

**THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY**  
**DIRECTORS MEETING ON 01 MARCH 2021**

**PRESENT** Christine Hunt (CH), Donald Watson (DW), Cathy Low (CL), Nicole Edmonds (NE), Sarah Theman (ST)

**APOLOGIES** Marjory Barber (MB), Bryan Parsons (BP)

		Action By
1.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> CL – Item 4.1 Correspondence	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Approved. Proposed NE, Seconded SR	
3.	<b>Actions Arising From Last Meeting</b>	
3.1	3.3 – Findhorn Hinterland Review. Document to be distributed to Directors for information	
3.2	3.5 – CH confirmed Beach Huts contractor not using ramp for access. Land Owner to be contacted requesting Beach Hut owners contact details in order for TFVCC to inform owners of obligation to contribution to upkeep of access as per title deeds.	
3.3	3.6 - No response for request for new Treasurer. Need to consider next action to recruit.	
4.	<b>Communication</b>	
4.1	<b>Correspondence</b>	
4.1.1	Gmail – general correspondence label March 2021	
4.1.2	Letter from Resident – request for memorial bench along track between Heritage Centre and West Beach Car Park. Approved	
4.1.3	Member – Donations from quiz sheets Jan – Mar. £31 received	
4.1.4	Openreach wayleaves payment received. £1526.15	
4.1.5	01.01.2021 – Resident has contacted Moray Council re fly tipping at Allotments area by user. TFVCC previously spoken to and sent letter to user advising materials to be removed by end of February. CL to seek quote from Moray Council to remove rubbish. Board approval required before instruction is raised. To be followed by issue of 5 day notice to remove .	
4.1.6	23.03.2021 – Resident – Advising planning permission application by hoe owner for fencing on TFVCC land. TFVCC have submitted planning objection to Moray Council	
4.2	<b>Facebook/Website Communications</b> Section to be added to minutes to record items to be published	
4.3	<b>Draft 2020 AGM Minutes</b> Reviewed and ready to be uploaded to website	
5.	<b>Finance</b>	
5.1	Treasurers Report – Annual accounts available on website	
5.2	Treasurer – Contact Treasurer to see if he would consider remaining in post if it remuneration is available. Speak to Associate Member to see if she would consider taking on the role.	
6.	<b>Land/Sales/Leases</b>	
6.1	<b>Boundary Issue 2</b> - boundary issues ongoing, slow progress	
6.2	<b>Boundary Issue 1</b> boundary issues ongoing, slow progress	
6.4	<b>Bakehouse Lane</b> No update	
6.5	<b>Regatta Shed Lane</b> CL & CH met with resident re issues of speeding and access by heavy goods vehicles. Resident suggests speed limit signage, vehicle weight restrictions and clearance of vegetation to improve line of sight at blind corner. Acknowledged any improvements might encourage increased vehicular usage of lane. Possibility of planning restrictions re signage. Once actions agreed leaflet drop to households in the lane area to advise actions taken.	
7.	<b>Car Park Working Group</b>	
7.1	DW – Works continue onsite: motorhome area resurfacing nearing completion; awaiting Moray Council planning decision on barriers; CAMBRA report on spacing and fire regulations received and forwarded to Moray Council; information on pumping station sent to Moray Council; awaiting confirmation of waste connection to main sewer from Scottish Water; additional quotes sought for pump; electricity connection in place; booking system/barrier investigations continue; planting required at western-most roundabout	

	CH - As car parking capacity will be reduced as a result of the motorhome stopover points, 3 potential options for overflow areas have been identified. Further detail required for the Boards consideration	
7.2	<b>RTIF Application</b> Submission will include costings for Dunes Road improvements. Investigation of other funding streams continues.	
8.	<b>Armstrong Garages</b>	
8.1	Installed flooring specification continues to be assessed. Drawings under review	
8.2	Social Investment Scotland (SIS) - Application for funding submitted. Funding would be split 50/50 grant/loan with SIS offering 8% interest on loan alternative offer of 25/75 grant/loan. Rates considered to be unacceptable. Offer declined by TFVCC. No funding available from HIE currently. NE to request Architect fees plus other project fees for submission before end March Phase 1 costings – not possible until building warrant has been received	
9.	<b>Toilet Block</b>	
9.1	Lease for north toilet block expected to commence 22/3/2021 Quote received for once daily cleaning of block, includes cleaning products but not consumables (toilet roll etc) £400/month. Additional quotes required	
10.	<b>Membership Report</b>	
10.1	178 Members 58 Associate Members 1 Junior Member  2 new applications received. Currently on hold as unable to check electoral register to confirm eligibility as the local electoral office closed due to Covid restrictions.	
11.	<b>David Urquhart Path</b>	
11.1	No update	
11.2	Query received from Moray Outdoor Access Manager re validity of No Cycling signs on the path raising concerns the signs constitute a 'barrier' to access under the terms of the land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. Reply to include evidence of sign's inclusion in planning approval, local evidence of speeding cyclists, narrow points/blind spots.	
12.	<b>Projects</b>	
12.2	Trip lines – 1 new request received. MB to be contacted for copy of project details to date.	
13.	<b>General Board</b>	
13.1	CH to amalgamate the two TFVCC business plans and bring to the Board in May.	
13.2	Risk Assessment review – ongoing	
13.3	Beach Clean – CH & ST had Zoom meeting with Living Seas re beach cleaning stations. 2 types identified. Living Seas have 4 units currently unassigned and would be happy to support at no cost to TFVCC. This option not suitable for TFVCC land. ST to share details with Findhorn Dunes Trust to see if suitable for them. 2 Minute Beach Clean stations identified as possible alternative. These will have a financial cost and may require the financial assistance from local businesses. ST to request quotes and liaise with BP.	
13.4	Allotments – Communication from member renewing interested in allotment project. Project will be subject to clearance of debris by M.Lusty	
13.5	Policy & procedures group - SR has list of drafts, adopted and published of P&Ps. P&P Working Group formed - SR, CH, CL, ST. Policies will be periodically proposed by the working Board for review and adoption by the Board.	
14.	<b>AOCB</b>	
	Local business has requested consideration for a Captains Table concession at the West Beach Car Park selling light refreshments. They will arrange and cover cost of getting power to the site. Agreed in principle.  FRA delivered a welcome pack to a new resident household including application for TFVCC. Notice board at Findhorn Village Store to be replaced. Repair/sealing completed on the village binoculars with contractor requesting donation in lieu of services. FRA request for consideration of donation by TFVCC, value TBC. Approved	

	<p>Request for formation of Environment Working Group to be added to April agenda. Remit to include involvement/consultation with other working group projects that have an impact on the environment.</p> <p>Newly surfaced roundabout at West Beach Car Park has been damaged by vehicles 26/2/2021. Contractor has regraded surface.</p> <p>Royal Observer Corp bunker lid has been vandalised and removed. Liaising with AJ Engineering to repair.</p> <p>Campervan has been staying overnight in the West Beach Car Park contrary to Scottish Government Covid regulations. Issue reported to Police Scotland who declined to take formal action. Letter to be raised to Chief Constable raising concerns and seeking clarification on current restrictions.</p>	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting – 05 April 2021 7pm</b>	
	<b>Minutes Proposed by SR</b>	
	<b>Minutes Seconded by CL</b>	
	<b>Chairman C.Hunt</b>	

