

**THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY**  
**DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY 03 MARCH 2025 7PM**

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

**APOLOGIES** - Christine Hunt (CH)

FA Chaired this meeting in CH absence		<b>ACTION</b>
1	Declaration of Interest None	
2	Minutes of Meeting – February 2024 Proposed DW Seconded SR	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters Arising from 03/02/2025</b>	
3.1	3.1 No update re contacting Tesco Manager in Forres. CL will write to Tesco Head Office to ask them to take responsibility for damage to high wall in July 2024.	CL
3.2	3.2 EA put photo of blue boat on Facebook, No one has come forward. Boat will be kept at garages until end of April 2025 thereafter it will be disposed of.	DW
3.3	3.3 JMI slip road quotes received to date – on agenda	CL
3.4	4.2 DW to review garage site for rats. DW will reach out to contact to ask to borrow traps.	DW
3.5	4.4 potential purchaser of 150 Findhorn has responded to thank TFVCC for providing clarity on land opposite 150 Findhorn. If she proceeds to purchase 150, she will come back to TFVCC.	
3.6	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	
3.7	6.3 LPP loaded onto web site – completed – thanks EA	
3.8	7.1 fencing repairs – FA has carried out inspection in West Car Park with Ade to identify fence repairs. Posts to be ordered.	FA
3.9	7.4 leak in north block ladies toilet has been fixed	
3.10	7.9 Hedge at Solstrand will be cut back 12 March. Mr and Mrs Buchanan, Mrs C Hunt and TFVCC will split costs three ways – all agreed.	
3.10	10 Plastic fencing not been removed – DW will remove before next meeting	DW
3.11	11.5 DW has not had an opportunity to visit Burghead community garden but will do so before next meeting	DW
<b>4</b>	<b>Communication – email/letter</b>	
4.1	07/02 Corinne Davies, Kinloss Church – advising that there will be no access to Findhorn Church building and power and water will be turned off.	
4.2	10/02 Rachel Mitchell – cyclist event asking for use of car park in the summer. Board approved.	
4.3	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	
4.4	11/02 MIRO – relocation of porta cabin. Meeting to be set up with water sports groups: MIRO, Findhorn Watersports, Coastal Rowers, Moray Gig to identify requirements that TFVCC could potentially support.	CL
4.5	15/02 Findhorn watersports – relocation of business, request to temporarily store 20ft container on ground next to north dinghy park – approved.	
4.6	15/02 Angus Smith, from Isle of Aran requesting info on Motorhome charges	
4.7	17/02 – 150 Findhorn update on progress to buy 150	
4.8	19/02 OSCAR Reporter – notification of change that there they will require additional information of Directors. Similar to Companies House info – full name, date of birth, address	
4.9	21/02 Alice Duthuille DTAS requesting a visit. Visit arranged for Wednesday 12 March 10.30 at FVC. CL and FA to attend.	CL/FA

4.10	24/02 Neil Urquhart – re verge – had no issues so will not be putting posts/stones on verge to stop cars parking. Will monitor over summer	
4.11	Information Emails 24/02 Various emails re VE Day 25/02 Mike Crutch – FBNR – re bird flu 26/02 Visit Moray Speyside – advising of vote in March. 27/02 Julia Carreiro Rolim DTAS re Community Benefits from Net zero 4 <sup>th</sup> March or submit response by 11 <sup>th</sup> April – link doesn't work. 27/02 Louise Nicol Moray CAN – Energy Events 26 March Tomintoul and Glenlivet – Good Rural Energy 01/03 Bob James – will help with quiz and also request to use land for event. 02/03 Message from Jay Hermiston asking about potential site for a marquee.	
4.12	Returned quotes JMI slip road. 25/02 Jim Stewart Pat Munro – re surface JMI slip road quote. 27/02 Kelsie Robertson – Breedon – re surface JMI slip road quote.	
4.8	Communication social media	
<b>5</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
5.1	Treasurer's report – see February 2025 report.	
5.3	<b>Motorhome Income</b> Booking February 2025 80 bookings 101 nights	
<b>6</b>	<b>Land/Sales/Leases</b>	
6.1	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	CH/CL
6.2	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	CL
6.3	Local Place Plan – no update from Moray Council since submitting LPP. EA has loaded LPP onto website, will send link out to members vial Mailchimp.	EA
6.4	<i>Edited for confidentiality</i>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Motorhome, Car Park and Toilet Maintenance Report</b>	
7.1	DW raised that Moray Fire are being bought over. FA will check with Moray Fire to ask if new owners will be providing servicing. If not, FA has another contact.	FA
7.2	Triangle area at North Dinghy Park has been cleared, following enquiry by MIRO for potential lease of land to accommodate their portacabin.	
7.3	Toilets have been ok. Tap at south block needs to be replaced before opening of South Block at beginning of April. Toilet door in ladies north block will be replaced. Concern was raised that paint on floor in north block is wearing, CL will check costs with Jason to redo.	CL/FA
7.4	Car Park Two benches have been put up on platform at top of west ramp. Will ask for another two at East end. EA reported that the counterbalance on barrier at east car park needs to be increased as currently not sufficient to aid opening. CL will speak to Aaron Groundworks. CL chasing Aaron Groundworks re type 1 order	CL

