

**THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY**  
**DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7PM**

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

**APOLOGIES** – Donald Watson (DW)

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1</b>	Declaration of Interest – None.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting – Minutes approved by SR and NE</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Actions Arising from Last Meeting</b>	
3.1	15.4 Ringed Plovers fencing and notices have been erected on the Point	
<b>3.2</b>	Local Development Plan Director walk round still to be arranged	NE
<b>4</b>	<b>Communication</b>	
4.1	27/03 – Email from resident re setting up fenced dog exercise park west of Dunes Track. Board felt not required for this area. CL will email response	CL
4.2	Edited for confidentiality	
4.3	Register of Scotland – 62 Findhorn – no action required as we do not own the land and, within his title MOR 8814 it states ground adjacent to property can only be used for amenity and garden	
4.4	F&KCC – asking to meet to discuss resilience plan – SR and CL to meet with Rupert Hutchinson	L/SR
4.5	Cheque received for £1500 from Highland Inns Ltd (Kimberly) as thanks for use of grass area in 2022. Also request for permission to use grass area again 2023. NE suggested putting ‘hard standing’ down for the tables and chairs – will protect the ground and also identify max number of tables. CL to write and thank for donation and advise of permission granted.	CL
4.6	Report from Elle Adam re Community Fund for Mobile Sauna. Very successful and many positive testimonials in report. Also request to look into reconnecting the water at the East Car Park. Elle is willing to look into funding to do this – Board approved	
<b>4.7</b>	Email from F&KCC asking what is happening with Playing Field/football pitch. SR reported that this had been discussed at FRA meeting. FRA to try and identify local business who may be able to cut the grass. The Board agreed that the playing field will need to be looked at in the future as to what to do with it and how it can be maintained	SR ALL
<b>5</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
5.1	Treasurer Report –March attached	CL
5.2	Treasurer – ongoing.	All
5.3	<b>Motorhome Income</b> March bookings approx. 50% down on 2022.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Land/Sales/Leases</b>	
6.1	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
6.2	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
<b>7</b>	<b>Car Parking Working Group</b>	
7.1	Payment Barrier – CL has received and shared with CH quote from Ursa Gates for payment barrier system. CL to arrange meeting with Ursa Gates to discuss further.	CH/CL

7.2	As part of the groundworks for the North Toilet Block Aaron's Groundworks has levelled out the large bump at turning into roundabout area and filled in some holes. Ade to be asked to do some weeding in Motorhome Stopover. Many posts and rails have been knocked over. Board agreed to get quote for larger Oak posts. Suggestion is to do a section at a time – depending on costs. NE to obtain quote	NE
7.3	CL to speak with DW to ask about cash collections for car park as he is still recovering from operation	CL
<b>8</b>	<b>Armstrong Garages</b>	
8.1	HIE grant claim submitted	NE
8.2	NE to ask Denis Forrest for a tender report. The Board discussed using all new cladding for the garage rather than the cost of repair and paint which is coming in at a high cost. NE to speak with Denis.	NE
8.3	Rupert Hutchinson is now storing his wood in one of the garages under renovation. He requires to be invoiced rather than have a Standing Order set up. Board agreed to a six-monthly invoice.	CL
<b>9</b>	<b>Toilet Block</b>	
9.1	South Toilet Block is nearly complete only disabled toilet to be fitted out – awaiting delivery this week. North Toilet Block – Groundworks has started for connection of electricity and waste. Pump has arrived and tank will be installed this week. One of the lintels on the entrance to the Gents toilets is damaged and needs to be replaced - £650.  Appeal for volunteers to go out to help with checking the toilets and topping up toilet rolls, CL will put out on Village WhatsApp	CL    CL
<b>10</b>	Membership Report including two new members 243: members 183, associate 58 and 2 juniors. 75.31% - Membership drive needed – all to think about	ALL
<b>11</b>	Findhorn Path Defect work is scheduled for April 2023. NE to carry out some tidying up of plants.	NE
<b>12</b>	<b>Projects</b>	
12.1	Trip Lines – ongoing.	DW
12.2	Beach Steps. Unsuccessful with application for funds from Crown Estates. Fund Application submitted to G&E Baxter - £10,000 approved if we raise rest of funds. CL met with Bill Budge to discuss quotes. CL to speak with Jason Brodie to resolve queries on quote.	CL
12.3	Queen's Canopy – Trees have been removed from grass area in front of Dumela. NE to arrange planning to Crab apple tree.	NE
12.4	Edited for confidentiality	CL/CH
12.5	All ability path and view point (back beach) – no update.	CH/CL
12.6	Brand Boat Shed – planning has been declined.	
12.6	Allotments – ongoing	
12.7	Drains/Flooding – Lady's Walk and PO lane – Work not started yet, expected to have started wk. 27 March – CL chasing Ed Bichen. Four offers of contributions received for costs.	CL
<b>13</b>	<b>General Board</b>	
13.1	Risk Assessment review – CH to arrange annual review	CH

13.2	Policy and Procedure update – ongoing.	SR
13.3	Village Goodwill Fund – ongoing.	CH
13.4	Coffee Van – no comments	
13.5	Boats at Memorial Slip and beach. Contact is being made by owners wishing to put their boats on the bank for the season. Confirmed ok to do so if they provide photo of boat and agree that boats are left at owners risk.	CL
13.6	Grass area at top of Lady’s Walk – CL has not had time to put notices on cars/boats left in this area. Will do so before next meeting. Posts to be put in place to stop future parking of cars etc.	CL/CH
<b>14</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
14.1	Minutes for Website – CH offered to help get this completed	CH
14.2	Nigel Hilton has advised that cost of handrail depending on what is required – plain stainless-steel posts with round handrail - £2500. Carved handrails £5,500 Board agreed to get firm quote for the plain stainless-steel posts and round handrail.	SR/CL
14.3	SR reported the FRA are doing repair work on the benches along the front. The first water safety course organised by FRA was held today, fully booked. Another one organised for later in the holidays. SR reported that No Parking signs have been put up on the JMI slip road at the tubs.	SR
14.4	NE asked if her neighbour could have the large wooden bobbin that the electric cable come on. Board agreed that he could have it.	NE
14.5	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
	<b>Date of Next Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>	
	<b>Minutes Proposed by</b>	
	<b>Minutes Seconded by</b>	
	<b>Chairman</b>	