

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2025 7PM

PRESENT - Christine Hunt (CH), Cathy Low (CL), Elle Adams (EA), Sam Russell (SR), Frank Allan (FA), Donald Watson (DW).

APOLOGIES – Nicole Edmonds (NE)

		ACTION
1	Declaration of Interest None	
2	Minutes of Meeting – December 2024 Proposed SR Seconded DW	
3	Matters Arising	
3.1	3.5 Ade has carried out work clearing saplings on point	
3.2	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	FA
3.3	4.2 CL has written back to Tesco Insurance company with statement provided by Mr and Mrs Munro regarding the damage to the high wall, nothing heard back from them. CL will chase up	CL
3.4	4.3 Potential owner of blue boat at slip has been identified, DW is checking for his contact details	CH
3.5	4.7 CH, EA and CL met with Will Burnish, Moray Council re potential projects for Adaptation Fund. EA provided a summary of projects that would benefit the village/area. Not had anything back from Will Burnish	
3.6	5.2 Neil Robertson has agreed to continue as our Treasurer.	
4	Communication – email/letter	
4.1	Letter receive from James Milne Institute committee raising issue of potholes and crumbling edge of road around James Milne Institute. As this road is used by multiple property owners all will need to be co contacted, all will be required to contribute to repair costs. The road will need to be assessed, and quotes obtained. CL will contact Pat Munro, Billy Miller and Ed Bichen for quotes for repairs.	CL
4	Communication social media	
5	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer’s report – see December report	
5.3	Motorhome Income Booking December 37 bookings 49	CL
6	Land/Sales/Leases	
6.1	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	CH/CL
6.2	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	
6.3	Local Place Plan Report reviewed and approved by Board. Collective Architecture will send out to Local Councillors and F&KCC for their review/information. This is part of the LPP process. The Board recognised this was a costly piece of work, but it will provide supporting information for future works and funding applications.	
6.4	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	
7	Motorhome, Car Park and Toilet Maintenance Report	
7.1	Toilets – Prior to Christmas the gents’ toilets had been left in a terrible mess. Our cleaning company, despite being on holiday, cleaned them so they could be reopened.	

	<p>Service corridor flooding during heavy rain. CL asked builder to have a look, and he advised it was not suitable for tanking as floor would need to be dug up as well as pipes. Suggestion was to install a soak away for all rainwater down pipes. DW thought there should still be a soak away from the old septic tank, he will check out and report back. CL has asked builder and Jason Brodie to provide a quote for work, will also ask Aaron Groundworks.</p> <p>Toilets frozen during hard frost. One burst pipe which was repaired by Jason Brodie on 13 January. DW will check out Trace heating for pipes.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>CL</p> <p>DW</p>
7.2	Dunes Track – CL met with Aaron Groundworks to discuss options for topping of Dunes Road. Awaiting quote and recommendations. Ade will continue to fill potholes as and when required.	CL
7.3	Payment Barrier – issue with potholes around barrier. Suggestion from Aaron Groundworks was to use the Ecogrid that we have in motorhome stopover in this area. CL and FA to measure area and obtain quote from Ecogrid. CL had already obtained a quote but Board wishes to extend the area to be covered to beyond the height barrier so a speed bump can be incorporated.	CL/FA
7.3	New Service provider – ongoing	
8	Armstrong Garages	
	<p>Scottish Water (SW) inspection scheduled for 24 January. CL has apologised to Coastal Rowers for the delay and inconvenience. <i>Edited for confidentiality</i></p> <p>Maintenance of garages must be addressed. Lease holder has reported her garage door is difficult to open. Other doors are required attention. A five-year plan for maintenance should be put in place.</p>	NE
9	Membership Report 237: members 185 (77.87%) associate 51 (21.70%) and junior 1	
10	Findhorn Path – general ongoing maintenance/weeding	
11	Projects	
11.1	Trip Lines – FA advised he no longer uses his trip and has trip line which is available for new trip requests.	
11.3	<p>Church – Carol Concert on 24th December was very well attended. Collection at the door raised estimated £500.</p> <p>Potential funding for Church Heritage Lottery Fund. CL to book onto webinar in February.</p> <p>Valuation to be arranged by District Valuer. CH, EA and CL to meet to discuss potential funders.</p>	<p>CL/CH</p> <p>CL/CH/EA</p>
11.4	<p>Allotment/Trees</p> <p>Board discussed opening to the village as a Community Garden so that it can be used. There are a couple of grants available that might be suitable: Moray Climate Action up to £2,000 and Moray Council Grant £250. EA to look into</p>	EA
12	General Board	

12.1	Policy and Procedures – FA has reviewed Sale and Lease of Land, Board to review prior to next meeting.	FA
12.2	Boats at Slip – monitoring	CL/DW
13	AOCB	
13.1	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	CH/CL
13.2	Village Quiz on 14th March 2025. JMI to be booked and quiz to be developed: <i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	ALL
13.2	DW raised that residents hedge is overgrown across the lane. CL to write to ask to trim back. We can assist if required.	CL
13.3	SR reported that at the FRA AGM it was suggested a community event similar to that organised for Coronation and Jubilee be held.	
13.4	Approval given to purchase a Remarkable – tablet for the Secretary	CL
	Date of Next Meeting – 3rd February Monday 2025	
	Minutes Proposed by SR	
	Minutes Seconded by FA	
	Chairman Christine Hunt MBE	