

# Newsletter - July 2014

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Attached is an [Executive Summary of the Feasibility Study](#) carried out by the consultant who was commissioned by the Company. This study will be used as part of an application for funding for the purchase of the Novar Estates holdings in Findhorn.

By the end of this month the Company will have applied to the Scottish Land Fund to seek funding to purchase the residual land holdings from Novar Estates.

Much work has gone into this application which we hope will have a positive outcome for the village.

In the near future there will be a public meeting to inform you of further developments. Your attendance will be welcome.

If you wish to become a member of the Company, Membership Forms will be available at this meeting, can be obtained from the Company Secretary (see contact information below) or by downloading them [here](#). The website is currently being updated and more information will continue to be available.

As part of our fundraising efforts there will be a Race Night held in the James Milne Institute village hall on Saturday 26 July 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Please support this by coming along for a fun evening.

There will be a raffle.

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At a well attended public meeting in the James Milne Institute on 30th September, Peter Hall, chairman of the Company, outlined plans to purchase village land owned by Novar Estate of Evanton. Talks with the Estate to determine land ownership have been ongoing and a good working relationship exists between the two parties.

The Findhorn Village Conservation Company was formed in 2011 for the benefit of village residents. There will be a public consultation when you will be closely consulted over the plans and the future use of the land.

Approval has been given to apply for funding to the Scottish Land Fund, which could provide up to 95% of the purchase costs.

The AGM is in the JMI on Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 7.30pm and all will be welcome.

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# Newsletter - January 2013

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Happy New Year to you all

## **PROGRESS SO FAR**

This year we were successful in gaining a grant from Awards for All of £10,000 towards the work of the company. This will be used to look at sites and amenities in the village that we may wish to register in the future.

The company is compiling a "Top Ten sites" and would welcome your views.

On your behalf we have successfully registered the site known as Armstrong Garages, unfortunately it was withdrawn from the market, however our community registration remains in place for 5 years before we have to reapply again.

We also sought to register a community interest in the Fisheries Green, however this was not successful.

At our AGM October 2012 the interim Directors all stood down and all the interim directors were re-elected as full directors for the new term of office. As the constitution allows for up to 9 directors we had applications from two others wishing to be directors these were Nicole Edmunds and Greg Munro and they were duly elected.

## **THE WAY AHEAD**

If you can find time over the next two weeks to think of non-residential buildings, land or other amenities you think the company should look at with a view to seeking to register an interest please let us know by email or send a note to the office at Findhorn Village Centre.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to the challenges of 2013 and to working on your behalf.

## **THE DIRECTORS**

Peter Hall (chairman), Marjory Barber (company secretary), Hamish Grigor (treasurer) Frank Allan, Christine Hunt, Mo Hyde, Donald Watson, Nicole Edmunds, Greg Munro, Jo Harris (co-opted director representing the Heritage Centre) Robert Shand (co-opted director representing the Resident's Association)

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.

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## **Newsletter - Public Meetings - 2011**

**30TH AUGUST 2011 AT THE RYFC**

**31ST AUGUST 2011 AT THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CENTRE**

50 PEOPLE ATTENDED A PUBLIC MEETING ON 30TH AUGUST

19 PEOPLE ATTENDED A PUBLIC MEETING ON 31ST AUGUST

The Chairman Peter Hall gave a power point presentation outlining the Aims and Purposes of the Company and the status of the application by the Company to purchase the Armstrong garage site.

There followed a question and suggestions session where the public gave their views. The questions were answered by the directors who were present at these meetings and all questions have been noted.

The questions varied from sustainability of the project to suggested uses of the garages, contamination of the site, other development of the site, funding, the ballot and proxy voting,

There was universal support for this project with congratulations given to the directors for all their hard work.

## **Questions from the Public**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS ON 30TH/31ST AUGUST 2011 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Q HOW IS THE COMPANY FINANCING ITSELF?

A BY APPLYING FOR GRANTS AND IF NECESSARY LOANS.

Q IF THE GARAGE APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL WHO HAS PRIORITY IN LETTING THE GARAGE SPACES?

A IF OVERSUBSCRIBED THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A BALLOT

Q WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE LAND?

A THE ASKING PRICE IS £175,000

Q WHAT WILL BE THE VALUE IF THE LAND IS FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED?

A THAT WILL BE SET IN THE VALUATION PRICE FROM THE APPOINTED VALUER

Q WILL THE GREEN SPACE BE LEFT?

A YES THE PLAN IS TO HAVE A GREEN SPACE AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENTS WITH THE BUILDINGS THE SAME SIZE AS AT PRESENT.

Q HOW WOULD THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE ADJACENT TO THE SITE FEEL ABOUT DEVELOPMENT?

A THE SHAPE WOULD STILL BE THE SAME

Q WILL THE WHOLE VILLAGE BE BALLOTTED?

A ONLY THOSE IN THE POSTCODE AREA WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION.

Q WHEN IS THE BALLOT?

A THE DATE IS NOT FIXED UNTIL THE VALUATION IS COMPLETED.HOPEFULLY SOME TIME IN OCTOBER.

Q WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE COMPANY CANNOT RAISE THE FUNDS?

A THE OWNER CAN THEN SELL TO WHO THEY WISH

Q CAN THE LOCAL ENTERPRISE COMPANY BE OF HELP?

A YES

Q DO ALL WHO VOTE REQUIRE TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY?

A NO

Q WHAT IS THE BALLOT QUESTION?  
A THAT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED

Q WILL THERE BE PROXY VOTING?  
A YES

Q HOW MUCH WILL A FEASIBILITY STUDY COST?  
A AROUND £100,000 AN APPLICATION TO PAY FOR THIS IS IN HAND

Q WOULD MORAY COUNCIL PREFER THE SITE TO BE USED AS GARAGES?  
A YES THEY HAVE BEEN CONSULTED

Q WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESSES WOULD USE THE GARAGES?  
A IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL BE SMALL ARTISAN TYPE BUSINESSES

Q NOW THAT KINLOSS IS CLOSED WILL THIS BENEFIT THE APPLICATION?  
A YES THE COMPANY HAVE NOTED THIS IN THEIR APPLICATION.

Q WHAT WILL BE THE RENTAL FOR THE GARAGES?  
A THAT IS STILL NOT KNOWN