

**THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
DIRECTORS MEETING ON 03.08 2020**

PRESENT

Frank Allan (FA), Christine Hunt (CH), Marjory Barber (MB), Cathy Low (CL) Sam Russell (SR), Nicole Edmonds (NE) Bryan Parsons (BP)

The chairman welcomed Bryan Parsons as a co-opted director

		Action By
1.	Declaration of Interest	
1.1	Director declared interest in one of the property boundaries.	
2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
2.1	Approved. Proposed CH Seconded CL	
3	MATTERS ARISING NOT ON AGENDA	
3.1	3.2 Concrete on back lane. It has been established who commissioned concrete fill in on the lane. This to be removed at a later stage when it disintegrates.	
3.2	3.3 Car parking at property in Findhorn. All titles need to be scrutinised as it would appear that car parking spaces on Company land has been included in more recent titles.	
3.3	3.4 Trip lines CH has compiled list of users from north of Piers- south of Piers to be completed. Procedure for procuring a trip line to be on website.	
3.4	3.7 Local resident has been allocated a trip line space.	
3.5	3.8 To check whether wood from behind Armstrong Garage site has been removed. Local resident contribution not as yet received.	
3.6	4.1 Litter pickup To be put on Facebook so that volunteer group can be set up.	
3.7	4.2 Property in Findhorn- planning application Comment made to MC.	
3.8	4.6 Request for use of west car park for ice cream outlet. No decision at present but need to research similar lease arrangements.	
3.9	9.1 Membership secretary - member is considering accepting this volunteer post.	
3.1	10.3 Speed Bumps -reported no response to email sent to clarify need.	
3.1	11.2 Hogweed removal This has been done by Wild Things Agreed that close watch be kept by volunteers and removal to be done as necessary with support from Wild Things when required.	
3.11	13.1 Advertising signs on verge have been removed.	
4	Correspondence	
4.1	13/7 CLS AGM on 6 th August – director to register for Zoom meeting.	
4.2	15/7 BT -way leave payments for fibre optic installation covering company land. Ownership of some areas of land to be checked.	
4.3	21/7 Resident comment re rubbish and bins	
4.4	26/7 Resident re car park overnight camping.	
4.5	26/7 Comment re Use of car parks for overnight parking ,camping and litter	
4.6	28/7 Comment - re danger of drivers exiting west car park onto road to Boatyard Action Give way signage to indicate caution on exit.	
4.7	1/8 JMI Committee :request to make improvements at end of fire escape and increase the height of the wall by approx 1'. Request for FVCC to contribute 50% of cost to improve the path at the entrance to the JMI which is presently dangerous. Action: Once costs are established will make decision.	
5	Finance	
5.1	<i>Annual accounts are on the website.</i> Parking income restarted in June has steadily increased	
5.2	Leases -3 leases payment due. Invoices to be sent out by treasurer.	
5.3	Auditor -accounts have been sent to accountant.	
5.4	Spreadsheet showing restricted and unrestricted funds for Garage Income to be prepared for September meeting	
6	CAR PARKS	
6.1	Car Park Planning Application- Awaiting confirmation from MC	
6.2	Car Parks The volume of motorhomes, camper vans and camping is concerning given that there is a fire risk. Action For the next few weekends there will be attendants at the entrance between 10am -8pm and directors will visit area on a regular basis. 21 motorhomes allowed to park overnight in designated area. Try to source attendants -failing which volunteers will assist. Forres Police to be contacted re lack of support when requested to deal with perpetrators. Dunes Road -Agreed that until management plan in place no action given that there is not same volume of overnight stays from this access.	

