

**THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY**  
**DIRECTORS MEETING ON 02 FEBRUARY 2026 7PM**

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

**APOLOGIES** – Tony McKay (TMC)

		<b>ACTION</b>
1	Declaration of Interest: TMC	
2	Minutes of Meeting – January 2026 Proposed DW, Seconded SR	
<b>3</b>	Matters Arising from January 2026 not on the agenda	
3.1	4.1TMC registered on Companies House and OSCR as Director	
3.2	4.5 EA has updated web site to remove West Beach. CL has advised Barry Scott, West Beach Caravan Park owner.	
3.3	13.1 Unable to obtain name of owner of Kilravock, CH will go round and speak to owner	CH
3.4	13.2 sign for marina road – use at own risk still to be ordered	
3.5	13.3 CL not spoken to tree surgeon re Tree survey. He is currently away CL will catch up with him on his return.	CL
3.6	13.7 EA has put information about affordable housing on TFVCC web site. Information taken from TFVCC Local Place Plan	
4	Correspondence	
4.1	23/01 Edward Fittell – confirmation of site visit to Huntly. CL and CH no longer available. CL will send apologies	CL
4.2	15/01 MIRO – advising that MIRO will not be taking offer of area of lease of area of land at adjacent to RFYC north dinghy park forward.	
4.3	27/01 Ian McCook – asking if TFVCC owns the foreshore, CL advise that TFVCC owns foreshore. There was no detail on why he was raising query.	
4.4	Beach Hut owner asking about contribution to maintenance and repair of access road. Beach Hut owner meeting to be arranged in April	
4.5	02/02 Architect for Bakehouse Market. Planning application has been submitted to Moray Council to erect a fence around the area at back of Bakehouse, around bins. No boundary issues. CL replied, highlighting the need to be aware of the soak away that is situated on the corner and also vehicle turning and visibility.	
5	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer Report – See report January 2026 attached	
5.2	Edited for confidentiality	
5.3	Board approved parking day rate to be increased to £2 a day from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026. CL will arrange with payment provider.	CL
6	Land/Sales/Leases	
6.1	Edited for confidentiality	ALL
6.2	Edited for confidentiality	
<b>6.3</b>	Edited for confidentiality	FA
6.4	Edited for confidentiality	
<b>7</b>	<b>Car Park, Motorhome and Toilet</b>	
7.1	FA has provided list of signs that need updated across car parking and motorhome areas. CL will arrange with Signedgraphics for a quote. All poles to be metal, replacing wooden ones.	CL

	All barriers and gates have new padlocks and chains.	
7.2	<p><b>Toilets</b></p> <p>CL has spoken with contractor regarding the works to be done before new season: North Block – repaint floor, replace two doors in ladies with composite doors and ‘chunky’ locks, check all wall attachments.</p> <p>South Block – general clean. check all wall attachments. Following a request from a disabled visitor additional handrail to be installed in disabled toilets. CL has spoken to contractor that this needs to be done last two weeks of March 2026.</p> <p>CL raised that the two toilet blocks have a rateable value of £4,400 which seems high compared to near by properties. She has written to Grampian assessors to ask for explanation. Also that the Lookout bunker, has a rateable value, but it is sealed and not in use so challenging why it is part of our overall nondomestic rates.</p>	CL
7.3	<p>Car Park and Dunes Road</p> <p>Quote received from contractor for works. Will need to priorities works. Area Parking payment barrier priority. Dunes Road review sections that need essential works. FA will meet with contractor to go over requirements.</p> <p>Board agreed that the West Car Park works are the priority. Dunes Road and East Car Park have no financial income and can only be done as funds allow.</p>	FA
7.4	<p>Tarmac area on Road to Marina</p> <p>Quotes receive from contractor but unclear on area it is covering. FA will meet with contractor to discuss what is required. Costs are high, essential doing what is required.</p> <p>The area of road beyond the car park turns off that leads to the Marina and RFYC North Dinghy Park, cost of repairing is not part of maintenance plan, the road is only used for access to the Marina and dinghy park. To be discussed with access users.</p>	FA
8	<p><b>Armstrong Garages</b></p> <p>Email from TMC on behalf of the Rowers to advise that some of the support column in Rower’s garage are rotten causing the doors to drop. Contractor has carried out replacement work on other garages. CL has spoken to him, so he is aware. TMC will speak with him to get quotes and identify other essential works.</p> <p>SR advised he is still chasing up architect maintenance report.</p>	
9	<p>Membership Report 223: members 175 (78.48%) associate 47 (21%) and junior 1 (&lt;1%)</p> <p>Membership list checked and updated by Hamish Grigor 22 January 2026</p>	
10	<p>Findhorn Path</p> <p>General monitoring for maintenance</p>	FA/DW
11	Projects	
11.2	Trip lines – ongoing monitoring	DW
11.3	<p>Edited for confidentiality</p> <p>Collective Architecture who will be holding a consultation session for the village on 21 February 11-1 and 2-4 to capture what the village wants the church to be. This will feed into the Business Case which Bryan Beattie is working on. Directors who can attend on the day: CH, DW, EA and SR. TMc to confirm his availability.</p>	ALL

11.2	Allotment/Trees – ongoing	
11.3	<b>JMI Slip Road</b> No further action taken. When work is getting done on the road to car park, potholes on road along front to be filled. FA to discuss with contractor	FA
11.4	<b>Slip at Church</b> – CL is still chasing Will Burnish at MC for update on when Pat Munro will carry out work.	CL
11.5	<b>Moray Flow Park</b> Tim Eagle has advised that there will be a debate in Scottish Parliament on the 18 <sup>th</sup> of February 2026. Also opportunity to have meeting with MSP, tour of Parliament and attend the debate. CH has arranged a bus at a cost of £860 which needs to be paid at time of booking. 40 people have advised they wish to go at £20 a head to cover the costs. CH asked if TFVCC would cover reservation cost. Travellers will then pay £20, preferably by BACS to cover the cost of the bus. There should be no cost to TFVCC. Communications are being managed by No to Moray FLOW Park who will promote through social media and direct emails. Board approved covering cost.	CH
12	<b>General Board</b>	
12.1	Risk Assessment – will be done in March 2026	
12.2	Policy and Procedure – review March 2026	
12.3	Boats at Church Slip – two canoes which DW has spoken to owners, and they have advised they will be removed. Wrecked canoe at slip – DW will cut up and take to dump.	
12.4	Beach Huts – meeting still to be arranged.	
13	<b>AOCB</b>	
13.1	EA advised that Rivers Trust had been unsuccessful in their funding application for Sea Grass project, which is disappointing	
13.2	FA reminded Board of Village Quiz on 20 March, hosted by RFYC at JMI. Quiz team volunteers required – please let FA know	FA
13.3	SR and CL met with representative from the Ecovillage/Findhorn Foundation. The new SCIO formed following collapse of Findhorn Foundation is for education, they are looking to restart their experience week, and plan to name it Experience Findhorn. Patrick met with SR and CL to ask what they thought Village would view using Findhorn in the name. SR and CL expressed their concerns and recommended they carry out a survey in the village to gain opinions. Since meeting he has advised they will not be doing a survey, and it appears they will be going ahead using the name Findhorn Experience.	
13.4	<b>CL apologies for next meeting. Will need someone to put out agenda meeting documents and take the minutes. CL returns on 16 March</b>	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting – MONDAY 02 MARCH 2026</b>	
	Minutes Proposed by TMC	
	Minutes Seconded by FA	
	Chairman - CH	