

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
DIRECTORS MEETING ON 04 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT Christine Hunt (CH), Cathy Low (CL), Sam Russell (SR), Donald Watson (DW), Sarah Theman (ST)

APOLOGIES Marjory Marber (MB), Nicole Edmonds (NE), Bryan Parsons (BP)

		Action By
1.	Declaration of Interest None	
2.	Minutes of last meeting Approved	
3.	Actions arising from last meeting	
3.1	3.1 - Newsletter - ongoing	CH CL
3.2	3.2 - Signatories - ongoing	CH CL
3.3	3.3 - Trip lines – ongoing	DW CH
3.4	3.4 - Beach Huts – proposal for landowner & hut owners contribution to upkeep of access road – ongoing	CL
3.5	3.5 - Business plan – ongoing – CH to contact Business gateway for assistance	CH
3.6	3.6 - Heritage Lottery Fund – funding for Warden – ongoing	CH
3.7	3.8 – cutting of net posts – not been able to contact – ongoing	CH
3.8	3.9 - Email sent to home owner – agrees that stones have not bedded down as expected. Also stated that they are in favour of a riser step being installed to prevent stones moving onto steps. Latter proposal not accepted as a suitable solution due to increased trip risk. Home owners have requested meeting with Board members to discuss resolution (see gmail 07/09/21)	CL
3.9	Quote received from Fortieth and Sinclair for one set of beach steps - £10,500	
3.10	15.1 – Rear of Linksvie - bulk bags of garden waster removed; caravan still there. ST approached by owner for contact number from Adrian Smith to get quote for dismantle and removal of caravan. CH to forward contact number to ST	CH ST
3.11	15.2 – Note of thanks to ST for organising beach clean. Very successful	
4.	Communication	
4.1	Gmail – see label September 2021 for general correspondence	
	4/10/21 – Overgrown pathway & steps between 125 & 135 Findhorn has reduced width of pathway and has requested some remedial action to restore path to its proper state. Board discussed installation of freestanding hand rail bolted onto steps which would offer additional safety measure as these steps are notoriously slippy in inclement weather. CH to investigate and reply to Joan Miller	CH
4.2	Newsletter - ongoing	CH 5.CL
5.	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer's Report – see Annexe A	
5.2	New Treasurer - ongoing	
5.3	Motorhome income - Bookings September 290 bookings, 388 nights = £5820 (62% occ). income £5880 gross (income to 30/09 £30,037.60 gross) September honesty box £809.74 (income 2021 £5691.69) Donr - £15.64 (Findhorn £11.88 and Loo £3.76 net)	
6.	Land/Sales/Leases	
6.1	Boundary Issue 2 - Ongoing	
6.2	Boundary Issue 1 - Ongoing	
6.3	– CH & CL met with home owners to review area of land tended by owners and owned by TFVCC. Owners informed land not for sale as it would set a precedent – all current land/boundary issues have been inherited following TFVCC purchase of Novar Land	
7.	Car park working group	
7.1	Fencing/posts need to be reinstalled at picnic area following additional spaces created at west end. DW to action	DW
7.2	CH & CL had meeting with Ursa Gates re options for payment barrier at West Beach car park. UG will report back. CL contacted Martin Booth from PaymentSense re possible payment options	
7.3	CCTV – following evidence of 'wheel spins & donuts' by drivers at western end of West Beach car park CH investigating CCTV options. Cost £250-£350 but will require wifi or sim card so the images can be recorded remotely. This will have an additional cost.	CH
8.	Armstrong Garages	
8.1	Communication with Denis Forrest ongoing. Revised planning drawings received from Sam Foster; approved and to be submitted to Moray Council	

