

Roger Berl
Ronnie Chaplain
Andy Couper

Ewan Cowie
Lewis Cowie
Trish Cowie

Billy Russell
Iain Taylor
Susan Taylor

Office Bearers were elected as Andy Couper – Chair, Susan Taylor – Secretary and Roger Berl as Slains and Collieston Community Council Liaison. It was decided that a Treasurer post was not required at this time.

Ms. Storr was then satisfied that the main purpose of this meeting was fulfilled and left the meeting open for relevant questions.

Mr. Couper requested information regarding what types of funding had been pursued thus far. The possibility of applying to the Heritage Lottery had been explored and it was suggested that the group looks into how much money could be gained from Aberdeenshire Council due to the fact that the Pier is a flood defence. Ms. Storr inform all present that £7000 had been made available. It was also brought to the meetings attention that the Crown Estate may be possible future fund suppliers, however, more research would be required to find out if the previous Harbour Trustee Group had any dealings with the Crown Estate in the past. The Chair Person for the meeting informed that the harbour also had the capability of making its own money by changing usage fees. It was agreed prior to this discussion that all present were willing to go ahead and pursue various money raising avenues.

A point about Banff Harbour, and a few others within Aberdeenshire, being fully maintained by Aberdeenshire Council and why Collieston should be any different was questions by Mr. L. Cowie, to which the reply was the Aberdeenshire Council owned Banff Harbour, whereas, Collieston Pier and Harbour area is owned by the Trust.

Matters regarding the Trust and legal documentation was put forward by Mr. Sheehan. Ms. Storr replied that she had a copy of documents, but also stated it was very possible that there may be others with various people throughout the village. Mr. Chaplain then offered to pull together all the information which Mrs. Chaplain may have relating to the Pier and Harbour area from the past Harbour Trustees group.

Mr. Chaplain wanted to know about legal support which Ms. Storr replied to and informed all that she could gain free legal support from the council regarding various matters which may arise.

Mr. L. Cowie requested more information regarding the Pier survey and the Trustees knowledge of when it may be carried out, which the present Trustee replied to. Ms. Storr stated that Arch Henderson's preferred time would be between April and September but sees no harm in contacting them if the sea has been calm for a few days and looks highly likely to continue to do so.

A question was raised regarding gaining compensation from Scottish Water for lose of income and inconvenience during the summer months but the pursuit of this was not recommended.

The area covered by the Action Group was discussed and a map shown. The map is going to be copied and made available to the Action Group.

Finally, in drawing the meeting to a close it was suggested that all past information be requested and collated in order to form a good picture of previous matters relating to the Pier and Harbour. The possibility to publicising this request before the next meeting will be looked into by members of the newly formed Pier and Harbour Action Group.

Minutes to be approved at next meeting.

**Next Meeting will be on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm in
Collieston Community Centre.**