

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY 02 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7PM

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

APOLOGIES –

		ACTION
1	Declaration of Interest - None	
2	Minutes of Meeting – Minutes approved by DW and NE	
3	Actions Arising from Last Meeting – September 2023- not on agenda	
3.1	Edited for confidentiality	CL
3.2	14.4 next FRA meeting not until November, walking stryplies to be arranged following FRA meeting	SR
4	Communication	
4.1	20/09 email from resident to confirm lamp post has been reinstated – no further action required. However, Board will monitor situation around village	
4.2	02/10 kayak owner emailed to ask if they could winter store their kayak at the area at top of Bakehouse Lane. CL to write to advise not possible and share contacts for FRA, RFYC and Marina.	CL
5	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer Report September 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 Lanes NE has received quote for a topography/levels to be done on Bakehouse Lane to identify if/how drainage could be improved. CL has spoken with Scottish Water and they don't have details of the levels of the Bakehouse Lane. NE to arrange survey of Bakehouse Lane. (following meeting Scottish Water have been in contact to advise they will be carrying out a wider surface water survey as part of their bigger project. Therefore, CH contacted NE to cancel surveyor)	NE CH
7	Car Parking Working Group	
7.1	CL has placed the order for the payment barrier with Ursa Gates. Awaiting deposit invoice. CL has quote from Logie Timber for posts, works out at approx. £4 per post – felt rather high. CH to review quote she received via online and order a sample. Posts need to be in prior to payment barrier installation. CH has drafted a letter to the residents on the Marina road to advise of plan for barrier and the steps we are taking to mitigate parking on the road – CH will send to CL for printing CL has contacted for quote for groundworks for barrier. CL will contact electrician for quote for electric works	CL CH CL/CH

7.2	Motorhome Barrier replaced. Thank you to Simon and Jamie Paterson for their assistance in fitting new barrier part.	CL
7.3	NE and Fiona Thomson carried out a weeding test on Ecogrids at motorhome stopover. Not an option to hand weed, needs to be an organic weed killer. NE will speak with Ade to make sure he is using organic recipe weedkiller.	NE
8	Armstrong Garages	
8.1	NE and SR met with architect to review tender report. Only two contractors had submitted tender. Costs to be reviewed as very high. Meeting held with one contractor, to look at how costs can be reduced. NE report back at next meeting. CH will look at funding opportunities.	NE CL
8.2	Edited for Confidentiality	CL
8.3	Tree surgeon has quoted £180 inc VAT to remove two of the sycamore stems at garage site. NE has advised daughter of resident and they have agreed to pay for work. NE to instruct tree surgeon and ask if there will be a reduction for not taking wood away. DW will take the wood away.	CH
8.4	The surplus Ecogrid has been sold to local resident.	CL
8.6	Water valve at garages had to be replaced as was leaking. Thank you to Mike Mawby for contacting Scottish Water and being on site to provide photos and assist. As there is no tap on the pipe, the water is being turned on and off at the valve. This could be the cause of the leaking valve. Insulated Standpipe to be order, as per motorhome stopover. Concern raised regarding general ongoing maintenance of the garages. Sliding door is needing rollers replaced and other general pieces of work needing done on garages CL will ask Jason Brodie for costings to fix sliding door. Potential contact for handyman to approach to ask if they would come and do general maintenance of garages as required. CL and CH to follow up.	CL CL/CH
9	Toilet Blocks	
9.1	Couple of issues with blockages and damage to locks. Jason Brodie is repairing the locks. CL has reached out to various plumbers to try and arrange emergency cover, only one has come back. Honesty box has been installed outside the south toilet block (next to road)	CL
10	Membership Report 245 members 188, associate 57 and 1 juniors. Three new members Membership drive needed – all to think about	ALL
11	Findhorn Path On going work weeding and planting. Orange tape at yacht club corner getting untidy – NE to replace	NE
12	Projects	
12.1	Trip Lines – ongoing	DW
12.2	Beach Steps Funds claimed from Baxter and Berry Burn. Work ongoing on the boardwalks to provide an easy access to top of sea defence from east car park. Review of estimates for west car park boardwalk ongoing.	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 potentially another village resident interested in helping restart working group. NE to contact	NE

12.7	Queen's Canopy – NE has quote for 105 tree guards - £350 – pro forma invoice to be sent to Treasurer for payment	NE
13	General Board	
13.1	Risk Assessment review – Completed review 2024	
13.2	Policy and Procedure update – Complaints and Land Enquiries to be written as priority. CH to email info to SR	SR
13.3	Village Goodwill Fund – ongoing.	CH
13.4	Boats/canoes that have not been claimed since November 2022 will be cleared from the grass area at top of Bakehouse Lane. Notice to go up to advise this area will be 'fenced' off to stop use as a long stay car park and dumping ground. Large white box trailer has appeared, DW thinks it is Moray Council's welfare van for workmen. CL to write to MC to identify.	CL
14	AOCB	
14.1	Minutes for Website – CL will continue to edit and load onto website	CH
14.2	Board agreed to lay a wreath on Memorial Sunday. No Board member is available CL to ask Frank Allan if he would represent TFVCC	DW
14.3	CH attended Nature Reserve Meeting earlier this evening. They are looking for help to take plans forward for potential future development installing a bird hide at the top of the bay (beside Riffle Butts). They also would like to develop lagoons in this area to encourage birds. CH will speak with Findhorn who is also working on projects in and around the bay.	CL
14.4	Edited for Confidentiality	CL
14.5	SR reported the FRA has arranged for the plinth at the base of the flag pole between the piers to be brought round to the front to remove the trip hazard. The plaque needs to be sand blasted, not found anyone who can do this locally.	SR
14.6	FRA thanks TFVCC for the £100 donation towards New Year Fireworks	
14.7	FRA have arranged for the grass to be cut at the park. The company will also look at cutting the long grass as well. Discussions around developing rough areas into a natural meadow. NE to share details of process.	NE
14.8	CL to order Public Footpath Sign on behalf of the FRA	CL
	Date of Next Meeting – 06 November 2023	
	Minutes Proposed by	
	Minutes Seconded by	
	Chairman	