

**Minutes of Meeting of Cruden Bay Harbour Management Committee  
At the Village Hall, Cruden Bay at 1930 hrs on Monday 21 September  
2009**

**Present:**

Hugh McIntyre  
Gordon MacKay  
Peter Campbell – Secretary  
Bob Lewis – Harbourmaster  
Sam Coull  
Derek Thompson  
Garry Maclean

**1. Introduction:**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and opened the meeting.

**2. Apologies:**

Apologies were received on behalf of Peter Abenheimer, George Stroud, Scott Buchan and Bob Lewis (jnr).

**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. In relation to the electric meter, the Chairman informed the meeting that the electric meter was to be replaced with a new token meter and protocols on the usage would be discussed once it was installed and the technicalities were understood. He also indicated that the electric account for the toilet block was in credit to the tune of £69.

**4. Financial Update:**

There was nothing significant to report in relation to the finances, with all outstanding invoices having been settled. The harbourmaster produced money which had been removed from the donation box to allow it to be banked. This included the donation being provided by the owner of the fish and chip van, which was proving to be very popular and which showed a valuable addition to the economy and well-being of the harbour.

**5. Business Case:**

A brief discussion took place about the business case and how best to progress it. Reid Hutchison, who had attended the previous Harbour meeting, had indicated that such a case could be professionally prepared by a consultant for about £4000. He was aware of individuals who could prepare such a case, if the committee decided they wanted to go down this road. After

some discussion, it was agreed that if funding could be obtained to pay for the consultant, this would speed the process up. Sam Coull indicated he had been trying to pursue such funding and was awaiting a response. The Secretary also suggested there was an option of funding through the Community Asset Scheme and this would also be explored. There was a general consensus that this would be the best way forward, but it required further clarification on the matter of funding.

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

The Harbourmaster indicated he had been contacted by the Police regarding a spate of thefts involving outboard motors in the Peterhead area. He had been advised to warn harbour users to take care. The Police Officer concerned also informed him he was diligently checking the harbour during the hours of darkness, whilst patrolling the area.

The Harbourmaster also indicated he had spoken with some youths who may have been responsible for the minor acts of vandalism which had been occurring at the harbour. He was confident he had reached an understanding with them and that the incidents appeared to have stopped for the time being.

There continued to be issues with boats having to be bailed out by the Harbourmaster and it was agreed that the rules for the following season would include clear instructions on this issue and the issue of leaving the boats on the hard standing throughout the summer season.

## **7. Repairs:**

A general discussion took place regarding the current state of repair of the harbour walls. Some photographs of the damage were passed around which showed the scale of the problem. The Chairman suggested putting markers in the cracks to indicate any further serious deterioration. He also suggested getting Archibald Henderson's back to further survey the damage. It was agreed it was vital to quickly progress the fundraising efforts as the situation was deteriorating.

Gordon MacKay gave a brief update on the progress of the application for the Village SOS, which was a combined fundraising request for the harbour and the Ladies Bridge. They were awaiting feedback from the organisers, but if successful, the financial reward would be substantial.

## **8. AOB:**

The issue of the effort to trace relatives of the late John Duthie was discussed as the condition of his shed continued to deteriorate. The Secretary indicated they had exhausted every available avenue. It was therefore agreed by the committee that the shed would be removed and disposed of.

Gavin Thain had asked that the committee consider a proposal for him to remove the two containers presently used by him at the harbour and replace

them with one larger container, suitable for the storage of his tractor. In principle, the committee unanimously agreed that this could proceed pending the production of a suitable plan indicating how he proposed to achieve this without impeding other shed or harbour users.

**ACTION – Secretary to contact Gavin Thain and ask him to produce a suitable plan showing the location of his new shed.**

There being no further business for the evening, the Chairman again thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.

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

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 19 October 2009 in the Village Hall, Cruden Bay.