

Dunbar Harbour Trust

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at McArthur's Store, Dunbar Thursday 8th April 2010

Present; C McWhannell, J S Band, S Turnbull, D Ainsley, P Johnstone, I Fleming, B Donald,
A Davidson, B Cleator
T Band (Minute Secretary).

Apologies; R Hamilton

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman welcomed all and apologies were noted.

2 Corrections / Acceptance of minutes

Minutes approved as read

3. Storm of 30th March 2010

There will be a safety inspection on Saturday 10th April at 10am to assess the damage to the harbour caused by the ferocious weather on the 30th March. All are welcome and a list will be compiled of items needing attention and their priority. It may be necessary to hold an extra meeting to agree timescales, funding etc. CMcW will check with the insurers as to whether the damage to the railings is covered. BC will check as to whether the ILB can be made available for an inspection of the outside harbour walls.

The amount of equipment lying around the harbour was raised and the HM has been tasked to get this cleared up. ST advised that he is working hard to re-establish the position of the HM with harbour users and to that end the HMC will be sending a letter accompanied by a copy of the harbour byelaws and rules to all harbour users regarding standards of behaviour in the harbour. The bridge will be down for longer from next week.

The issue of subsidence on the approach to the bridge was raised and it may be necessary to stop vehicles crossing and either a chain or bollard may be required.

ST has written to Alan Blackie on the issue of the handover and followed up with phone calls – still no resolution – all agreed he should escalate to resolve the problem.

The chains in the Victoria harbour has been raised as an issue and the secondary chain has had work done on it to see it through this season – it will be inspected again before next season. CMcW will check with insurers to ascertain if a professional inspection would be required.

Murray Hutchison has been in touch with DHT regarding a tidal monitoring gauge being installed in HM office on behalf of SEPA- JSB will contact Murray Hutchison to see if we could link the information to a tidal gauge for harbour users. IF will speak to SEPA.

HMC will contact the Community policeman regarding dog fouling in the harbour area.

PJ raised the possibility of a designated creel storage area for the winter period to eliminate the problems of so many lying around the harbour.

Development/Business Plan – IF to speak to Jason Wassell regarding professional help in putting together a development plan.

Signage – IF has spoken to Tom Porteous of Metric Machines and he advised an electricity supply would be required for the slipway meter – the machine will be solar powered. It was suggested using the bridge power supply and installing it with the slipway sign. IF will speak to Rodney Thomas re power.

5. Finance Update

All finances ok – The Chairman thanked BD for all her work on behalf of DHT and all agreed on the proposal for a part time employee to work on DHT matters as put forward at the last meeting.

6. McArthur's Store

JSB still trying to contact a cleaner. Will speak to PJ and others with a view to establishing a users group. The testing of fire / smoke alarms to be incorporated into monthly inspections

7. Projects Update

Harbour Fabric – ongoing

Maintenance Bay – still awaiting decision on EFF funding.

Ladders – ongoing

Lamer Island – Funding application was not successful. IF raised the issue of the land erosion following the storm. It will be inspected on Saturday – IF will liaise with Rankin Fraser on taking this project forward.

Amenities Building – Awaiting response from Historic Scotland and Planning consent.

Development of Harbour – Wave modelling complete and a meeting held with the engineers. Dunbar may have a role to play with the movement of personnel for offshore wind farms. ELC and Scottish Enterprise having a meeting re offshore wind farms – BC to follow up.

8. Director Recruitment

No response – all directors to try to suggest possible individuals for joining the Board.

9. Communication

A draft newsletter has been sent around for comments – change will be made if necessary then it will be distributed. A Harbour Users meeting will be arranged.

CMcW will speak to Andre Coner re web site.

10. AOB

DHT email addresses most directors like the idea of having a DHT email address – JSB to try to identify problems

A letter was received from The Arts Trust – BD to follow up

11. Date of Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting - Thursday 13th May at McArthur's Store , Dunbar at 1830hrs