7.5	Playing Fields – gate in fence had a broken hinge. This has been repaired by AJ Engineering.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Armstrong Garages</b>	
	<p>CL and Architect met with Scottish Water, who had arranged a time to visit then changed time on the day. They have provided clarity on what is required. No issue with waste it is depth of water pipes. If we are going to have a commercial/retail unit we can not use the existing water supply will need a new supply coming in from Seaforth Place.</p> <p>Architect has redrawn plans. SR raised that we need to decide what we want to do with the four garages at this time. Board agreed that a review needs to be done to establish best way forward for the all the garages. SR to ask architect for cost to draw up a condition report which will be base for action plan going forward. All in agreement importance of ensuring garages are wind and watertight.</p> <p>Garage users as asked if he could clear the ground behind the garages to provide storage space. He would look to build a low-level cover for wood.</p> <p>The Coastal Rowers are wanting to put paving slabs in front of their garage to level up ground and garage entrance and provide flat area for working on.</p> <p>CL to speak to see if works can be done at one time. TFVCC paying for materials but excavations being covered by users.</p>	<p>SR</p> <p>CL</p>
<b>9</b>	Membership Report 237: members 185 (77.87%) associate 51 (21.70%) and junior 1	
<b>10</b>	<b>Findhorn Path</b> – general ongoing maintenance/weeding DW will remove orange plastic mesh from yacht club corner	DW
<b>11</b>	<b>Projects</b>	
11.1	Trip Lines – ongoing monitoring.	DW
11.3	<p>Church</p> <p>First meeting of Church Development Group was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Richard Frazer agreed to be Chairman of this group. Minutes of group were shared with the Board. Next Step is to hear back from the Presbytery. who meet on 11 March.</p>	CL/CH
11.4	Edited for confidentiality	CL
11.5	<p>Allotments/trees</p> <p>DW will check out Burghead Community Garden and report back to Board.</p>	DW
11.6	<p>JMI Slip Road</p> <p>Two quotes have been received, £14,000 to £15,000 to repair. This is not to patch road but to relay the section from main road (Crown end) to corner of JMI and then cut and patch potholes on front road.</p> <p>CL will contact JMI committee advising of costs and to advise that costs will need to be shared with all property owners on the slip road: JMI, Mr Hay, RFYC, Mr Brand and TFVCC.</p> <p>Following response from JMI CL will write to all property owners to arrange discussions.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>
<b>12</b>	<b>General Board</b>	

12.1	Policy and Procedures – FA has sent out to Board : Sale and Lease of Land, Stryples, Stewardship policies. Feedback to be provided by Board prior to approval at next meeting.	All
12.2	Boats at Slip – blue boat will be disposed off if no owner comes forward by end of April 2025. DW will speak to Jean Davidson/Janice Buchanan who oversee RFYC dinghy parks to try and identify owner of blue boat.	DW
12.3	<b>Village Quiz</b> on 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025. 11 teams confirmed. 9 rounds including Word quiz and practical. CL will order 90 pies from Macleans. £5 per team entry fee EA has designed a poster which will be sent out 10 March to remind all of times etc	ALL
13	<b>AOCB</b>	
13.1	VE celebrations Suggestion that evening of 8 <sup>th</sup> May when the beacon is being light at 9pm it a come along with your own refreshment event be held on the loading bank. SR will speak with Accordion and Fiddle Club to ask if they would come along and play. CL will arrange meeting with Village groups – FRA, SWI, RFYC, JMI, Crown and Kimberly. Part of the UK celebrations is to wring the church bell, CL will ask if this can be allowed. Potential other event – tea dance either on the bank holiday Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May or on the Saturday	
13.2	SR raised that FRA still want to have Public Footpath sign put up for path that goes past Bundon. TFVCC does not own land that is in a suitable location for positioning of sign.	CH
13.3	SR provided update on the 'Alert' Plaque. It will be positioned on the Ice House.	
13.4	CL will ask Tony McKay if, as part of his FRA role looking after the planters in the village if there would be any spare plants for the planters at south toilet block.	CL
	<b>Date of Next Meeting – 07 April 2025</b>	
	Minutes Proposed by EA	
	Minutes Seconded by SR	
	Chairman pp Frank Alan	