

# **NORTH BERWICK HARBOUR TRUST ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity N° SC045318

Chairperson: Jane McMinn

Secretary: Bill Roberts

Treasurer: David Fortune

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## **AGM – Minutes**

**Monday 13 March 2017 at 7.30pm**

**Council Chambers, North Berwick**

### **Members Present:**

Jane McMinn (Chair: JMcM)  
Stewart Auld (SA)  
Sandy Knox (SK)  
Donald Wright (DW)

Colin Aston (CA)  
David Farmer (DGF)  
Charlie Marshall (CM)  
Bill Roberts (Minutes: BR)

### **1. Apologies**

JMcM welcomed all to the meeting.  
Apologies noted from Brian Anderson (BA), Isabel Anderson (IA) and John McCarter (JMcC).

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 –**

The minutes were read by JMcM. The minutes were approved by SA and seconded by CA.

### **3. Annual Report from Chairman**

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

### **4. Retirements and Appointments**

There were no retirements from, or appointments to, the Association

### **5. Accounts**

The Association had previously agreed that the accounts would be presented later in the year at a SGM

## 6. Election of Officers

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

Chairman	Jane McMinn
Treasurer	Sandy Knox
Secretary	Bill Roberts
Officer	Stewart Auld
Officer	Donald Wright

There were no other nominations. BR proposed that the above Office Bearers be elected. This was supported by the whole meeting.

## 7. Declaration of Interest

All members present confirmed that there were no changes to their interests as previously declared during 2016/17.

**Action: BR to confirm interests of those members not present**

## 8. AOCB

A proposal to move the AGM from March to June, with effect from 2018, was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The proposal was made by BR and seconded by JMcM. The whole meeting approved the proposal.

The first sentence of Clause 6 of the constitution will now read:

### **6. Meetings of the Association**

*(a) An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held once each year in June at such place as the Officers shall determine.*

There were no further items and the meeting was closed.

Signed



**Bill Roberts**

*Secretary*

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## Chairperson's Report March 2017

The Objects of the Association, as set out in the constitution are:

- The advancement of citizenship and community development in North Berwick Harbour and its environs through trade and industry or otherwise;
- Providing and organising, or assisting with the provision and organisation of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of North Berwick and its environs;
- For the benefit of the public to repair, maintain, conserve and improve North Berwick Harbour and the harbour facilities in an efficient and economical manner and to facilitate the efficient and economic transport of goods or passengers by sea;
- The advancement of heritage and culture through increased awareness of and greater access to a wide range of activities and events which will be planned to showcase the harbour and its history; and
- The advancement of public participation in sport and related activities, e.g. kayaking, rowing, sailing yachts and boats.

As in past years our main activities and efforts have gone into the successful management of the moorings, dinghy park, community lease holders and events taking place, and some of the more recent activities and participation in the following areas.

We have continued to support a local trader providing an area for his business, Lobster Shack, in turn buying directly from local fishermen, and continuing support for commercial boat operators to go about their businesses.

We have supported our most recent lease holder, Beach Wheelchairs, a small very successful charity which enables the less able in our community and beyond to enjoy trips out to wonderful beaches. Other recent additions to the small local community businesses we encourage are the Stand Up Paddleboard hire, wetsuit rental and continuing support for the Kayak Hire business.

We work closely with other organisations based at the harbour and support and enable their events to take place smoothly, for example East Lothian Yacht Club and their local regattas and national events.

We once again hosted Fringe by the Sea which was a great success, sometimes despite the weather. This year was more closely managed and monitored to the benefit of the whole event running alongside other regular activities. We continue to support other community projects and charities like the Firth of Forth Lobster Hatchery, a sustainable fishing project as well as North Berwick Rowing Club. We are aware of our stakeholders and the importance of enabling as many as possible to work together for the overall benefit of the community.

The trustees plan to continue the activities as outlined above, subject to sufficient funding. We are continually reviewing the priorities and requirements of the harbour area and have identified some projects to further investigate and fund. Currently being considered is:

- small market like facilities to support local charities, businesses and activities (short term)
- structural review and engineering assessment of the outer harbour wall (medium term)
- new development of community units for lease to be built in front of changing rooms (long term)

We will be reviewing the structure, management and governance as necessary to eventually have ownership of the harbour on behalf of the community in the future.

**Jane McMinn**  
Chairperson