

# NORTH BERWICK HARBOUR TRUST ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Gerry Hughes

Secretary: Bill Roberts

Treasurer: David Fortune

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## AGM – Minutes

Monday 17 March 2014 at 7.30pm

Council Chambers, North Berwick

### Present:

Gerry Hughes Chair  
Donald Wright  
Bruce Todd  
Stewart Auld  
John McCarter

Jane McMinn  
Jackie Tagg  
David Fortune  
Susan Hopkin  
Bill Roberts (Minutes)

### 1. Apologies

GH welcomed all to the meeting.  
Apologies noted from Colin McGrory

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Approved by JMcM and seconded by SA

### 3. Annual Report from Chairman

The Chairman's Report was circulated before the meeting and presented by GH. It is attached at the end of these minutes.

### 4. Retirements and Appointments

Colin Cumming has chosen to retire from the Association.

GH expressed the thanks of the Association to Colin for his hard work in many areas, but in particular representing equal access over the years since the beginning of the Association. **BR will sent formal note of thanks.**

The Association had several responses to its advertisement for new members. GH provided a précis of each applicant. It was agreed to invite three new members join: Isabel Anderson (prop. JMcM & sec. SH); Colin Aston (prop. JT & sec. SA); Ed Reeder (prop. BR & sec. GH)

### 5. Accounts

DF presented the accounts for the preceding year. They are in a format prescribed by OSCAR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) and will be used going forward.

Of note was the initial flow of income from the binoculars. The income from the Lobster Shack was down; the income is derived from a daily rate.

The Treasurer will create a "Project" account which will be used to seed funding for development initiatives. The Association has already agreed to assign £40k plus 20% of annual income (starting this coming year) to the account.

**DF will clarify the year-on-year difference in Sundry income.**

DF proposes to issue half-yearly accounts in future (rather than monthly).

**GH proposed the appointment of Auditors; GH and DF will pursue.**

The Chairman expressed his thanks for DF's work throughout the year and for the preparation of the accounts.

The accounts were proposed by SA and seconded by JMcC.

**6. Election of Officers**

Bill Roberts reported that the following nominations had been received:-

Chairman	Gerry Hughes
Treasurer	David Fortune
Secretary	Bill Roberts
Officer	Bruce Todd
Officer	Jane McMinn

Jackie Tagg has stepped down from her role as an Officer but continues as a member of the Association. The Association is grateful to Jackie for work on behalf of the Association and pleased that she is continuing to be involved.

There were no other nominations therefore the above Office Bearers were elected unopposed.

**7. AOCB**

No other competent business was raised and the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

**Bill Roberts**  
25 March 2014

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

March 2014

The past year has seen us tidying up outstanding works with ELC and importantly making a decision that as a group we are now comfortable to progress with the transfer of the Harbour and associated ground and buildings to a full Trust.

At our AGM it is hoped that the necessary wording can be agreed for insertion as Purposes in the HEO to allow flexibility regarding our choice of legal entity going forward.

It must be our intention, and indeed there is an expectation, to achieve the transfer this year.

There will of course be some difficulties as we move from tenant to landlord, but as a group, nothing that we cannot find a solution to.

Our emphasis must now be on sea defences and I will outline my plans at our AGM.

Our accounts show us in good shape largely through prudent management and the efforts you all put in for which I thank you.

G. Hughes