

**Minutes of Meeting of Cruden Bay Harbour Management Committee  
At the Village Hall, Cruden Bay at 1930 hrs on Monday 20 April 2009**

**Present:**

Hugh McIntyre – Chairman  
Peter Campbell – Secretary  
Bob Lewis - Harbourmaster  
Sam Coull  
Steve Platt  
Bob Lewis Jnr  
Derek Thompson

**1. Introduction:**

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and extended a special welcome to Derek Thompson who was attending for the first time. He intimated that the main business of the evening would concern the forthcoming AGM

**2. Apologies:**

Apologies were received on behalf of Peter Abenheimer and Gordon MacKay. No other apologies were forthcoming.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

**4. Rolling Actions:**

**ACTION 1 – COMPLETE**

**ACTION 2 – COMPLETE**

**ACTION 3 – Chairman to liaise with Scottish Power re connection at harbour – ONGOING**

**ACTION 4 – COMPLETE**

**ACTION 5 – Work is underway to complete the new notice board – ONGOING**

**ACTION 6 – Members in the oil industry to continue to look for suitable donation of chain for securing harbour ropes – ONGOING**

**ACTION 7 – COMPLETE**

## **ACTION 8 – Completion of warning signs for the East Pier – ONGOING**

## **ACTION 9 – COMPLETE**

### **5. Financial Update:**

The Chairman intimated that he was continuing efforts to rectify the financial situation. The recent loss of key members of the committee had resulted in him having to go through the process of getting new signatories, which was proving difficult as the identification documents required by the bank to support this, are prolonging the procedure. He hoped to have a meeting at the bank later that week when the matter would hopefully be resolved.

### **6. General Rules:**

With the absence of Peter Abenheimer, there was no update regarding the general rules. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

### **7. Harbourmaster's Report:**

The Harbourmaster intimated that the new ropes had been successfully installed at the harbour and the moorings were now fit for berthing boats for the new season. He expressed some concern over the chains securing the ropes and suggested they would have to be replaced, giving a potential life expectancy of one more season.

The lifebelt stand, recently damaged in a storm, had been replaced and moved to a different location where it was more likely to withstand extreme weather conditions.

The public toilets required some further repairs with new hinges being needed for the doors. It was agreed that the Harbourmaster should go ahead and purchase what was required to bring the doors to a good state of repair.

### **8. Harbour Gala Day:**

A general discussion took place regarding the possibility of holding a Harbour Gala Day. Whilst those present supported the concept and felt it would be beneficial for the harbour and the village in general, it was also felt there was insufficient support at present to make it worthwhile and suitably fitting for the village. It was suggested that a real effort be made to gain the necessary help to ensure this event is progressed at an early stage to ensure the village has a worthy Harbour Gala for 2010. This was agreed by those present and it was hoped the flyer currently in circulation would drum up the necessary support.

### **9. Repairs**

Sam Coull gave an update on progress made since the previous meeting. He indicated he had received all the necessary paperwork supporting the

committee's requests for donations and grants. He also had copies of the DVD produced in support of this. He has been in touch with the key people. He has had offers of help from some officials within the council and an offer from one to attend a forthcoming meeting. It was suggested this could be achieved on 18 May 2009 when Ken Morrison from Aberdeenshire Council could meet with members of the committee.

Sam also indicated he had been in touch with SITA and things were being progressed. He suggested they had to tread carefully and take one step at a time to achieve success. This point of view was endorsed by those present and Sam was thanked for his efforts to date.

Sam asked if anyone knew the contact at Sandhaven Harbour as he felt some useful knowledge could be gained from their experiences in pursuing a similar project. This information was unavailable and Sam undertook to pursue this himself.

**ACTION – Sam Coull to arrange for Ken Morrison to attend the meeting on 18 May 2009**

**ACTION – Sam Coull to progress contact with representative from Sandhaven Harbour**

#### **10. AGM:**

The AGM was discussed and the Chairman gave an indication of the format of the meeting on the night. He indicated he would update those present on the progress made, the new rules and a vision of where the committee wanted the harbour to be over the coming years, providing the funding was made available. The supporting DVD would be shown to the meeting to endorse the work being done.

The agenda items for the meeting were then set and agreed.

#### **11. AOB:**

Derek Thompson suggested it may be a good idea to have some winter activities for members and interested parties to keep the momentum at the harbour going when the fishing season was over. This was discussed and agreed that this idea should be pursued.

**ACTION – Derek Thompson to produce a proposal for winter activities.**

#### **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 18 May 2009 in the Village Hall, Cruden Bay.

