

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY
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NEWSLETTER

The Board of TFVCC aim to issue two newsletters a year to keep members up to date with current projects and those in the pipeline. Updated information is also posted on our website and on Facebook.

Car Park

We have secured funding for the work required at the West Beach Car Park to make space for maximum of 21 Motorhome stopover stands. We will be reinstating overgrown parking spaces to provide additional spaces for cars in place of those taken up by motorhome parking. This work will begin on Monday 1st February 2021, weather permitting, and we hope the disruption will not cause too much inconvenience. We are working towards completion of these works by the end of March. This will enable us to be better prepared for the summer tourist season (restrictions permitting)

The stopover facility will offer motorhomes with improved facilities that will require to be pre book. The booking system is currently in development and will enable us to manage the number of motorhomes in the West Beach Car Park.

The David Urquhart Pathway

During 2020 despite restrictions the Pathway along the front of the bay was completed and since opened work has continued with the landscaping along the path. We are encouraged by the good feedback we have received, and that people are respecting the no cycling signs.

Community Right to Buy

The Company was successful in registering an interest with Community Right to Buy of the shed currently used by the coastal rowers and the adjacent building in the harbour area of the village. We hope to be able to carry out feasibility studies towards the end of 2021 on how community ownership of this building would benefit the village.

Community Asset Transfer

The Company has restarted negotiations to take over both public toilets in Findhorn, this was paused last year due to uncertainty around COVID 19 implications. Moray Council and the Company are now working together to bringing about this transfer of ownership.

Armstrong Garages. All available garages are let. The work on repairing and improving four of the empty garages has received planning approval and the application to apply for Building

Regulations is nearing completion. Further updates on this project will be posted on our Facebook page.

Roads and Tracks. There are always other aspects of village ownership to consider and this year we will be paying attention to the road to the car park and other lanes that are carrying the heaviest traffic. This will include looking at how we can improve the beach/dunes road at present unsuitable for vehicles. Some of this work will depend on further fundraising and partnership with the residents fronting the road and lanes in question.

Boundary Issues

We have other challenges ahead of us, which involve a resolution to matters concerning village land that has been built on by other landowners. We hope that this year will bring a solution to these long term disputes.

Board

The Board meets every month to progress the many emails and requests it receives. Unfortunately, one of our longest serving members is sadly on sick leave which leaves a gap on our board. If you can help us by standing in for a short time that would be appreciated. We are very grateful to Neil Robertson, our current Treasurer, Neil has advised that he wishes to step down from this role, therefore we are looking for a volunteer to come on board and help us manage Company finances. As Treasurer you do not need to become a Director or attend Board Meetings if you do not wish to.

If you are interested in either opportunity, Director and/or Treasurer please contact us by email findhornvcc@gmail.com. All Board Members will be pleased to speak with you to give you a view of the roles.

Thank you

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Motor Home Stopover Project Working Group Volunteers– Frank Allan and Campbell Ross

Finance Neil Robertson and Brenda Maclean.

Fiona Thomas for her monthly fundraising quizzes.

Thank you to all in the Village who are picking up litter when out and about.

TFVCC Board

Christine Hunt (Chairperson), Cathy Low (Secretary), Nicole Edmunds, Sarah Theman, Bryan Parsons, Donald Watson, Marjory Barber, Sam Russell (FRA representative).