

# THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

**ARMSTRONG GARAGES**- 9 of the garages are now let, with the remaining reserved pending improvements with completion in April. The waiting list is closed. Income is being generated from the rentals. A development officer is in place who is working on possible future use of the site. Thank you for your support.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** and **FINDHORN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** The Company now presents a monthly report at F and K CC. FRA has a co-opted director on the Board. Working collaboratively will improve facilities and resolve issues arising in Findhorn.

**CROWN ESTATE**- The Crown Estate is in negotiations relating to their management of the foreshore which is owned by them being part of the Local Nature Reserve.

**NORTH BEACH PARKING** -In 2018 the Company began a voluntary donation for car parking and limited motor home overnight parking. We will continue to monitor the situation and liaise with Moray Council on the management of the area. There have been many positive comments from those who have stayed overnight. We welcome any suggestions and comments on how this can be managed. Money collected will be used to improve the car parking area i.e. fences and broken posts. The lane beside the Bakehouse has already been improved.

**TOILET BLOCKS** -The Company has expressed an interest in a Community Asset Transfer so that the toilet blocks which are currently closed can be reopened..

**COMPANY LAND** – TFVCC continues to work to achieve a resolution to a land boundary dispute between the Company and Calren Ltd. who operate Sands (formerly Findhorn Sands Caravan site) Our solicitor is working on our behalf.

**DAVID URQUHART PATHWAY**- Having received a bequest of £50k from David, the Pathway Committee is making good progress not only in raising funds but applying for grant funding to make David's vision for a path allowing for disabled access from the JMI to the Marina possible. As part of the project benches will soon be installed.

**QUIZ SHEETS** to raise funds for the DU pathway monthly quiz sheets are available from Fiona Durling 690043

**SOCIAL EVENTS** A successful barbecue and social event was held at the Armstrong Garage site in September .

**VILLAGE QUIZ** Our team won the 2018 Quiz. On March 16 th 2019 we will be hosting the event in the JMI.

**FUND-RAISING** Thanks to Finlay and Mandy of the Crown Hotel who organised a successful Quiz night last February to assist us in raising funds. It is hoped that another can be held in 2019.

**THE BOARD** -Frank Allan ,chairperson ,Christine Hunt, vice chair ,Cathy Low, Secretary, Neil Robertson, Treasurer Marjory Barber, Nicole Edmonds, Jo Harris, Mo Hyde, Sam Russell, Sarah Theman, Donald Watson

The company was formed to advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the Community.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to the challenges of 2019 and to working on your behalf.

**We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. New members and volunteers welcome.**

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