	by SF. Additional cost of £401 in progress of being paid by Tfvcc – more detail from Moray Council required by Treasurer. NE progressing request for drawings from SF to pass on to DF.	NE
8.2	Garage loan repayments – Board approved unanimously to repay the £19,000 loan CL to contact doner in writing to advise repayment will be made in December and request preferred method of payment.	CL
9.	Toilet block	
9.1	CAT – Tfvcc Solicitor Myles Graham is chasing Moray Council to progress transfer	
9.2	RTIF application – submitted by Moray Council. CL requesting further info from Moray Council	
9.3	Vandalism – men's toilet has been replaced following incident of vandalism. Donation of £150 received from Mr & Mrs Finnegan with approval for any excess to be used as Board sees fit in other projects. Works completed free of charge by Forres resident Callum Brown. Thanks given to all parties for their donations.	
10.	Allotment working group	
10.1	Additional membrane has been cut and laid onsite by 3 members of working group – remainder still to be laid. Sign prepared and installed on site asking neighbouring residents not to use site for disposal of their garden waste. 2 members of working group visited Burghead allotments to learn more about the no dig method. NE raised concerns that due to delays in contractors providing quotes for fencing the funding the group has received may not be spent within permitted timeframe. Board agreed to the purchase of materials within the time frame and these can be stored in the vacant garage until a contractor is accepted.	NE NE
11.	Membership - Membership Report Including new members 238 Total 181 Full, 56 Associate, 1 Junior Membership 76.5% Associate 23.5% Two new associate member application – have put on waiting list	
12.	Findhorn Path – RFYC corner update – communications ongoing with landscape architect re planning. NE & DW met with stonemason Darell Wyer onsite re price for works. Quote awaited. Final invoice received from landscape architect for work on RFYC corner plans – paid. Weeding session completed.	
13.	Projects	
13.1	Trip lines – ongoing	DW CH
13.2	Engine/boat shed – no further correspondence received	
13.3	Beach huts - ongoing	CL
13.4	Bakehouse Lane & lane at 143 – CH, DW, ST net with Will Burnish to highlight problems with excess rain water flooding the lanes and non maintenance of the outflow pipes at the bay. WB to investigate. WB also advised that Tfvcc complete the current Scottish Water flooding consultation to highlight that Findhorn is not on it and what the problems are. Works have commenced at the plot up from 143. Photos to be taken of the access points and lane to evidence state of lane to be reinstated to at the end of works	CL ??
13.5	Warden with Local Nature Reserve – Moray Council have endorsed the application but advised that our proposal may not be suitable for the funding guidelines. Alternative funding streams being investigate by CH Moray Council have advised they are revisiting their leases on the nature reserve and will advise once formulated	
14.	General Board	
14.1	AGM – JMI has been booked; risk assessment to be completed nearer the time – this will include maximum number of attendees permitted therefore it may be necessary for attendees to pre book to ensure Covid rules are met	
14.2	Risk Assessment review– Walk round has been completed and RA is being updated	
14.3	Policies & procedures - ongoing	SR CL ST
14.4	Village goodwill fund – now that Tfvcc has an income CH proposed that an annual financial sum be set for applications by individuals and organisations. This could supplement the similar Findhorn Residents Association scheme. Approved in principle.	
14.5	Future funding applications – due to the increased income that the Motorhome Stopover brings, Tfvcc is likely to be less attractive to funders. Proposed that Motorhome Stopover income becomes ringfenced to fund ongoing expenses.	

15.	<p>AOCB BP (by email) - wear and tear of Dunes road has increased significantly and by more than expected. CL advised of upcoming walkround by contractor to agree current remedial requirements and future maintenance contract specifications. Dog dirt – increased occurrences to areas west of dunes road. Action – if offender is known, leaflet to be dropped off in residential area advising of increase in dog fouling instances and possible prosecution consequences. Wild Things! parking on Seaforth Place – excessive number of vehicles on this road monopolising parking spaces. CH advised FVC will raise this issue with them.</p> <p>SR – FRA is having its first face to face meeting since the outbreak of the pandemic. The Hogmanay ceilidh will not go ahead due to ongoing Covid risks. Date for Findhorn Fair 2022 to be set – tide times dependent. Reports of low frequency generator type noise by residents near Heathneuk.</p> <p>DW – honesty box at toilet block – money is falling out of the tray to the bottom of the post. DW will investigate best way to remove the money and resolve the fault.</p> <p>CH – Crown Estates consultation – notice of interest submitted for transfer of foreshore to TFVCC. Parking at 4 Findhorn – contact owner and send copy of TFVCC deeds showing that the spaces are TFVCC land and requesting a meeting to resolve.</p> <p>CL – condition of road to Boatyard – will chase contractor re patching of potholes. From car park junction to Boatyard – needs to be dealt with by homeowners/businesses at that end. Canoe stand at church slipway – potential to tidy up area by providing a stand for the numerous canoes to help keep the area tidier. DW will investigate best place and type of stand. CampRA accreditain – Motorhome Stopover has been accredited with a 5* rating. Board approved purchase of large sign at a cost of approx. £60 which will be attached to the existing sign at the car park junction.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>DW</p>
	Date of Next Meeting – 01 November 2021	
	Minutes Proposed by	
	Minutes Seconded by	
	Chairman	

