

NBHTA Business Meeting
Monday 8 December 2008
Council Chambers North Berwick
7.30 p.m.

Minutes

Present:

Gerry Hughes	Chairman
Stewart Auld	
Derek Braid	
Colin Cumming	
Alison Hall	Treasurer
David Lumbard	
Jane McMinn	
Jim Sandison	
Jackie Tagg	Minutes

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1. Apologies

Ken Burchell, John Hookway, David Reid, Bruce Todd,

2. Minutes of Meeting 3 November 2008 and Matters Arising

Any outstanding items dealt with as part of main business.

Proposed: Stewart Auld

Seconded: David Lumbard

3. Report Back from East Lothian Council

Bruce had provided a written report which Gerry referred to. .

. Good progress on the H&S issues. There was a meeting at the harbour on 5 December 2008. Rab Pillans, Eamon John, Helen Bruce all from ELC attended along with Ross Harbison [HM], Bruce Todd and Gerry Hughes.

Gerry summarised the items that had been considered during the site meeting and there was a much more realistic approach compared to the initial suggestions from ELC. A report is expected from ELC on the revised proposals. After discussion it was agreed that Gerry would go back to ELC to suggest that a balustrade is not put along the low quay wall. ELC will be applying for funding for the various works required.

Fabric report – 3 consultants have been approached by ELC to look at the crane and SW harbour wall. It is hoped that NBHTA will see the remit to the consultants. Gerry to take this forward in Bruce's absence on holiday.

Derek reported on behalf of David Reid. Our Solicitor from Edinburgh will be making a site visit in the next 2 weeks in order that the Harbour Empowerment Order (HEO) can be independently reviewed. However, we cannot finalise the draft HEO as there will still be some items that cannot be included as they are subject of agreement with ELC [the fabric issues].

Memorandum of agreement- still in draft form pending the outstanding fabric issues.

ELC Property Department has produced a draft plan of the area to be transferred. There are some minor queries which need to be clarified which have been referred to ELC. There was discussion and it was agreed -that Gerry and Bruce should take this forward with input from David Reid if required. Once clarified, it will be circulated to all members for agreement.

4. Finance and Administration (Alison Hall)

November accounts circulated prior to the meeting. Alison reported that there is not much difference from the October accounts.

Memorial benches project [thanks to Jane McMinn], purchase of trolley and bike rack outside harbour office are now included in accounts.

ELC had agreed to give us mooring/dinghy fees back net of VAT. However as we were quick at banking income some of our fees were collected prior to April 2008. Unfortunately ELC did not accrue this amount into financial year 2009/10 so it has not been transferred to us. Alison will pursue this income.

Jackie reported that all dinghy spaces are now taken and there is a waiting list. Ross Harbison the new Harbour Master is doing well and taking on more administration responsibility. Arrangements are being made to get telephone account moved to NBHTA and then broadband can be arranged.

The moorings waiting list is being cleansed and Jackie is looking at the process with Jim Sandison and Ross Harbison. Options and proposals to be discussed in January.

5. Harbour Manager Report - Gerry

Report circulated prior to meeting. The harbour area is improving and any issues being dealt with promptly. For instance the Granary Residents had complained about icy conditions following washing down of yachts. Grit was put down immediately and the next day a grit box was installed.

End of season meetings are being arranged with SSC [already held], Commercial Boat Owners Association, Residents Association and ELYC. Communication and cooperation has greatly improved.

A meeting has been held with Varis, who were the company originally involved a few years ago, to look at pontoons in the harbour. A possible revised design was discussed, and drawings are expected shortly. This will also include outside pontoons.

6. A.O.B.

None

7. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged

J A Tagg
9 December 2008