

## Minutes of Meeting -Collieston Harbour Group on January 28, 2010

Apologies	Debra Storr
Attendees	Isobel Davidson Lewis Cowie Ewan Cowie Trish Cowie Roger Berl Andy Couper Robin Mackie Iain Taylor Susan Taylor
Funding	<p>Huib Attman has set up a separate account within the Community Council account for harbour funds. £20,822.57 has now been transferred from the old Harbour Trustees fund to the Community Council. On January 22 a further transfer was made of £7,500 from Aberdeenshire Council to the Community Council for Coastal Defence work.</p> <p>This brought the total in the Community Council account for the pier to £45 292.20. The bill for the underwater work done in 2009 was £23,552.00 and further small bills have been submitted to the Community Council. Colin McPherson has also generously donated £300 from the sale of the Collieston Calendars, for which the Harbour Group and Trustees were very grateful. It was also decided that a letter of thanks was sent to Colin McPherson and into the Blether for his fundraising of Calendars. Trish Cowie will ensure that this will be done.</p> <p>Exact figures for the account will be available at the next meeting once all the bills have been paid. The current balance is approximately £21,500 with a commitment to replace pier fittings, (ladders, railings, etc), still outstanding.</p> <p>Attempts to get Scottish Water to contribute provide collection boxes and information boards detailing the voluntary charges for pier use detailed in the paper prepared by the Community Council and publically displayed at the Gala last year)were unsuccessful. Andrew will now pursue funding for these items through the East Grampian Coastal Partnership.</p> <p>Once the published details of the fees and charges are placed on public view, efforts will be made to collect more voluntary donations from pier users.</p> <p>It is the aim of the Group to maintain a “working fund” of approximately £20 000 to support any bids made to attract further funding. Isobel Davidson kindly offered to assist wider fundraising efforts by sending a list of possible EU Grants.</p> <p>There is further scope for savings to the fund through reviewing the insurance papers. It may be that we are paying for a working harbour, transferring cargo, where we should be paying for recreational use only. Andrew will investigate further. Andrew will also continue to report to the Community Council on the Group’s work to date.</p>
Harbour Works	<p>It was decided that we would request the Community Council to place a notice in the Collieston Blether to see if anyone has contacts with local plant operators who may be willing to undertake the work required to shore up the slippage on the Boatie Shore. So far no contractor has shown any commitment to the project. There may be a possibility of reducing the cost of this project through the acquisition of local stone from the Tesco building site. This is being pursued by Lewis and Ewan Cowie.</p> <p>Ewan Cowie has researched the ownership of the large stones at the Tesco Site. Lewis Cowie will pursue negotiations to access this material for the Boatie Shore. Raymond Moir has expressed some interest in putting in a bid for the work on the Boatie Shore. It is hoped to obtain funding for this project from a small bid to</p>

Date of next meeting	<p>Crown Estates.</p> <p>Andrew will discuss with George Cameron the senior engineer with Aberdeenshire Council the costing for the fittings to the Pier. Robin Mackie will also contact Wilkie Engineering as an alternative source for fittings to ensure we get value for money. It was suggested that we do a walk about on the pier when the better weather returns. Urgent work to the pier can be identified at that time.</p> <p>February 25 2010 at 730pm Collieston Community Centre</p>
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