6.3	Toilets The feedback from MC employee is that the twice daily cleaning is working well with no problems encountered. It has been reported that canisters are being emptied in toilet block and being washed out in sinks. No evidence of emptying in surrounding area.	
6.4	Car Park Management Plan. This will be a priority for the Company for both areas of the beach land.	
7	LAND/SALES/LEASES	
7.1	Boundary Issue 1 - Valuation not completed.	
7.2	Boundary Issue 2 - There has been no response from other party on their valuation of encroached land. Action: Solicitor's letter to be sent requesting a response on - 1. has valuation been commissioned 2. Expected date of completion of this 3. response by 21 st August.	
7.3	Boundary Issue 3 -Valuation not completed.	
8	ARMSTRONG GARAGES	
8.1	Report -No response from architect on status of building warrant. Architect to be contacted for update on timescale as builder is almost ready to start work.	
9	MEMBERSHIP REPORT	
9.1	180 members 53 associates and 1 junior.	
10	DAVID URQUHART PATHWAY	
10.1	Report DU Pathway surface now complete. There will be 4 checks made in the first year More signage to be installed re no cycling at north end and at the corner of No 4 Findhorn. Thanks due to band of volunteers who have almost cleared verges ready for planting. Plants are ready and seeding will take place in the near future. Wooden slats on existing block will be installed opposite Osprey House. Although bank account looks healthy ongoing maintenance will be required and after first year final payment will be paid to Horner and McLennan. Thanks were recorded to NE who has ensured that the project was completed within the budget. The DU Pathway has received many compliments. The path at the corner of RFYC has received some comments as to being unsafe due to the height drop onto the beach. This will be discussed with the landscape architect. The bag of stone chips is available for company use. Future uses were discussed. Bag of Cedec not available.	
10.2	Plaque-The style and wording of the structure has been agreed. Plaques are ready and stone structure will be available soon. Plaque to be inset into stone and hopefully installed by stonemason.	
10.3	Speed Bumps- See item 3.1	
11	PROJECTS	
11.1	Boat shed Project- No action at moment. Car Parks and land issues priority.	
11.2	Trip Lines -actioned	
11.3	Grant Funding -Funding from RTIF, which gives support for tourism, was discussed and all suggestions to be sent to FA by 11 th August. Funding deadline is 14 th October. Moray Council will administer the bid and Findhorn will be included with other coastal communities. Other funding from Crown Estate available- will follow up possibilities.	
12	GENERAL BOARD	
12.1	Directors FA and MB having served their 9 year term will stand down. Members CH, BP Sarah Theman and Donald Watson will apply to be on the Board. CL and NE will remain as directors. FRA to be contacted re co-opted director. Neil Robertson to be contacted re his volunteer position as treasurer.	
12.2	Communication Board minutes are on website up to June. July and August minutes to be added.	
12.3	AGM - Email to be sent to members with 14 days notice of 2020 AGM which was scheduled for 9 th September but due to present circumstances will not take place. Email will include summary of accounts, draft minute of 2019, chairman's report, working groups reports, FRA report and information on applying for election to the Board which should include 2 letters of support from ordinary members and received by the Secretary 7 days before 9 th September i.e. 2nd September	
13	AOCB	
13.1	FA – Local residents have volunteered to repair 2 sets of steps to beach access, 2 others require repair. Boardwalk a risk as rods are protruding. Viewpoint- resident willing to repair. To be advised not to repair fencing as Moray Council will repair through the scheme. Check if some of stone has been salvaged. Referring to minute of 7/11/19 we had investigated essential work on Viewpoint and if funding could be obtained the quotation for more substantial work should be accepted. Action Agreed to go ahead with repair	

	of Viewpoint.	
13.2	CH reported that she and CL had engaged with motorbikes on Dunes as to law being broken and police to be informed. Subsequently she had a verbal apology with offer of volunteering.	
13.3	Report that the flower barrels on the pavement had resulted in a member of the public falling over them resulting in an injury. They have now been moved.	
13.3	Recommend meeting with the Moray Council. FLNR representatives re "dirty campers" MC are of the opinion that only Findhorn Bay is contained in the FLNR. To be pursued further.	
13.4	FRA had been approached re the flower tubs on verge opposite the JMI being put back in situ. FRA will wait until Stone for DU Pathway is in place before moving.	
14	Date of Next Meeting – 7th September 2020, 7pm	
	Minutes Proposed NE	
	Minutes Seconded by CL	
	Chairman Frank Allan 9th September 2020	

