

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7PM

PRESENT - Christine Hunt (CH), Cathy Low (CL), Nicole Edmonds (NE), Sam Russell (SR)

APOLOGIES – Donald Watson (DW)

The meeting opened with a presentation from Elle Adams, Strategy Lead, Findhorn Watershed Initiative on behalf of Findhorn, Nairn & Lossie Rivers Trust (FNLRT). In summary, the general aim is to restore the Saltmarsh and Wetland ecosystems of Findhorn Bay which is in continual decline. This is a community driven project in collaboration with local project partners, consultants, local organisations, key agencies and local authorities with the organisation hoping to achieve National Status thus securing local nature funding and grants. Please see full report attached.

		ACTION
1	Declaration of Interest – None.	
2	Minutes of Meeting – Minutes approved by CL and SR	
3	Actions Arising from Last Meeting	
	13.5 Comment submitted to Moray Council Planning	
4	Communication	
4.1	Further correspondence from resident again requesting barrier code to allow Land Rover access to the Dune's Road to take son to beach. Regrettably, not possible - code must remain secure to avoid unauthorised access.	
4.2	Community Land Scotland Webinar – 6 th and 13 th March 2023. Cathy agreed to do short presentation on the work of TFVCC since purchase	CL
5	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer Report – November	CL
5.2	Treasurer – ongoing. Income generally lower during winter. FVCC garage loans all parties paid apart from one which is in discussions	All
5.3	Motorhome Income Cashflow slow although trickling in. Bookings December 2022 average £500; January 2023 down 50% less compared to last year.	
6	Land/Sales/Leases	
6.1	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
6.2	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
6.3	Re flooding issues to 112/113, Ladies Walk and Olive's Lane. Drains/gully being cleared this month. Machinery has been seen in village. CL has asked Moray Council for progress report. Following meeting with Moray Council and Scottish Water the two drains in the lanes will be cleared and new gully traps fitted. Moray Council providing the gully traps etc. Boarded approved notification to Moray Council to go ahead and order the traps. TFVCC is responsible for the cost of Ed Bichen to do the work. Awaiting quote from Ed Bichen. Residents on the lane to be asked for a contribution to the groundworks. Letters/emails to go out once Board has reviewed Ed Bichen Quote.	CL/CH
6.4	Edited for confidentiality	CL
7	Car Parking Working Group	
7.1	Payment Barrier provider will need to survey the area to identify best location to enable traffic flow. CH has quote from Accrington Installations and Commissioning(quote for £6,000) and their recommendations put	CH?/L

	forward to the Committee. Charges would be by day token or card payment with an override facility for emergency services - which would need further investigation. MC informed of intention to charge and are in support. Additional Voluntary Boxes to be positioned at East Beach Car Park Site meeting with Car Park WG to be held to discuss location prior to arranging site visit with provider	
7.2	Huge tyre tracks evident on West Beach again. Payment barrier would reduce this ongoing issue and contribute to the maintenance of the car parks and the toilet blocks (which will not be charged for at this time).	CH
8	Armstrong Garages	
8.1	One contractor quote has been received and currently awaiting second tender from another. No further action until received.	CH/NE
8.2	Garage Loan Repayments – complete.	CL
9	Toilet Block	
9.1	Work to south toilet block ongoing and electrical work commenced 7/2/23. Some items still outstanding and floor resin work yet to be completed. Drains to North Toilet Block require inspection and awaiting Building Warrant to cover drainage work. Meantime, cladding from the north toilet block can be removed.	CL
9.2	Additional funding has been asked for from RTIF Committee considering CCTV within the toilet block and having timed locks on toilets Consulted with Jason Brodie re cost effectiveness.	CL
11	Membership Report including two new members 240: members 182, associate 56 and 2 junior.	
12	Findhorn Path Working Group submitted update on the current balance of fund in Path Account and the Working group met to discuss new signage and consider three quotes. Brass plaque is being ordered. Puddle areas require ongoing maintenance and working group in process of obtaining an estimate for works. Suggestion for a Donation Boxes in prominent locations on path	NE
13	Projects	
13.1	Trip Lines – ongoing.	DW
13.2	Beach Steps. TFVCC hoping to hear soon from Crown Estates in respect of funding application. Schedule of work discussed with army representative and hopefully work can get under way by April. A media campaign or Facebook promotion is proposed to try and raise additional funds	CL
13.3	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
13.4	All ability path and view point (back beach) – no update.	CH/CL
13.5	Edited for confidentiality	CL
13.6	CH also advised of funding for a community drinking fountain at a cost of £2,500.	
13.7	Allotments – ongoing	
13.8	Dains/Flooding – cover in 6.3	
13.9	Jubilee Canopy Tree planting in progress. One tree may have honey fungus and will have to be removed by a qualified Tree Surgeon and costs obtained. Longer term, funding needs to be allocated for some form of deer protection to newly planted trees. Additional 30 saplings available if required for the copse area.	
14	General Board	
14.1	Risk Assessment review – ongoing.	DW
14.2	Policy and Procedure update – ongoing.	SR

14.3	Village Goodwill Fund – ongoing.	CH
14.4	Coffee Van, East Beach Car Park – on site from February Mon – Fri, 10:30 – 15:30hrs. Rather than a rental charge, suggest donations to FVCC for use of land. Similar approach as the Mobile Sauna.	CL
14.5	Boats at Memorial Slip and beach – no one has claimed the two canoes tied to the pole. Images will be posted on Facebook for claimants to come forward before end March. Going forward, need for registration system/traceability for individuals wishing to moor their boats/canoes etc. (April to October).	DW/CL
14.6	Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations –	NE
15	AOCB Minutes for Website. AGM questions. Proposal for a fixed handrail to the steps on lane leading to Baron House. Coronation Weekend – the committee discussed the possibility of a wider celebration or street party (balloons, flags, crowns, etc.). A community beach clean on the Monday is one suggestion. Consult with local groups. National Lottery Awards for All - £10,000 available for share funding. Jade wishes to be involved in any future planting.	SR CL
15.1	SR on behalf of FRA has written to Moray Council requesting relocation of municipal bins so less obvious, particularly in view of the forthcoming Coronation weekend.	SR
15.2	Scottish Community Tourism Organisation (SCOTO) Cathy attending conference in Kinguisse	CL
	Date of Next Meeting – 6th March 2023	
	Minutes Proposed by	
	Minutes Seconded by	
	Chairman	

