

Meeting of Collieston Harbour Group on 27 August 2010

Present	Andrew Couper Lewis Cowie Robin Mackie Susan Taylor
Apologies	Trish and Ewan Cowie Iain Taylor Roger Berl
Boatie Shore	<p>Congratulations go to all involved in the development of the restoration work on the Boatie Shore. Andrew will write a letter of thanks to Bill Bruce for the kind donation of the boulders used in the work done by Raymond Moir. Raymond Moir has confirmed that if any problems develop as the winter seas affect the shore line he will try to put things right with further adjustments.</p> <p>It was recommended that Andrew speak with Sue Somner regarding processing the invoice through CASCT to avoid VAT.</p> <p>Susan has spoken to Duncan Allan from Don Valley Turf and he has agreed to supply and donate special grass seed to sow the existing topsoil. Sarah has obtained some wild flower seed from the Forvie Centre to apply to the slopes of the Boatie Shore.</p>
Fittings to the pier	<p>From the original quotes it was agreed to reduce the number of ladders by one. That ladder being the first one on the pier that already is missing. Robin has spoken to Brian from Wilkie Engineering re the quote for the ladders and they require more information regarding the securing of the pillars. Andrew request assistance from the harbour engineers at Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>It was also agreed to investigate a further quote for stainless steel ladder hand rails and a new post and chain. Roddy Junor has kindly offered to obtain a quote for the steel works through his work.</p>
Signage and Parking Meter	<p>The parking meter is now ready to go. It was considered and proposed that the ground fitting should be in stainless steel casings. Andrew has spoken to Keith Newton, Area Manager for Formartine Area, regarding assistance with all the pier fittings and the erection of the meter and the notice board below the wall of Andrew's property.</p> <p>The new harbour rules, which it is intended to post once the notice boards are erected, are attached.</p>
Shed on Boatie Shore	<p>Roddy Junor has written to the Harbour group requesting to erect a shed on the boatie shore above the winches. This ground is within the harbour trust.</p> <p>The group discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In years gone by there have been small sheds behind the winches and small sheds, (lean-to design, 4' x 4', dark creosote) have been, and remain a feature of the village. 2. Whether or not buildings may have existed in the village, additional structures, of any size, particularly in as prominent a place as the boatie shore, always cause controversy in the village.

	<p>3. A precedent should not be set for the erection of sheds behind every winch. It was accepted that knowing the current ownership of the winches, the worst case scenario would be requests for three sheds.</p> <p>It was decided that the Harbour Working Group had no real remit to determine planning issues although, legally as the property owner it could give permission for a temporary structure like a shed to be built. It was felt that given the controversy any new structure in the village generates, that the Community Council, should determine whether the shed should be built. The Harbour Group would like the following points considered by the Community Council: If a shed is permitted it should be in keeping with the traditional lean-to 4' x 4' structures. It should not be a bright yellow, green, etc garden shed on the beach! If one shed is permitted, then a further two may, theoretically be requested.</p>
Finance	<p>Huib has given Andrew a financial statement and the position is satisfactory. Andrew has received a cheque as a donation from NESKY Canoe Club for use of the harbour launching facilities. The financial statement is attached.</p>
AOCB	<p>Colin MacPherson has posted some pictures on the Collieston Website of the work on the boatie shore as it unfolded. Ken Ingram is keen to have more information about the harbour to post on the website.</p>
Date of Next Meeting	<p>30 September 2010 at 7.30pm at Collieston Community Centre</p>