

**Minutes of Meeting of Cruden Bay Harbour Management
Committee
At the Village Hall, Cruden Bay at 1930 hrs on Monday 29
September 2008**

Present:

Hugh McIntyre – Chairman
Peter Campbell – Secretary
Ewan Buchan
Bob Lewis – Harbourmaster
Bob Lewis (jnr)
Sam Coull
Steve Platt
John Cay

1. Introduction:

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were given on behalf of John Simpson, Peter Abenheimer, Gordon MacKay, Garry MacLean, Sean Sullivan and Frank Barbi.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.

4. Rolling Actions:

The outstanding rolling actions from the previous meeting were dealt with as follows:

Action No.4 Gary to complete the presentational graphics for the berthing plans in advance of the October meeting.

PENDING

Action No. 6 No progress in obtaining permission from the late John Duthie's estate in relation to his shed. The committee will take a view on the disposal of the shed.

Sheds will remain a standing agenda item in relation to general updates.

COMPLETED

Action No. 7

COMPLETED

Action No. 8

COMPLETED

Action No. 9 To be carried forward to the next meeting, due to Garry's absence.

PENDING

Action No. 12

COMPLETED

Action No. 13

COMPLETED

Action No. 14 Peter Abenheimer is continuing work on the new general rules. To be carried forward to the next meeting.

PENDING

Action No. 15

COMPLETED

Action No. 16

COMPLETED

Action No. 17

COMPLETED

Action No. 18

COMPLETED

Action No. 19

PENDING

Action No. 20 Chairman to look at further work around electricity meters.

Action No. 21 Awaiting reply from Garry.

Action No.22
PENDING

Action No. 23 Chairman to update the matrix with funding options, which will be forwarded with the minutes to members.

Action No. 24
PENDING

Action No. 25
COMPLETE

Action No. 26 Reply received from Lighting Department who are unwilling to supply additional lighting at the harbour.
COMPLETE

Action No. 27
PENDING

5. Financial Update:

The Chairman indicated there was currently £7060 in the Clydesdale Bank working account. There are two outstanding bills to be paid, one for electricity usage and the other for expenditure by the previous committee relating to legal fees. Once the issues with the signatories are resolved, these can be paid in full. The relevant parties have been made aware of the reason for the delay.

6. Repairs & Fundraising Options:

The Chairman informed the meeting he had met with Willie Murdoch from Aberdeenshire Council, who has responsibility for council operated harbours. He indicated the meeting was useful, but due to Cruden Bay Harbour being privately owned, he could only offer moral support, guidance and consultancy on a commercial basis. It was felt by the Chairman this would be useful going forward as any expertise that could be harnessed would be helpful.

As actioned at the previous meeting, the Chairman had also made contact with Malcolm Morrison, Fishing Industry Co-ordinator for Aberdeenshire Council. This was specifically in relation to the European Fisheries Fund and the possibility of funding being available from that source. Mr

Morrison was of the opinion the funding available at that particular juncture was in relation to commercial fishing only, with the criteria being that the substantial part of normal funding for the harbour had to be derived from commercial fishing activity.

Sam Coull indicated that he understood there was a funding stream within the European Fisheries Fund, which was applicable to Cruden Bay Harbour and he undertook to explore this further with Malcolm Morrison.

ACTION Sam Coull to explore further funding option from European Fisheries Fund with Malcolm Morrison.

The Chairman had also been in contact with Gordon Hart from the Scottish Government Marine Directorate in relation to funding options. He had indicated they were focussed on commercial fishing and as the harbour didn't fit that criteria at present, there were no apparent and readily identifiable funding streams to draw on. He did suggest that emergency funding was available for repairs. This amounted to a capital expenditure of £430,000 but that money had already been allocated for this financial year.

The general feedback seemed to suggest that, as the harbour could not be described as commercial harbour, these funding streams were not available. It was accepted that commercial fishing was taking place at the harbour, but not to a sufficient extent.

A general discussion ensued and Sam Coull suggested it was imperative the business case was developed, taking account of the environmental, tourist and fishing aspects of the harbour. This would be invaluable in seeking lottery, landfill and private funding. There was data available from a recent study by the MacAulay Institute, which would assist in updating the business case.

Sam Coull asked for the committee's permission to speak with a contact from BP in relation to funding from their social fund. This was on the basis that it was in their interests to ensure the harbour was fully functional, should they require access at any time in relation to the nearby pipeline or associated infrastructure. The committee were happy for this to be progressed.

ACTION The Chairman is to progress the update of the business case to allow it to be used to pursue funding options.

7. General Rules:

Peter Abenheimer is continuing to work on this document and will provide an update at the next meeting.

8. Harbourmaster's Report:

The Harbourmaster reported that a picnic table had been stolen from the harbour since the previous meeting. He had brought this to the attention of the local Police. Everything else within the confines of the harbour appeared to be satisfactory.

9. Harbour Gala Day

It was agreed by those present that a gala day was of immense importance in promoting the harbour and its benefit to the community of Cruden Bay. Many people had been asking committee members if it was to be re-instated next year. The Chairman suggested putting out a newsletter in the community asking for key individuals who could help the committee organise an event for 2009.

ACTION Chairman to liaise with Gordon MacKay to produce a newsletter seeking volunteers to assist with organising a gala day.

10. AOCB

The Secretary handed over a cheque for £200 received from the Buchan Development Partnership for the erection of a new notice board at the harbour. The Harbourmaster is to ensure work is carried out to provide a board that will allow display on both sides.

ACTION Harbourmaster to progress work on completion of a new notice board.

Gavin Thain had asked the Harbourmaster if he could change his current shed for one exactly the same, but newer. As this didn't involve any change or affect other users, the committee unanimously agreed it.

The Chairman indicated that he had received notification of a planning application for the erection of houses at the Salmon Bothy. The proposed plans were made available to the committee members for perusal. After discussion, the majority decision was that the committee object to the plans. The main basis for the objection was based on the visual impact

and the fact it was a conservation area together with the potential road safety aspect.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 27 October 2008 in the Village Hall, Cruden Bay.