

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

PRESENT - Christine Hunt (CH), Frank Allan (FA), Donald Watson (DW), Elle Adams (EA), Sam Russell (SR), Tony McKay (TMC)

APOLOGIES Cathy Low (CL)

		ACTION
1	Declaration of Interest: TMC	
2	Minutes of Meeting – February 2026 Proposed TMC Seconded FA	
3	Matters Arising from January 2026 not on the agenda	
3.1	3.3 owners away, hard to pin down opportunity to meet to discuss.	CH
4	Correspondence	
4.1	Edited for confidentiality	
4.2	– Resident raised issue re road to Marina. CH reviewed situation and liability unclear. (Moray Council 2012 paper regarding 1984 Act includes facility for local authority to step in and resurface roads or call on frontages to step up and maintain.) Could be shared liability with other frontages on that section of road. Seek advice from DTAS using funded service. In the meantime erect signage notifying that cars travel that section at their own risk. Potential option to call a meeting of all frontages for discussion of shared cost. Area originally tarmaced by Moray Council up to car park. Should we speak to Marina owner to discuss temporary measures in the meantime	CH
4.3	Coastal adaptation – Christine didn't attend. Tony chased and nothing happened at the meeting	
4.4	Zurich Insurance – Liaison regarding cover for risks associated with trees, fire, Church etc. TFVCC isn't covered for gorse fire if a helicopter were required – discussed need to mitigate this risk and options for gorse removal. Action: Tony to enquire which contractor cleared gorse at Forres golf course. Beach Huts Owner– meeting planned in April regarding service charge. Enquiry about infrastructure revealed in the beach. Information provided Resident – in touch regarding allotment/community garden area. Asked whether he'd like to lead to which he has responded no thank you.	TMC
	Social Media Edited for confidentiality	
5	Finance	
5.1	Treasurer Report – See report February 2026 attached	
6.1	Edited for confidentiality	ALL
6.2	Edited for confidentiality	
7	Car Park, Motorhome and Toilet	
7.1	Car parks/Roads: Frank met with contractor and has prepared summary of 3x areas, associated tasks and costs for consideration. Parking barrier area, Dunes track, road from south toilet block to car park entrance. Contractor says he can do the road half at a time to enable access. (Meeting noted that tarmac cost is about to skyrocket with Trump/Iran war). Wary for doing road section before discussing wider issue with marina and frontages. Also wary of doing Dunes	FA

	track with erosion at Dragons Teeth, need to monitor. Frank to also ask contractor about options for cold tar to patch road for the season ahead.	
7.2	<p>Toilets Maintenance – Need to close North toilet to complete maintenance in the next 3 weeks before Easter(paint, floor doors etc.). Action: CH to contact contractor Once we have a date FA and DW will open South toilet, repair tap etc.</p> <p>Weird graffiti issue - man and lorry again displacing coffee signage. Also in south block. Not much we can do, just remove when they are put up. Has happened at least 4 times now.</p>	CH
7.3	Motorhome - CH navigated issues with website/Spanglefish where settings to take payment were disabled. .Managed to sort within the day but had to let 5x 1-night bookings in for free. No compensation from Spanglefish.	
7.4	Payment barrier – Has been having errors, issue with sensor. Has been rebooted twice. Action: CH to contact company and request service.	CH
8	Armstrong Garages Contractor has done a temporary repair to make door openable. Roof getting progressively worse. Once CL back will gather quotes for repairing. Could stagger costs and repairs over years to come. Potential to seek funding to make it a community project next year?	
9	Membership Report 223: members 175 (78.48%) associate 47 (21%) and junior 1 (<1%) Membership list checked and updated by Hamish Grigor 22 January 2026	
10	Findhorn Path General monitoring for maintenance	FA/DW
11	Projects	
11.1	Trip lines – Disused line removed. Blue boat being removed from slip. Canoes/kayaks starting to appear again. DW to contact owners	DW
11.2	Church – Successful consultation event. Purchase completion will be 30th March. Arranging for a clean up group. Decision not to step on Kinloss Church toes for Easter weekend, but arrange for a celebration mid-April instead, potentially including Dougie Lawrence. Discussion with HIE about future funding - opportunity coming soon for green energy. Visit from HIE Fiona Robb replacement went well. Likely to get funding to support Church hall development, energy efficiency etc. Christine to liaise with HIE regarding claiming current funding towards Collective Architecture costs. Findhorn Bay Arts keen to use the Church during festival later in the year. Comforting to know that electrics were overhauled recently in the last 5 years	CH
11.2	Allotment/Trees – ongoing	
11.3	Church Slip – no update	
11.4	Moray Flow Park Successful trip to Holyrood, well timed with OSG request to Marine Directorate to avoid doing EIA as were able to raise with politicians. Steering group have written to Marine Directorate pressing the point that this is a protected area	

	and a full EIA is required. Plans for awareness event in Elgin. Plans for 'Big Splash' event with swimming groups attempt at Guinness Book of Records. Hoping to arrange a hustings event in Church. Recouped most the cost of the bus.	CH
12	General Board	
12.1	Risk Assessment – Risk assessment – FA advised they will include trees and gorse in proximity to buildings in consideration - see Zurich email.	
12.2	Policy and Procedure – review March 2027	
12.3	Beach Huts – meeting still to be arranged on CL return	
12.4	No update on EV charging points	
13	AOCB	
13.1	FA – reminder village quiz is coming up	
13.2	Frank – when will increase funding barrier fee from £1 to £2? Action: Christine to liaise with company about procedure. How will we communicate to everyone about the reason for raising the fee. Good to make people aware of the connection between car park fee and wider village benefits.	CH
	Date of Next Meeting – MONDAY 06 APRIL 2026	
	Minutes Proposed by SR	
	Minutes Seconded by TMC	
	Chairman - CH	