident be approached to assist with any application relating on any Community Right to Buy.	
7.4	Beach Road. Urgent installation of posts is required to prevent access to the Dune area.	
7.5	Stryplies/Lanes Path at <u>64 Findhorn</u> FA and CL met with residents of the lane, to discuss problem of gradient and to consider surface finish. Bakehouse <u>Lane</u> awaiting report from resident who has undertaken to investigate the best option for this lane prior to any work being commissioned. <u>Marine Cottage</u> . Owner to be informed that all of the large stones be removed and replaced with a very thin layer mix of 8-20m bound with fines. NE and ST had met with landscape architect who could provide 6 options for the lane/stryplie maintenance.	
7.6	Lease invoices to be prepared to Moray Council, Heritage Centre and FRA for payment.	
7.7	Risk Assessment-annual risk assessment to be undertaken- Local resident willing to assist. The present Risk Assessment document to be used.	
7.8	Telegraph poles beside Culbin Apartments to be installed underground. Owners affected to share costs of a one off payment.	
8	Armstrong Garages	
8.1	Athena proposals. A suitable Saturday date still to be arranged for a public consultation on 2 possible suggestions for the project.	
8.2	Garage Report CH updated on progress. The wording/specifications in the Building warrant application are not accurate. The FVC has secured a lease on a building which will be used in the short term by village potter.	
8.3	Budget The remaining HIE grant for the DO o and grant for phase 1 upgrade of the project £ have to be spent by August 2019. The Donation/Loan funds have not been used to date.	
9	Membership Report	
9.1	Membership stands at 185 with 36 Associate members.	
9.2	Members will receive an acknowledgement when they join.	
10	David Urquhart Pathway	
10.1	FA reported that around 60/65% of funding is in place, however secured funding has to be spent within a time limit. Further funding applications to be made to Entrust/Landfill	
11	Moray Council	
11.1	CAT Transfer. Costs of valuation have been received with a disparity between the District Valuer and Graham and Sibbald.	
11.2	As Moray Council is no longer cutting grass in areas not owned by them certain areas of Findhorn are looking very unkempt. Residents to be encouraged to be responsible for areas in their vicinity. FRA will cut areas around the Piers area.	
12	General Board	
12.1	CL had attended F&KCC meeting and reported on CAT transfer, issue with styryplies, grass cutting, forthcoming AGM and proposed barrier at end of Beach Road. Community Groups can obtain a 50% discount on planning applications through CC. Litter at Car Park-Waste Disposal-Grays' recycling to be approached to remove waste weekly. Contract ideally from May-October weekly. DW	
12.2	ST -Approved minutes up to date on web site	
12.3	AGM arrangements in place. After close of AGM there will an opportunity for informal discussion with those present.	
12.4	OSCR returns completed	

12.5	FA had attended a Sustainability workshop. A book on sustainability issues facing Community Groups is very worthwhile reading as it highlights succession planning and volunteer involvement	
12.6	Weed control – local resident to be contacted to take this forward.	
13	Fundraising	
13.1	No action	
14	AOCB	
14.1	CL -Slipway for local resident to be leased on a 20 year basis.	
14.2	CH -information from the Forestry Commission on pathways may be suitable for use on Beach Road.	
14.3	NE-reported on request from neighbour to remove flora from land to the rear of his property to give better access	
14.4	ST- reported that in discussion with another Community Company that they are facing much the same issues as TFVCC.	
14.5	DW-Suggested possibility of some <u>assistance with funds</u> for the DU Pathway. As the Garage project may also require assistance this was not agreed. Parking at <u>No 4 Findhorn</u> -there are now 6 parking spaces marked private for the use of owners. A letter to be sent to owners advising on only using designated parking for their property. Report of a <u>fire being lit</u> on land to the rear of Cois Na Mara. CH to investigate and inform.	
14.6	MB-Company land adjacent to No 27 is being cultivated as private garden space. The Board will need to address the Beach Road surface and have a plan for upgrading it.	
14.7	FA- The prepared sign to discourage Camper Vans from overnight parking on Main Road to be issued to directors. FA thanked NR for his contribution to the work of the Company particularly as treasurer. NR agreed to continue as treasurer until a replacement is found. DW was also thanked for his contribution to the Company. DW will continue to collect the Car Parking takings.	ST
	Next Meeting Monday July 1st at 7 pm in FVC	
	Frank Allan – Chairman Date 1 st July 2019	

