

Findhorn Village Conservation
Company

Annual General Meeting
20th June 2018

Directors

- Frank Allan (Chairman)
- Jo Harris (Secretary)
- Neil Robertson (Treasurer)
 - Marjory Barber
 - Nicole Edmonds
 - Christine Hunt
 - Mo Hyde
- Cathy Low (Co-opted)
- Sam Russel I (Co-opted)
- Sarah Theman (Co-opted)
 - Donald Watson
 - Peter Hall

Objectives and Activities

The FVCC's objectives are to benefit the community of Findhorn Village with the purposes of advancing environmental protection or improvements, including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment.

Achievement of these objectives will be achieved through maintenance, improvement and provision of environmental amenities for the community and/or preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the community following the principles of sustainable development.

ACTIVITIES IN 2017 – 2018

WORKING GROUPS

- Garages
- Crown Estate – Findhorn Bay
- David Urquhart Memorial Path
- Parking and provision of area for camper vans

CONSULTATION

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Scottish Land Fund

Crown Estate

Moray Council

Dunes Trust

Findhorn & Kinloss Community Council

Residents' Association

Fairways Committee

Nature Reserve Committee

Planning for Real

Students – Parking Exercise

Consultants

Individual Landowners and Residents

Many Others!!

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Purchase of the Armstrong Garage Site (Grant from the SLF and generosity of many people)
- Work on garages – now have 7 and workshop let.
- Work plan to upgrade garages and prepare remaining 4.
- Appointment of Development Officer for the garage site
- Risk Assessment of our land holdings has been completed.
- Planning permission for David Urquhart Path and working on grant applications.

Achievements

- Input to Moray Council Development Plan
- Provision for voluntary donation to car parking and tourer camper vans along North of village beach parking area
- Discussion with Moray Council – resulting in road improvements. Front road, entrance into North car park area and lowering of kerb at Findhorn Village Centre.
- Input to Planning for Real input
- Traffic and Parking Consultation – Supporting Students
- Programme of documenting Policies and Procedures

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Sure there are many opinions to that question!!

- Best to show by doing a SWOT Analysis
- (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats)

STRENGTHS

- Enthusiasm of individuals
- Commitment of individuals
- Support provided by residents and others
- Support provided by SLF and HIE
- Local involvement in decision making
- Community and representatives responsible for decision making
- Local approachable landlords (the Board) – only guardians – we are all the landlords
- All want to see improvements in the village – views on direction vary – but have to be managed effectively
- Refer to achievement to date previous slide (e.g – garage site, risk assessment, development officer, car parking, income generation, etc)

WEAKNESSES

- Effective communication systems
- Develop system to encourage and manage volunteers from residents
- Taking on too many issues/developments/saturation point
- Time/Capacity
- Wide range of views – can be strength but !
- Historical legacy of land holding – very complicated
- Inherited position of land holding – management of land issues
- Issue resolution can be costly
- No legal experience on the Board at present
- When land purchased – no money provided for development costs – clear impact on rate of progress.
- When formed – no documented policies and procedures – have to be developed as we deal with issues.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Involvement of many members and residents of the village
- Volunteer to join working groups or a week collecting money from honesty box
- Fund raise with events
- Input on how we want land used as long as complies with regulatory bodies (e.g Moray Council)
- Develop amenities in the village – e.g Village historical trail – signage of historical places and landforms
- More cohesion between groups in the village
- Suggestions on working groups e.g – management and design on lane improvement
- Your ideas into future developments
- Grey Resource

THREATS

- Sustainability
- Capacity of individuals
- Succession
- Finance
- Varying opinions – try to please all
- Confrontation over issues
- Expectations – only owned land for two years – expectations that we can solve all the issues inherited – can't resolve all the issues to satisfaction of all.
- In the past local people just did things – people commented but absentee landlord.
- Effective management of a range of issues and developments.

David Urquhart Memorial Footpath

Current Position

- **Planning Permission granted**
- **Successful application to Money for Moray**
- **Applying for funding to a range of organisations – awaiting decisions**
- **Contract awarded to Anderson Group Ltd**
- **Planned starting date September 2018?**
- **Grand Raffle - 18th August – at Garage Site**
- **Raffle tickets from local shops, cafes, pubs and directors**
- **Other willing to sell – findhornvcc@gmail.com (get tickets to you)**
- **‘A view, a brew and a loo’ - all we are doing is to try and make these accessible to all.**
- **Thanks**

Accounts

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This financial statement is not a full set of statutory accounts but is a summary of information relating to the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2018. The information has been extracted from the full Financial Statements which have been subject to an independent examination by Cathedral Accountancy Ltd. Copies of the full Financial Statements can be obtained from the company offices at The Old School, ChurchPlace, Findhorn, IV36 3YR and from Companies House. The Financial Statements were approved by the directors on 18 June 2018 and were signed by F Allan. Copies of the Financial Statements have been lodged with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator and with Companies House.

QUESTIONS ??