

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

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

APOLOGIES – Donald Watson (DW)

Mr Gordon Sutton was invited to join meeting to discuss his query about canoes being removed from bay side and path. No response from Mr Sutton and no attendance at meeting

		ACTION
1	Declaration of Interest – None.	
2	Minutes of Meeting – Minutes approved by SR and NE	
3	Actions Arising from Last Meeting	
	No update on planning for 43C Findhorn – 27 objections recorded.	
4	Communication	
4.1	Email received querying legality of removal of canoes from the pathway on bay front. Correspondent was invited to the Board Meeting to discuss, no response to email. It has been identified that potentially one of the canoes, red, has been claimed by the resident of No4 Findhorn. CH to speak with resident. CL to email correspondent to explain where he can put his canoe between March and October, with details on info to be provided, photo of canoe, contact details. Also to advise of alternatives – RFYC, Marina or FRA grass area in front of Kimberly.	CL
4.2	Local Development Plan 2027. Board to have a site meeting to discuss opportunities – housing, camp site. NE to look up records on previous inputs to development plan. NE to organise site meeting.	NE
5	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer Report – February attached	CL
5.2	Treasurer – ongoing. Edited for confidentiality	All CH
5.3	Motorhome Income February bookings slightly up on 2022. Once toilet blocks complete increase overnight fee to £17 per night	
6	Land/Sales/Leases	
6.1	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
6.2	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
6.3	Lady’s Walk and PO lane – quote received from Ed Bichen - £600 plus VAT per drain. Mr Bichen has stated that there is an element of unknown which re what will be found when digging starts. Board approved costs. Letters to go to all residents who access these lanes to ask for a contribution.	CL/CH
6.4	Edited for confidentiality	CL
7	Car Parking Working Group	
7.1	Payment Barrier – CL shared a payment barrier option – quote of £18,000. CH to review and speak to other provider for a quote detailing the exit barrier as well as entrance payment barrier.	CH/CL
7.2	On going work for patching pot holes in car parks. General maintenance and weeding.	CH
8	Armstrong Garages	

8.1	HIE have contacted to advise that the remaining £8K grant has to be claimed by end of March 2023. This has to be match funded. Board had already agreed to this spend. NE to get details from Denis Forres for what this money could be spent on. Request to use garages awaiting renovation, to store logs. Board agreed with the understanding that wood to be stacked clear of the walls and notice of 1 week to vacant.	NE
9	Toilet Block	
9.1	South Toilet Block is nearly complete – electric connected, awaiting fitting of lights, delayed due to wrong lights ordered. North Toilet Block – work has started – old cladding stripped off. David Dittman working on the Building Warrant. Additional works for electric connection to enable electric shower. CL has secured additional £5K from RTIF and £5K grant from Visit Moray Speyside. Query re VAT reclaim/exemption for building works – CL to speak to book keeper at FVC for advice on who best to check this out with.	CL CL
10	Membership Report including two new members 241: members 181, associate 56 and 2 juniors. 75.1% - Membership drive needed – all to think about	ALL
11	Findhorn Path Defect work is scheduled for April 2023.	NE
12	Projects	
13.1	Trip Lines – ongoing.	DW
13.2	Beach Steps. Should hear in March from Crown Estates. Fund Application submitted to G&E Baxter. Jason Brodie met with the Army to go over templates and plans for steps. CL to look at how to do Crowd Funding to support cost of steps. Quote for 8 steps provided by Jason Brodie.	CL
13.3	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
13.4	All ability path and view point (back beach) – no update.	CH/CL
13.5	Brand Boat Shed – following submission of their new planning application, no decision made	CL
13.6	Allotments – ongoing	
13.7	Drains/Flooding – cover in 6.3	
13.8	Jubilee Canopy. Infected trees have been inspected and report provided by tree specialist. Tree specialist to be asked to remove infected trees, NE to obtain cost and ask Board for approval via email between meetings. New trees will be planted and protected, also grass cutter volunteers will be asked to take care not to knock trees. NE obtaining tree protection cost.	NE
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 – has started again at the beach.	CL
14.5	Boats at Memorial Slip and beach. Still some boats to be claimed – CL to check out and put notices on them asking that they are removed by end of March. Some of the trailers are in good condition and could be used/sold.	DW/CL

14.6	Grass area at top of Lady's Walk – cars and boats that have been parked in this area will have notices to ask that they are removed. Posts to be put in place to stop future parking of cars etc.	CL
15	AOCB	
15.1	Minutes for Website – ongoing	
15.2	Moray Council have relocated most of the bins on the front in line with FRA request. Just one to be moved at Church slip	SR
15.3	Meeting with Nigel Bench re handrail at Barron House to be arranged.	SR/CL
15.4	Nesting Birds CH has written to Richard Sommer-Cox, Timothy Finnegan and David Johnston to arrange meeting on site to discuss what is required and for help to erect stake and rope. Signs to be made to advise of nesting birds and dogs under control/on leads in this area	CH
15.5	NR requested approval for £35 spend to attend Places and Spaces for Health and Wellbeing - approved	
15.6	SR queried what had happened to the Footpath sign at the start of road up to Bundon. The Board agreed this was a F&KCC issue and should be addressed with them. FRA has £500 funding from F&KCC and will be organising water safety sessions, quote obtained from Findhorn Marina. For info – FRA have applied to Lottery Small Grants for bark and wood for the children's play area.	SR SR
15.7	Chatter Boxes were blown over in a storm – these have been repaired and are operational again. Thanks to Jason Brodie for repairing so promptly	
15.8	CH asked if we should be advertising the motorhome stopover – it was felt this was not necessary. CH raising concern about boats anchoring in the bay where it dries out (TFVCC Land). There is concern that the yacht who was there all last summer will return and there is potentially another one planning to anchor. CH to check out with Marine Scotland.	CH
15.9	Board to look at where tents could be pitched. Need to be near toilet block but also want them to be discrete. Suggestions to be looked into.	ALL
	Date of Next Meeting – 3rd April 2023	
	Minutes Proposed by	
	Minutes Seconded by	
	Chairman	