

Newsletter December 2014

COMMUNITY BUYOUT - URGENT APPEAL

Novar Estates, the current landowner of a large area of land (900 hectares) in Findhorn, has intimated that all their holdings in Findhorn will be sold. The land includes – the foreshore, the playing field, some of the lanes and land to the west of the beach road.

The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC) has been working to achieve a Community buyout. The application has been submitted to the Scottish Land Fund (SLF) and has been deferred twice for more information. **The final decision will be made by the end of January 2015.** The land has been valued independently by the District Valuer at £575,000. TFVCC do not currently know if the SLF will give a grant. The potential grant could be between 95% and 0%. Should our application to the SLF be unsuccessful then Novar Estates will sell the land holding to any interested individual or company.

The current position is at a crossroads in the future development of Findhorn and is the last chance for community ownership. Our case for achieving ownership of the land would be greatly strengthened if we could show that we have raised a substantial sum of money towards the purchase.

Those of us who live in Findhorn, those who have an interest in the future of the village, those who have fond memories and those who want a say in the future development of Findhorn may wish to contribute to this fund.

Sale to a private individual/company will take control out of our hands. **Please give a pledge to donate to this community buyout.** All pledges will be gratefully received. Send notification of your intention to pledge to this purchase by **20th January 2015.**

Please notify TFVCC of your pledge by either e-mailing to findhornvillage@yahoo.co.uk or by confidential letter to Frank Allan, The Findhorn Village Conservation Company at the address below.

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