

NORTH BERWICK HARBOUR TRUST ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Full Meeting of All Members Wednesday 28 June 2006 @ 7.30pm at Clubhouse, ELYC

Present:	Gerry Hughes	Chairman
	Bruce Todd	Deputy Chairman
	Derek Braid	Secretary
	David Robertson	Legal Team
	Alison Hall	Finance Team
	Stewart Auld	Fabric & Structure Team
	John Baird	Vision Team
	Colin Cumming	Vision Team
	John Hookway	Fabric & Structure Team
	Ted Hill	Research & Management Team
	Ken Burchell	Research & Management Team
	Jackie Tagg	Fabric & Structure Team

Apologies:	Donald Wright	Legal Team
	David Lumbard	Vision Team & Webmaster
	Gary Lawson	Research & Management Team
	Pat Macaulay	Vision Team
	Charles Scott	Finance Team
	Jim Sandison	Vision Team
	Jane McMinn	Finance Team & Research & Management Team
	Ross Dalgleish	Fabric & Structure Team
	George Stewart	Fabric & Structure Team
	Bob Bryce	Vision Team
	Cameron Small	Vision Team

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1. Introduction

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a progress report to the full membership and to provide a forum for an exchange of views.

2. Presentation

Gerry Hughes gave a PowerPoint presentation summarising progress to date. The full presentation is available on request, but here are some of the main points in the presentation:-

- Existing management structure of harbour
- Background and Catalyst for Change
- NB Harbour Management Committee (NBHMC) vote on proposal to investigate formation of Harbour Trust
- NBHMC approves formation of NBHTA on 1/3/06
- Website used for Communications
- Structure of NBHTA with Satellite Teams
- Objectives of NBHTA
- Depth of Research (Mar – June 2006) and 26 people directly
- Satellite Group Reports and Recommendations

- Dunbar Harbour Trust experience
- Summary of 'First Term' and Way Ahead
 - Key personnel essential to success of project
 - Legal – a huge ongoing task
 - Most 'boxes ticked' or to be continued in next term
 - Fewer core personnel to drive forward
 - First meeting in 'new term' on 23 August
 - Negotiate with ELC to maximise their input for 'fit for purpose' harbour
 - Areas of concern to tackle
 - Presentations to outside bodies dependant on legals and overall agreement in NBHTA

3. Questions & Answers and General Discussion

Questions and Answers

Q1.(CC) How long before harbour made 'fit for purpose'?

A. (GH) This is a term which is difficult to define and we will be negotiating with East Lothian Council to establish the work to be done to reach a satisfactory standard.

Q2. (JH) What is the next step and what do we want to achieve? We need to set down what we want to do first.

A. (GH) In phase 2, we will look at the fabric issues concerning the harbour, the legal issues and narrow down what we should do in the short term. If a trust is formed, then we need to make a beneficial impact on the harbour and its users

Q3. (JT) when we have a public meeting, what % must vote in favour. Also, the title NBHTA is misleading as many people think a Trust has already been formed.

A. (GH) a vote will not be required. NBHTA need to get approval from NBHMC in favour. The public meeting will be for information. Agree we should look at the possibility of renaming NBHTA.

Q4. (CC) is there a risk that the local press may pick up ideas within the Vision list that could be taken out of context.

A. (GH) Agreed it is a risk but it would be dealt with as necessary. We have no immediate plans to go to the press with the proposals.

Q5. (JH) There is no development plan for the Vision items such as pontoons and re-arranging the dinghy park. Can we consider this.

A. (GH) We are not in a position to do this at present. However, we must be clear what we want before negotiations start with ELC.

General Points

(DR) we hope that ELC will fund the legal work and/or NBHTA may get funding from ELC.

(GH/DR) it is proposed that NBHTA adopts a formal constitution and is formalised into a legal body as a legal entity. They may assist with the question of operating the harbour while ELC still own the harbour.

4. Way Forward

Structure of Group

As indicated when the agenda was issued, it is proposed that we go forward with one group of about 12 people, but reporting back to the full group. This will consist of the core team, the webmaster and two from each team. (Finance: Alison Hall and Jane McMinn. Legal: David Robertson). Ted Hill advised that Ken Burchell and Gary Lawson will represent the Research Team. Subsequent to the meeting, the Fabric Team advised that Stewart Auld and John Hookway would be their

representatives, and Jackie Tagg has agreed to share the Secretary role with Derek Braid. The Vision Team should advise their representatives in due course.

Timescales

GH will report back to the NBHMC on 12 July. The NBHTA will have a break until the next meeting of the new group on Wed 23 August 2006 (7.30pm @ ELYC, Clubhouse)

Derek Braid
21/8/06