

**THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY**  
**DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 AT 7PM**

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

**APOLOGIES** –

		<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	6.1 Meeting arranged with Aberdine and Considine 12 May CH and CL 14.2 CL has spoken to Nigel Hilton re hand rail awaiting quote – NE will chase up 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	Letter from resident raising that a car was on the track in front of her house late on Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May. CL to write back to thank her for her feedback and that access is not normally available. Ch will check fences and barrier at East end.	CH
4.2	Invite from Caitlin Arbuckle-Macleod to attend open meeting re Park Ecovillage Local Place Plan – Booked for 11am on Tuesday 16 May CL and CH to attend	CH/CL
4.3	Response received from canoe owner to TFVCC email from March – he would like to meet with us. CL to respond asking when is suitable for him	CL
4.4	Email from 2 <sup>nd</sup> party canoe owner asking about her canoe – she shares with 1 <sup>st</sup> party canoe owner – respond with details of where stored	CL
4.5	Love Energy Saving – quote for electricity for 2024 – Board agreed to wait until July 2023 before making a commitment for a fixed price	CL
4.6	Invoice from Aberdien and Considine – some of which relates to the work carried out re enquiry about land query from resident– costs to be extracted and resident to be asked to make contribution.	CL
<b>4.7</b>	Email from a Peter W and from R&R Urquhart both asking about lanes. Peter W specifically about the lane between the Crown and Kilvrock. Advised no restriction on access to lane. Responded to R&R asking for specifics as their enquiry was generic about lanes in Findhorn.	
<b>4.8</b>	Email received advising that a yellow dinghy had been towed along road beside allotments, it had a broken axel and has damaged the road. It has been abandoned at side of the track – identify of owner no none. Suggestion is it could be someone who is associated with the late Mr Lusty	
<b>5</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
5.1	Treasurer Report –April 2023 attached	CL
5.2	Treasurer – ongoing.	All  CH
5.3	<b>Motorhome Income</b> April 2023 increased by circa 40% against April 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 had call with Ursa Gates and they have reissued quote with updates to enable telemetry for barrier. Ursa Gates to be asked to come up and survey site	CH/CL
7.2	Issues ongoing with ‘boy racers’ chewing up the east side of the west car park. The payment barrier should put a stop to this. Ade carrying out ongoing repairs to posts and pot holes CL to speak to Aaron Groundworks to arrange a delivery of type 1 for filling in potholes at East car park/Dunes track.	NE
7.3	DL will collect spare honesty box from CL’s driveway and empty so it can be relocated at South Toilet Block	DW/CL
<b>8</b>	<b>Armstrong Garages</b>	
8.1	NE reported she is arranging meeting with Denis Forrest to discuss tenders Once costings are clearer CH will discuss with HIE to identify if there is any funding from them for this development.	NE CH
8.2	Final Loan to be paid back by December 2023. Board agreed to do £5,000 a month	CL
<b>8.3</b>	Following a walk about by CH and CL Ade to do a general tidy up and trim. Branches that are overhanging the road to be cut back. NE to see if it requires a tree surgeon or can be done by Ade.  Spare Ecogrid – CL to confirm amount and then try and sell for what it cost.	NE/CH CL
<b>9</b>	<b>Toilet Block</b>	
9.1	South Toilet Block is nearly complete. Have had some teething problems with the toilet roll holder and blockages. New cleaners have started and already there is a noticeable difference.  CL is arranging for B&S Pipe solutions to come out to clear drains. Jason Brodie is looking into resolving the low volume flush of some of the toilets.  Volunteer continues to check toilets for us most mornings. He has asked what our plans for charging are. At this time the spare honesty box will be position at south block and there are poster up for text to donate.  North Toilet Block – Groundworks completed for connections and pump. Pump will be commissioned on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May as well as electrician on site for lights and assist with commissioning of pump if required.	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 Remedial work on path delayed, now planned for May Request to go to RFYC to ask for use of South Dinghy Park for storage of materials. CL will email.	NE

	There will be a need to close of sections of the path whilst work is carried out. NE and volunteer have been weeding and planting	
<b>12</b>	<b>Projects</b>	
12.1	Trip Lines – DW that new trip line has been put in for resident CL has found copies of the tripline map and will drop off to DW	DW
	CH raised a concern that a boat currently in the Boatyard, owner is planning to use as a live on board. Rumour is that owner is either wanting to tie up a the piers or anchor in the bay. Fairways have raised their concerns with Boat yard regarding launching of boat when it has no engine and no where to berth.	
12.2	<b>Beach Steps</b> Decision to use Douglas Fir agreed with Board over email. Jason Brodie will be placing wood order wc 15 May. Army have scheduled to start work 12 June. Weather/tide dependant. Awaiting JustGiving to approve TFVCC as a charity on their site.	CL
12.3	Queen’s Canopy – One Crab Apple tree for grass in front of Dumella. Requires to be stacked and protected from deer. CH advised there may be a large tree protector washed up on the beach, if still there she will collect.. Trees and hedge at play park need to be weeded and watered to make sure they thrive	NE/SR
12.4	Church – No update. CL will chase up	CL
12.5	All ability path and view point (back beach) – no update.	CH/CL
12.6	Brand Boat Shed – No update	
12.6	Allotments – ongoing	
12.7	Drains/Flooding – Lady’s Walk and PO lane. Work now planned for Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	CL
<b>13</b>	<b>General Board</b>	
13.1	Risk Assessment review – CL has asked volunteers to review. Required as part of paper work for the Army doing beach steps	CH
13.2	Policy and Procedure update – ongoing.	SR
13.3	Village Goodwill Fund – ongoing.	CH
13.4	Coffee Van has moved to new location to the east the West Car Park . It has been noted there are a couple of what looks like scorch marks on the grass. CL will email to remind must be leave no trace.	CL
13.5	Boats at Memorial Slip and beach. Canoe owner party 1 has responded to our email in March asking to meet with us. CL will respond advising where boats have been stored and ask for suitable date/time to meet	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. CL will take photos of boats still there.	CL/CH
<b>14</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
14.1	Minutes for Website – outstanding	CH
14.2	Nigel Hilton will provide quote for handrail on Barron House lane	CL
14.3	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. - ongoing	ALL
14.4	CH welcomed DW back, great to see him back.	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting – 08 May 2023</b>	
	<b>Minutes Proposed by</b>	
	<b>Minutes Seconded by</b>	

	<b>Chairman</b>	