

NORTH BERWICK HARBOUR TRUST ASSOCIATION

FILE NOTE

20 October 2014

(immediately following Special Meeting held at 7.30pm)

Meeting of the Association – North Berwick Council Chambers

Present: G Hughes (Chairman)
I Anderson
J McMinn
B Robertson (Secretary)
D Fortune (Treasurer)
S Auld
C Aston
B Todd

1. Apologies

E Reeder, D Wright, J McCarter and S Hopkins.

2. Previous Minutes

One alteration to the previous minutes of 22 September 2014 being paragraph 2, EOP. Wording in relation to 1A presenting a paper to be deleted. Proposed after alterations by CA and seconded by BT.

3. Finance Update

In relation to the appointment of Whitelaw Wells given by DF and also a proposal to slim down the members dealing with the item. A proposal to appoint Whitelaw Wells as Independent Examiner was made by DF and seconded by JMcM. The representatives also nominated as DF/GH/IA. Note – subsequent email by DF on 1 November 2014 gave details of the mechanics to comply with our AML requirements.

4. Systems being looked at for Next Season

- A) MOA – As the previous meeting had sanctioned the go ahead to sign subject to the satisfaction of any minor alterations by BT/GH, it was now a matter of awaiting a date by ELC. BT to continue to chase this matter up.
- B) Lease – The Draft lease prepared by ELC has been revised by our solicitor at Tods Murray. GH and BR are due to meet with the solicitor. IA stressed the importance to the current funding success and the future finding effort of securing a lease with ELC as early as possible.
- C) HEO – the HEO has been reviewed by Transport Scotland as their comments are with ELC and ELC's parliamentary agents for comment.

5. Galloway's Pier

BT gave an update including the changes and funding shortfalls in relation to tendering. CA included his input on this subject and the hope it could be met by the existing funders. End date suggested towards the end of November, but all in agreement that the design and workmanship is not in question. GH suggested an opening ceremony and CA is to consider this for a future meeting. ELYC to be made aware of situation re their Firework display.

6. Sea Defence Project Update

BT provided an update. A team consisting of BT/SA/CA and ER will meet on 24th October 2014 to look at options. A full report will be brought along to the next meeting.

7. Funding Projects

IA aided by JMCM gave an update on the funding projects being worked on, especially the one relating to the Growing Community Assets. Once more the need for Charitable Status was debated and once more the work the work and effort on funding was noted.

8. AOCB

JMCM asked for actions on our web page as it now reflects poorly on what we do. WR accepted that outside involvement should be brought in and he will arrange this.

The next HMT to which all are welcome will take place on 24th October 2014.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1st December 2014 at 19.30 hrs in the Council Chambers.