

NORTH BERWICK HARBOUR TRUST ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity N° SC045318

Chairman: Gerry Hughes

Secretary: Bill Roberts

Treasurer: David Fortune

Full Meeting – Minutes

Monday 5 October 2105 at 7.30pm

Council Chambers

Present:

Gerry Hughes (Chair)

Jane McMinn

Isabel Anderson

David Fortune

Donald Wright

Bruce Todd

Colin Aston

1. Apologies

GH welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Stewart Auld and Bill Roberts

2. Minutes of Meeting of 24th August 2015

GH read through the minutes of the previous meeting. These were approved by DW and seconded by DF

3. Finance

The finance update given by DF noted the slowing of income toward winter; confirmed the bank account status; and that we are setting aside funds each year for our projects. DF suggested that in future Finance figures will be produced three times a year to reflect our busy season.

DF expressed concerns over electrical financial controls still ongoing.

The Chairman's report is needed to complete last year's accounts which are with Whitelaw Wells and expected to be signed off by December.

DF has arranged a meeting with Dunbar Harbour Trust to gain further understanding of their HEO process.

4. Vision /Funding

JMcM expressed frustration at the lack of any type of progress on, or enthusiasm for, our ambitions. The Chairman stated there is no point in building for "building's sake" and once more reiterated his opinion that over-development could spoil the specialness of the place. The SSC plans will have a big impact on the above.

The meeting with the Rowing Cub may raise some of their plans.

5. Stakeholder's Meeting

The Stakeholder's meeting is being arrange for 2nd December. GH will liaise with BR and YD (Admin) to ensure all relevant parties are invited as well as all our members.

6. Succession

The chairman is keen to invite two new members to join the Association: Brian Anderson and David Farmer. Their skills and the rational for inviting them will be outlined to members prior to the next meeting.

7. HMT

A brief update was presented by JMCM. Next meeting date to be confirmed.

8. Leases

Lease to tenants were debated in some depth. A decision was taken to allow the Chairman to seek budget costs for a professional to deal with them. The Chairman will report to the next meeting.

9. Sea Defence Works and Galloway's Pier

A comprehensive update was given by BT. Progress and completion dates for the seawall were noted.

The schedule of works is to be examined and if in order the second Viridor payment will be sought. This leaves the retention and balustrade monies outstanding.

10. HEO and OSCR

Once more JMCM outlined the current status and legal complexity. Frustration was evident from members regarding deemed unnecessary complexity of a fairly simple transition of land and the costs involved.

JMCM is to have further dialogue with our solicitor. JMCM and DF to further consider the route taken by Dunbar.

11. AOCB

The meeting noted that the Association has been asked to speak at the Rowing Club AGM.

The status of planning permission for the Pearson container in the dinghy park is to be established.

The wedges on the outer harbour wall are to be examined and consideration given to tightening these.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 30th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Council Chambers.

Signed



Bill Roberts

Secretary

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