

## Collieston Pier Group

### Minutes of Meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

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

Apologies: Ewan Cowie, Isobel Davidson, Trish Davidson and Rob Merson

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by Mike Wallace and seconded by Chris Stewart

Matters Arising: The 2015 calendar is currently nearly completed and will be available in time for Gala. To date there are ten sponsors.

Delft University: There is no further news about possible student involvement at present.

Stained Glass Panel: Tolquhon Gallery is including the panel in their next exhibition. It will be priced between £450 and £500 and the Gallery have kindly waived their commission on a sale.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the bank account currently stands at £34,100. £502 came from the collection at Norman Moncrieff's funeral and £268 from parking on the pier. A further £700 approximately is due from the Slains School Parents' Council sponsored walk.

Yacht: There has been no interest expressed in it to date. Trish Cowie kindly offered to advertise it on Gum Tree.

Work on Pier: The pier has survived winter storms quite well but may need some minor work done on it soon; for example there is some cracking on the sea-facing surface which may need attention. It was agreed that in relation to more major work we would wait to see if Delft University students would be coming to undertake project work within the next academic session before we commission another survey. For more minor work, Robin agreed to take his boat and take pictures of the back of the pier so that we can assess the work to be done. Lewis will discuss with members of the group the other work which a work party could undertake. Sally mentioned that Tom Piper from the Crown Estates may come to the village to see if he can advise about possible funding sources.

Some concern was expressed about the steps near the ramp leading to the beach. After discussion, it was decided that the situation would be kept under review.

Multi Terrain Challenge: Trish reported on the success of the Multi Terrain Challenge although numbers participating were down due to other major competing events on the same day. Trish and Ewan were thanked for all their efforts.

Water Quality: In an e-mail, Susan Taylor raised concerns about water quality. To keep our Blue Flag status, we must display information about water quality and the beach must be kept clean and free of rubbish.

AOCB: Jet Skis: There was a concern about the use of jet skis in the harbour. Lewis suggested that we send out a general letter reminding boat owners of the speed limits in the harbour. It was agreed that this would be done if owners were not observing the limit.

Charitable Status: Sally informed the meeting that she had received a letter from OSCR asking for some more information. She will attend to this and expects to hear soon about the status of the group.

Calendars: Chris said that the small group who were responsible for co-ordinating this year's calendar did not wish to do it again and asked if anyone else on the committee would be prepared to do it. There was no interest expressed.

Fund Raising: Two events are planned – Curry Night in the Community Centre late September or early October and the Craft Fair in November.

Date of Next Meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014.