

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY 06 NOVEMBER 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 SR and DW	
3	Actions Arising from Last Meeting – October 2023- not on agenda	
3.1	Edited for confidentiality	CL
3.2	3.2 FRA advised they want TFVCC to organise walk around Findhorn stryplies. To be arranged in the spring.	SR
3.3	7.3 Weeding –volunteer to work with Ade to weed motorhome stopover using Campbell’s environmental weed killer recipe	CH
3.4	CL still to order Standpipe for Garage site	CL
4	Communication	
4.1	02/11 funder asking for update on media coverage of Beach Steps and progress of moving abandoned boats at pier. SR replied re boats at pier. CL will go back with update on Beach steps	CL
4.2	01/11 Invoice from Filpumps for North toilet block pump – CL challenging invoice.	CL
4.3	30/10 George Rattray Scottish Water – update on flood mitigation work and expressing wish to continue working together re surfaces on stryplies	CL
4.4	30/10 Olive Tree Coffee Van advising they will be stopping for the winter. CL to send invoice.	
4.5	25/10 NatureScot – requesting an update on the Dunes Track as they had received a concern – no idea who. CL advised NatureScot on the maintenance plan for this winter. NatureScot responded that they were satisfied with response	
4.6	18/10 canoe owner– email copy of recorded delivery letter that appeared in our mail box at FVC. Acknowledge and advise no change to Board decision that there is no further action.	
4.7	Donation from resident towards Fire Gap clearing – CL emailed thank you	
4.8	Request from resident re one of the abandoned boats. Wishes to take for a flower display. DW and SR will check ‘death row’ for what will go to dump and what can meet requests. CH will contact Williamson for quote of removal of boats at ‘death row’, pier and the yellow boat on the track.	DW/SR CH
4.9	Edited for confidentiality	CL
5	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer Report October 2023 attached.	
5.2	Treasurer – ongoing.	All
5.3	Edited for confidentiality	
6	Land/Sales/Leases	
6.1	Edited for confidentiality	CL
6.2	Edited for confidentiality	CH/NE

6.3	<p>Flooding in Lanes</p> <p>Resident arranged meeting with Edward Bichen and CH and CL to discuss what could be done to remove the 'dip' in front of her property. Agreed that removal of the dip on the lane to be carried out – Ed Bichen submitting quote.</p>	CL/CH
6.4	<p>Playing Field</p> <p>FRA arranged for football pitch to be cut. Also asked for a quote for cutting rest of playing field. Contractor went ahead and cut all grass with out confirmation of quote. Agreement was £60 for football pitch, FRA paying. FRA billed for other grass cutting £180 – request to TFVCC to pay 50% - Board agreed. FRA to send TFVCC invoice.</p> <p>FRA will continue to arrange for football pitch to be cut. FRA feel that the rest of the playing field should be TFVCC responsibility to cut grass. Board to review what should be done at next meeting.</p> <p>CH raised the issue of ticks in the long grass – warning sign to be put up in the spring.</p>	SR
6.5	<p>Local Place Plan</p> <p>Proposal from Collective Architecture was shared with the Board prior to meeting. There was concern that proposal was expensive. Following discussion, it was agreed that Part A should go ahead with presentation AGM to start engagement. CL to contact HIE to enquire if there would be any funding available.</p>	CL
7	Car Parking Working Group	
7.1	<p>CL has met with Aaron Groundworks re work required for payment barrier. Aaron will contact Ursa Gates direct to get specification of plinth. Quote received for electric work.</p> <p>Deposit paid. CH to resend draft letter to residents, CL to print.</p> <p>Posts to be ordered from Logie Timber once measurements carried out.</p>	CL CH
7.2	<p>Awaiting confirmation of start date for work on car park and dunes track surface repairs.</p>	CL
8	Armstrong Garages	
8.1	<p>Review of quotation from Fortieth and Sinclair has not made any significant reduction. Therefore, agreed it was a no go as too expensive. SR and NE to continue working with Architect to identify potential contractors.</p>	NE
8.2	<p>Final loan repayment made.– Loan is now clear. CH to write to lender to thank for loan.</p> <p>There are no other loans outstanding.</p>	CH
8.3	<p>Garage site maintenance – CH will chase up contacts for handy man for ongoing repairs of garages</p>	CH
8.4	<p>Residents contractor took all the Ecogrid rather than just the agreed amount and installed it. Invoice for all spare Ecogrid to be sent. CL has apologised to the other interested parties</p>	CL
9	Toilet Blocks	
9.1	<p>Once Boardwalk at East Car Park finished Jason Brodie will 'service' the doors in the North Block, replacing locks and planing as they are swelling and sticking.</p>	CL
9.2	<p>South Toilet block will be closed November to end of March. Need to arrange for water to be turned off and systems drained down. CL will put up a notice to advise of winter closure and nearest toilets.</p>	CL
10	Membership Report	
	<p>245 members 188, associate 57 and 1 juniors.</p>	

	Board approved removal of members who are no longer residents in the Village and have not responded to emails. CL will confirm removal with Membership Secretary.	ALL
11	Findhorn Path On going work weeding and planting. Contractor who carried out remedial work advised best to come back to do surface when surface was wet. NE to meet with Working Group to discuss.	NE
12	Projects	
12.1	Trip Lines – ongoing	DW
12.2	Beach Steps Board Walk at East Car Park should be finished this week. Work on West Car Park Board walks will start asap.	CL
12.3	Edited for confidentiality	
12.4	All ability path and view point (back beach) – no update.	CH/CL
12.5	Edited for confidentiality	
12.6	Allotments – two previous working group members are interested again. NE to arrange working group meeting Dec/Jan	NE
12.7	Queen’s Canopy – Tree posts and protectors received. NH to liaise with SR and DW to distribute for their areas	NE
13	General Board	
13.1	Risk Assessment review – Completed review 2024	
13.2	Policy and Procedure update – SR has drafts of proposals and will review and amend	SR
13.3	Village Goodwill Fund – ongoing.	CH
13.4	AGM – JMI has been booked for 12 December 2023. Starting at 7pm with presentation by Collective Architecture with wine and nibbles. AGM to start at 7.30pm Elle Adams has volunteered to join the Board – Will be proposed by CL and Seconded by CH All Board to think of potential new Directors Treasurer has been advised of AGM date. CL to send out AGM notification	ALL CL
14	AOCB	
14.1	Minutes for Website – CL will continue to edit and load onto website	CH
14.2	Frank Allan has agreed to lay wreath on Memorial Sunday for TFVCC. Wreath has been dropped off to Frank	
14.3	DW raised concern that the storm pump located at Dumella was not working. During the last storm there was no trench created by the overflow. CL will contact Moray Council.	CL
14.4	DW raised that the Church Slip is in need of repair. To be added to project list.	
14.5	Erosion – another tank block has fallen into the sea at the end of the Dunes Rod. During the last storm significant coastal erosion occurred along Burghead bay. Coastal Path has been impacted. Board will raise concerns with Moray Council and SEPA	CL
14.6	Heat pump installation at No 85 has gone for retrospective planning permission. General concern re how village will manage heat pumps in the Village on the stryplies.	
14.7	FRA AGM is on 24 November at 7pm at the JMI	CL
	Date of Next Meeting – 04 December 2023	
	Minutes Proposed by DW	

	Minutes Seconded by NE	
	Chairman CH	