

Minutes of Collieston Pier Group meeting on March 31 2014

Present: Huib Attema, Meg Wallace, Chris and Dave Stewart, Lewis Cowie, Ewan Cowie, Councillor Isobel Davidson, Ann and Anthony Craig, Sally Sheehan,

Apologies: Mike Wallace, Councillor Rob Merson, Roddy Junor, Trish Davidson, Trish Cowie, Roger Berl and Robin Mackie.

Minutes: Proposed by Sally and seconded by Chris

Matters arising: Councillor Isobel Davidson contacted insurance company to clarify the pier insurance policy. The policy appears to be flexible and covers public liability etc. There seems to be no problem covering the two organisations. Everything will be confirmed in writing. David thanked Isobel.

Marcliffe Dinner: Event enjoyed by all and was a very successful evening. Sum raised was in the region of £27,000 after deducting outlays of just over £1000. Generosity of Stewart Spence was outstanding, and he had been presented with a limited edition Kate Downie print of the pier – donated by Kate. Ann asked for congratulations to be minuted for all those who worked and helped to make it a successful fund raising event.

Boatie shore: Nothing can be done at present until sand comes back and weather settles down.

Parking meter: Lewis presented a board and said a print-out with information of history of the pier, inviting donations etc would be needed to go behind perspex on the meter. Isobel offered to take this task in hand and said a mock-up would be e-mailed to us when available. Sally suggested an information board could also be added in the future.

Treasurer's report: (Delivered in Trish's absence) Current balance is £32,484.00p. £260 still to go into bank. £400 cheque relating to Marcliffe auction item still to come.

Charitable status: Draft has been sent to Diane Millar from the local Council of Voluntary Organisations. The application process appears to be straightforward.

Delft University: We had all seen the proposal sent by the lecturer and now the university was waiting for students to show interest in the project. The group agreed that we might pay for accommodation for the group for the four to six weeks involved, particularly since any outlay would be relatively minimal compared to the benefits received.

AOCB: Huib to approach a college in Bristol and contact Historic Scotland for any information on provision of ground penetrating radar to help survey the pier.

Sally indicated it appeared that Collieston would be eligible for Coastal Communities Fund money in future rounds of applications.

Date of next meeting: Monday April 28 at 11 High Town, Collieston. Start 7.30 p.m.