

Minutes of Meeting Collieston Harbour Group on May 2010 (Held 3 June 2010)

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| Apologies | Trish Cowie Iain Taylor |
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| Attendees | Andrew Couper Roger Berl Ewan Cowie Debra Storr Robin Mackie Lewis Cowie Susan Taylor |
| Harbour Works | Brander Cover in the centre of the pier has had some small adjustments made to it by Scottish Water until a more permanent solution happens |
| | Each of the ladders needs to be measured as they are of different sizes for the quotations for replacements. Andy asked for a quote for the ladders from Macduff Engineering. For marine grade stainless steel one ladder £1250. For one ladder galvanised £650. For the railing at the end of the pier Stainless Steel £950 and £450 for galvanised. Robin will try Wilkie engineering for a second quote. Andy will give Robin the details that he has. Fixing to the pier need also to be considered as they need to be sunk deep, flanged and bolted |
| Signage | Scottish National Heritage did the previous information board in Cransdale. The group discussed the erection of 4 signs the text of which has to be agreed. Andrew hopes that the Coastal Partnership will pay for the information boards as tourist information. |
| | The sighting of the boards was discussed as follows: |
| | 1. Sign indicating parking for use by village residents only to be situated near or in front of Limpet Cottage |
| | 2. Where the chain is across the pier Village Resident Access Only |
| | 3. Main sign as an Information Board closely aligned with the donation box to be sited near Andrew's wall. |
| | 4. At the top of the road the council will need to amend the sign to Cransdale Parking Free and By Donation on the Pier. The Council now own Cransdale parking area. |
| | 5. Ewan will paint on the side of the pier Motor Boat Speed Limit signs indicating the bylaw speed in the harbour area. |
| | Andy will speak to the community Council about the text for the information board. There is plenty of information on the Collieston Website that may be of use |
| Parking Meter | Andy has sourced a parking meter at no cost if it does not issue a ticket. It would suggest a possible donation for parking and we considered sitting it next to the information board. The information board would also explain the reason for this fund raising. We considered a minimum of £1. |
| Fund Raising | There will be no Dolphin Gallery at the Gala this year. The space is available for specifically raising funds for the pier. Further consideration is to be given to this possibility. |
| | Robin managed to extract with some difficulty £70 from the donation box near the ramp. We thank Robin for his efforts. |
| | For the silent auction a day fishing with a Gillie on the River Dee has been offered. |

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| | <p>Last year we procured £7,000 from the Coastal Protection. Debra will look into the possibility of obtaining this again for this new year.</p> |
| | <p>Public Liability notification is due in July. It was £625 last year and the group felt that this could be reduced, as it is not a working harbour and was listed in the past. Andy will look into this matter.</p> |
| Boatie Shore | <p>Lewis and Ewen have sourced these large clean rocks at a building site near Tesco in Ellon. These could be made available if money could be found to shore up the extensive erosion on the tidemark. It was suggested that Andy might try the community council for funding and also obtaining a loan for this.</p> <p>Following inspection of the erosion on the foreshore a motion was passed to proceed with the work.</p> |
| Boat Ramps | <p>Current users need to be notified of any change of use to avoid any possibility of disputes of usage. It was considered that a separate meeting to consider these issues might be appropriate.</p> |
| AOCB | <p>A boat trip was taken to inspect the back of the pier. Extensive cracks have appeared after this last winter. This is causing serious concern for the possibility of a breach in the future. Further consideration for these matters is necessary.</p> |
| | <p>It was considered that working parties to do general maintenance on the pier might be good practise. It was suggested that the council cleaning vehicles might be able to extend their work onto the pier as it was noted that in the winter the snow clearing vehicles need to come down onto the pier to turn.</p> |
| Date of Next Meeting | <p>June 24 2010 at 730pm Collieston Community Hall</p> |