

# Dunbar Harbour Trust

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre, Dunbar Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Present;** C McWhannell, J Blyth, J S Band, J Dixon,  
T Band (Minute Secretary).

**Apologies;** I Fleming, D Ainsley, A Davidson, R Thomas, B Cleator, B Donald

The meeting was preceded by an update from Dave Johnston, Chairman of the Vaults Investigation Group. Dave advised that Phases 1 and 2 were now complete and they intend to hand back responsibility to DHT and disband their group. He will prepare a final report and will distribute it in the next three months.

The VIG believe that a feasibility study would need to be carried out to decide where to take this project from here. There has been a great deal of interest on the part of ELC and Dave believes some funding may be available from them to take this further. There has been no definite connection made with the Castle but the mortar found in the cistern is identical to that in the Castle. Historic Scotland have rated this as an Ancient Monument site.

The Chairman thanked Dave and his team for their efforts and advised that following receipt of his report the way forward would be discussed by the Board.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Chairman welcomed all and apologies were noted.

### **2 Corrections / Acceptance of minutes**

Minutes approved as read.

### **3. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

### **4. HMC Update**

CMcW spoke to B Buglass regarding his letter and has agreed to send a letter to Scottish Fisheries Protection in Eyemouth.

Road repairs in the car park area - ongoing

### **5. Finance Update**

No update available

## **6. Projects Update**

**Harbour Fabric** – Becket and Rankin still to visit site

**Ladders** – HMC dealing - ongoing

**McArthur's Store** – the handover date is still planned to be at the end of April  
Management group will meet on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 1000hrs

**Battery –ongoing**

**Amenities Building – ongoing**

**Interpretative Panels** – ongoing

**Development of Harbour** – ongoing – Leader grant successful but match funding still to be obtained. ELC and RNLI are being approached for this funding

## **7. AOB**

CMcW in discussion with Crown Estates regarding annual rental for the slipway and maintenance bay.

JB requested that all reports are requested in an electronic format and forwarded to all Directors. JSB advised that on Director Recruitment he had received four applications with interview planned for March 26<sup>th</sup> at Hallhill.

The Bridge being in the permanent 'up' position is currently due to north pier awaiting cleaning – when completed the HM will be asked to leave the Bridge 'down' at all times to allow the public access to the North Wall unless weather conditions make it unsafe for people to cross.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 09 at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre, Dunbar at 1830hrs**