

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY 07 AUGUST 2023 AT 7PM

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

APOLOGIES – Donald Watson (DW)

Frank Allan (FA) attended the start of the Board Meeting to provide an overview of the peak season as we are half way through. FA is down at the toilet blocks, car park, motorhome stopover every morning. Overall the motorhome stopover is going really well, need to keep on top of the weeds during the quieter season. The occasional blockage of the waste disposal is an ongoing issue. CL advise the manufacturer has identified that a pipe reducer may work by reducing the size of the hole to stop cassette sliders going down it. CL will be ordering one asap. Will need help to fit.
 Bins: coping ok, just on very busy days the bins in the car park areas can overflow. Moray Council are down most days in the summer months to empty car park bins.
 This year has seen a reduction in the number of motorhomes parking outside the stopover area. Signs seem to be helping.
 Camping at the East Car Park is on ongoing issue, not as many as previous, but can be a challenge when approached.
 Dunes Track and car park is holding up well.
 Good to see grass has been strimmed and general ongoing maintenance is keeping the area tidy.

Toilets – FA has had some very good comments on the finish of the toilets and all is generally working well. The North Block is smaller but goes through more loo roll. Recommend evening checks during June – September. New cleaners are doing an excellent job. On going issue with toilet rolls dropping out before completely finished. CL is speaking with suppliers, who have given a box of toilet rolls FOC.

Motorhome Stopover – feedback good, however many visitors have suggested that increasing maximum stay to three nights would be enhance facility.

FA advised that he had written to the Sunday Times following the article with the headline ‘Findhorn is Dying’.

CH thanked FA for his continued support and expressed the appreciation of the Board.

ACTION

1	Declaration of Interest – None.	
2	Minutes of Meeting – Minutes approved by SR and NE	
3	Actions Arising from Last Meeting – July2023	
3.1	6.4 – SR and CL have not managed to write up policy for land enquiries. CL advised it is vital we get land enquiries and complaints policies signed off	CL/SR
4	Communication	
4.1	Edited for Confidentiality.	
4.2	26/07– asking who was on work party who removed the canoes. Advised that this information could not be shared	
4.3	27/07 Scottish Water – in on ongoing sewage works in lanes	
4.4	02/08 information from DTAS re-funding opportunity for staff for three years who require match funding	

4.5	03/08 Information on Community Land Scotland rewilding	
4.6	Edited for Confidentiality.	
4.7	Edited for Confidentiality.	
4.8	Query– asking what the legality of stopping camping on TFVCC land. CL shared with her by email the outdoor access code	
5	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer Report July 2023 attached.	
5.2	Treasurer – ongoing.	All
5.3	Edited for Confidentiality.	
6	Land/Sales/Leases	
6.1	Edited for Confidentiality.	CH/CL
6.2	Edited for Confidentiality.	CH/NE
6.3	Flooding in the lanes. Following a video shared with TFVCC showing water still running down and pooling in Bakehouse Lane, NE suggested we enquire about the cost of obtaining levels to see what could be done to improve the drainage. CL advised Scottish Water will be carrying out work on the lane, but not for surface water. NE to obtain costs	NE
7	Car Parking Working Group	
7.1	Parking payment system still to instruct supplier. CL to reengage with Ursa Gates to move forward	CL
7.2	Agreed to approach Moray Council to increase to three nights	CL
7.3	New Signs are up in car park, some still to be put up	CL
8	Armstrong Garages	
8.1	No tender report back from, NE will chase up for next meeting	NE
8.2	Edited for Confidentiality.	CL
9	Toilet Blocks	
9.1	Toilet Block opening ceremony will be held on Wednesday 9 th August, Sue Finnegan, Deputy Lord Lieutenant will open toilets. Fizz and cake to be provided and residents to be asked to attend.	CL
10	Membership Report 243 members 181, associate 58 and 2 juniors. 75.1% - Membership drive needed – all to think about	ALL
11	Findhorn Path Plaques have been installed On going work weeding and planting.	NE
12	Projects	
12.1	Trip Lines – ongoing	DW
12.2	Beach Steps Scottish Landfill Funding application successful. CL working with Jason Brodie to finalise costs. Work is progressing well on the steps. Steps 2 and 3 took more work than originally thought due to vegetation ingress and rotten timbers. Work carried out by the Army, steps 7 and 8, need some tidying up – Jason will do some remedial work to resolve – 1 – 2 days.	CL
12.3	Edited for Confidentiality	CL
12.4	All ability path and view point (back beach) – no update.	CH/CL
12.5	Edited for Confidentiality.	
12.6	Allotments – ongoing	
12.7	Queen’s Canopy – NE to order larger tree guards. NE has reviewed the issue with the Sycamore trees at the Armstrong Garages that are causing an issue with local resident. NE to contact tree	NE

	surgeon to gain his input and costs. Resident has offered to contribute to the costs.	
13	General Board	
13.1	Risk Assessment review – Completed.	
13.2	Policy and Procedure update – Complaints and Land Enquiries to be written	SR
13.3	Village Goodwill Fund – ongoing.	CH
13.4	Boats at Church slip – being monitored. Trailer on grass area – polite notice asking for it to be removed or put below bank.	CL
13.5	Grass at Dumella triangle – SR advised FRA will take into their grass cutting programme.	SR
14	AOCB	
14.1	Minutes for Website – CL has uploaded all edited minutes to June 2023.	CH
14.2	Email received from resident asking if a more detailed note could be given out to motorhomes parking on the front road. The text provided was too much and Board agreed to keep original text.	CL
14.3	Edited for Confidentiality.	
14.4	FRA have carried out the work at the play park – bark and edging done, Bark cost £3,500.	
14.5	Fire Break – SR to get costs from contractor to do annual fire break clearing	SR
	Date of Next Meeting – 04 September 2023	
	Minutes Proposed by SR	
	Minutes Seconded by NE	
	Chairman CH	