



**Minutes of Meeting of Cruden Bay Harbour Management Committee
At the Village Hall, Cruden Bay at 1930 hrs on Monday 18 January 2010**

Present:

Hugh McIntyre - Chairman
Peter Abenheimer
Peter Campbell – Secretary
Garry Maclean
Sam Coull
Derek Thompson
Scott Buchan
Chris Conway

1. Introduction:

As the Chairman was due to arrive later in the meeting, The Secretary thanked everyone for attending opened the meeting. The untimely death of Bob Lewis the Harbourmaster was noted and it was unanimously agreed that he had made a significant contribution to the smooth running of the harbour over the past number of years. His loss was a massive blow for the committee and the harbour in general and the thoughts of the committee were with his immediate family at this sad time.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received on behalf of George Stroud and Gordon MacKay.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Rolling Actions:

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting. The rolling actions were dealt with as per the attached rolling action schedule.

4. Harbourmaster Appointment:

The untimely death of Bob Lewis meant that it was hugely important to find someone who could carry out this function before the start of the new season. The committee were asked to nominate any candidates for the position. With no candidates forthcoming, it was decided that a notice be placed in the village shops advertising the position in the hope that a suitably qualified individual might come forward.



ACTION – Secretary to place a notice in the village shops seeking a suitably qualified candidate for the position of Harbourmaster

5. Financial Update:

There was nothing significant to report in relation to the finances, with all outstanding invoices having been settled. The Chairman took over the running of the meeting at this point and advised that the accounts remained fairly static, with little expenditure over the past twelve months. There was a possibility that he could arrange for the finances to be looked at by one body who could also oversee some of the finances of the other committees in the village. Clearly, it was difficult to get a dedicated treasurer and this option could prove to be the answer. The Chairman agreed to report back in due course on this option.

6. Business Case:

The Secretary reported that a brief had been prepared and submitted to the relevant department at Aberdeenshire Council. Reid Hutchison from the council had undertaken to take the document to the next meeting of the council committee and it was hoped they would then release the required funding to the harbour committee, allowing them to commission a consultant for the preparation of a business case. It was hoped that suitable candidates for completion of this document would be available for consultation at the next Harbour Management Committee meeting. The Secretary would report progress on this issue.

7. Repairs:

A general discussion took place regarding the condition of the harbour walls. It appeared from this that the walls continued to deteriorate in the winter gales and the matter continues to be of an urgent nature. The Chairman indicated that Arch Henderson had not yet carried out the work to assess the further damage and he would encourage them to do this as soon as possible.

The Chairman indicated the facility for drawing electricity for boat owners had now been restored and was fully functional. This would be used on a trust basis and he asked everyone to ensure it was not being abused by anyone.

7. Wildcatz Safety Boat:

Scott Buchan asked the committee to consider the allocation of a berth for the safety boat involved in their wildcatz enterprise. He indicated that this had previously been discussed with the Harbourmaster. He indicated the boat was twenty three feet in length and was of rubber and aluminium construction. The Harbourmaster had indicated the berth nearest the breakwater and near



to the harbour entrance was the preferred choice. As this berth had not previously been allocated, it was agreed that this would be acceptable providing the appropriate fees were paid. Scott Buchan and Chris Conway also asked about launching fees for boats they would be using in conjunction with the above enterprise. It was agreed that a sensible solution to this would be found and the relevant fees for the new season were to be discussed and agreed at the February meeting of the committee.

8. AOB:

Sam Coull noted that a significant amount of land slippage had taken place in the area behind the harbour and towards the first houses. There was a possibility that this slippage could continue along and the harbour sheds could potentially be involved in future slippage. He suggested a letter of concern should be written and sent to the council identifying the concern.

ACTION – Secretary to compile a letter for Sam Coull to take to the appropriate council department.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 15 November 2010 in the Village Hall, Cruden Bay.