

Minutes of Collieston Pier Group meeting Monday February 24 2014

Present: Chris and David Stewart, Roger Berl, Anne and Anthony Craig, Trish Davidson, Sally Sheehan, Roddy Junor, Lewis Cowie, Meg Wallace.

David opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

- 1) Apologies: Mike Wallace, Susan Taylor, Rob Merson, Robin Mackie, Ewan and Trish Cowie
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Roger Berl and seconded by Anthony Craig.
- 3) Matters arising:

The balance of approx £250 was received from Alan White for framed photos and calendars. Various questions arose about insurance for the new pier group when it is constituted. Isobel Davidson was working towards finding out whether the Council covers current trustees, who are the only people authorised to approve work on the pier. Sally has written to the factor concerning the harbour road – he indicated that the estate owned all the land around the public conveniences. A feu plan for the village is due to be completed soon, and this will be useful to us.
- 4) Treasurer's Report:

The current balance stands at £14,146.98p. Takings since the last meeting include £9100 ticket sales for the Marcliffe dinner, £250 donation, £132 from Newburgh Post Office from the sale of calendars, £30 car parking donations and £250 for the sale of framed photographs, per Alan White.
- 5) Fund-raising/Marcliffe dinner:

To date 13 tables have been sold for the dinner. A meeting was held recently with Peter Mitchell who advised us on the auction and raffle. Craig Brown, the guest speaker, will not charge a fee. The auctioneer is charging a fee which is very much discounted. Paradox Solved is designing and printing the programme free of charge.
- 6) Pier/Boatie Shore work:

Until the weather improves no work can be undertaken. A few things will need attention on the pier in due course. Lewis wondered if we needed another load of stones or should we pour concrete, but a decision will have to await further inspection. Scottish Water did turn up at the end of January but left very quickly without apparently undertaking work on their facility, because of the bad weather.

7) Move to charitable status:

There was much discussion about the constitution drawn up by Sally and Chris. Anthony wanted it minuted that a vote of thanks should go to them both for all their hard work. It was decided to pass a draft of the constitution to the local Council of Voluntary Service before presenting it to OSCR (the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.) The CVS may be able to clarify some of the issues which have been raised, such as insurance requirements.

8) Beach huts:

Roddy has done some homework on the huts – only fixed buildings would require to pay rates. An approach to the planning department would be required before any decision could be taken about where they could be placed. Roddy indicated he would investigate further.

9) AOCB:

The new parking meter has been painted by Lewis who said we would need some kind of stand on which to locate it. He suggested that a poster on the meter would be helpful to inform the public about the history of the pier, the need for donations etc. Lewis was thanked for his work.

Sally suggested it would be useful to have an interpretation board beside the donations box.

Roger informed us of a community council meeting on March 5 when there might be some questions about the pier. The meeting will start at 7 pm.

10) Date of next meeting:

Monday March 31 at 7.30 pm, at 11 High Town