

NORTH BERWICK HARBOUR TRUST ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity N^o SC045318

Chair: Jane McMinn

Secretary: Bill Roberts

Treasurer: Sandy Knox

Full Meeting – Minutes: Monday 9th October, 2017

Council Chambers

Present:

Jane McMinn (Chair: JMcM)
Bill Roberts (Minutes: BR)
Charlie Marshall (CM)
Colin Aston (CA)
Stewart Auld (SA)
In attendance -Terry Denton

Isabel Anderson (IA)
Donald Wright (DW)
Sandy Knox (SK)
David Farmer (DGF)
Brian Anderson (BA)
In attendance – John Irvine (NBRC)

1. Welcome

JMcM extended a welcome to the members present.

2. Apologies

None.

3. NB Rowing Club

Jl attended the meeting representing the NB Rowing Club. The proposal Jl presented for discussion is that a boat house be constructed, to take 2 of the boats and provide a workshop. NBRC would use timber/composite materials for construction to reduce maintenance and withstand weather conditions. NBRC need to show consent for long term use in order to secure funding however NBHTA advised that they are unable to commit to a long term lease.

Electricity would only be required for hand tools and lighting.

NBHTA – After discussing the proposal NBHTA agreed to meet with NBRC again. It would take approx. 6 months for planning.

Jl left the meeting.

4. Minutes of Meeting of 11th September, 2017

The Lease for the Beach Wheelchairs beach hut is now ready to be signed. Ongoing.

Action: JMcM

Information re the £10,000 received from the Community Partnership still needs to be collated to enable a report to be written and sent to them. Ongoing.

Action: JMcM

JMcM thanked DGF for the photographs and the excellent film – which has now been uploaded on to the web.

AOCB

JMcM will supply a list of the Islands for beach hut naming

CM said that we require an initial Crowd Funding Scheme – maybe the photographs of the harbour (re above) should be used as back-up?

SK asked if we have chased up the information re changing to ‘Company by Guarantee’? This is still ongoing.

The minutes were proposed by CM and seconded by CA

5. Safety Incident Reports

Incident arose where the police were called re an altercation. Statements were taken and BR spoke with C Gordon. BR updated the incident book. It has been noted that CG does not want to take the matter any further.

6. Declaration of Interest

There was no change from the previous meeting.

7. Finance

VAT

WW have still not heard from HMRC. They will give them 4-6 weeks, then advise us of what we may have to pay.

Action SK

8. HEO

Still ongoing and awaiting ELC Transport Scotland and our comment.

As Trustees, we require everyone to have an understanding of what the law allows us to do.

Action: BR

9. SSC / NMC

JMcM, BR & SK met with ELC Head of Planning (IMcF). IMcF gave details of the planning process but was unable to confirm the status of the current application by SSC.

A letter has been sent to the Heritage Lottery Fund expressing our concerns and a response has been received.

ELC Provost (JMcM) has been asked to receive the petition on behalf of ELC - he has not replied yet..

ELC (Tom Shearer) has given verbal reassurances that if there is any dispute about harbour lease, NBHTA will be informed.

The question was raised as to whether ELC are already funding the SSC's NMC project. The SSC claim they already have the backing of ELC. There is a meeting with the Council on Tuesday to discuss. The meeting noted that the Common Good Fund should be for local and not national projects.

The mediation meeting with SSC proposed by Michelle Ballantyne MSP may not go ahead; SSC are insisting that NBHTA only have one representative in attendance

The meeting noted that ELC Planning Dept. posted a version of the SSC business plan on the Planning web site. SK wrote to SSC asking questions on some of the details in the plan. SSC have refused to do so.

At a meeting of the Community Council, Hilary Smith had asked if there would be a public meeting. This seems unlikely now. John Hunt – SSC Trustee – addressed the Community Council but is not for having a public meeting (not even to discuss the impact on parking) but he claims objectors are ill-informed.

There have been documents added to the planning application during the consultation period.

The Summary Business Plan says that there will be 270,000 – 340,000 visitors. A lot more visitors mean impacting on the already traffic and parking issues within NB

SSC are also asking for an extension from 7th November until after December?

We now have a final letter from our lawyer saying that SSC have no right of access for construction traffic. This letter should be circulated sooner rather than later. SSC were made aware in June that we believed NBHTA has the right to decline access. If planning permission is given, pressure may be applied to NBHTA to allow SSC to proceed.

NBHTA will keep momentum going, and in the public eye. A public meeting may be considered. The meeting discussed the format and possible outcomes

DGF briefed the meeting on the social media statistics. The online petition may have run its course.

The meeting recorded its thanks to Lynn Knox for all her hard work on our behalf.

10. North Wall Update

The costs for maintain the north harbour wall have been received. This will be in the region of £410,000. An easier to interpret format is needed.

Action: BR

11. Safety Management System

DW has collated had one response to Marine Navigation document

A decision on siting signs at the harbour entrance and Fairway has still to be finalised.

Action: BR

12. Funding Applications

FLAG – It has been indicated that planning is needed for 5 years not 3.

Russell Bequest, have invited us to apply for a grant of around £2,000 before the end of October.

Common Good Fund – We could apply for up to £10,000.

Discussions with NB Trust are ongoing.

13. North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

AGM Meeting was attended. The outcome of the Charrette was discussed. There is a budget of some £300k for parking and traffic flow improvements this year.

14. AOCB

The presentation by JI from NBRC was discussed. NBHTA will revert with views before NBRC AGM.

Action: JMCM

The meeting discussed the use of the ex-Kayak business store.

Repairs to the crane will cost circa £4,500 ex VAT

CM asked if we could apply to the Common good Funding for this?

Should we be considering increasing our rates for launching, rents etc.? – Ongoing

Lobster Hatchery containers are being moved and may provide an opportunity to move the Beach Huts.

Succession Planning –bring a friend to introduce them to the NBHTA with a view to joining the Trust, thus increasing its membership.

Action: JMCM

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th November, 2017 at 7.30pm in North Berwick Council Chambers.

Signed



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