

NORTH BERWICK HARBOUR TRUST ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity N° SC045318

Chair: Jane McMinn

Secretary: Bill Roberts

Treasurer: Sandy Knox

Full Meeting – Minutes: Monday 9th April, 2018

Council Chambers

Present:

Jane McMinn (Chair: JMcM)

Bill Roberts (Minutes: BR)

Donald Wright (DW)

Brian Anderson (BA)

In attendance -Terry Denton

Sandy Knox (SK)

David Farmer (DGF)

Colin Aston (CA)

1. Welcome

JMcM extended a welcome to the members present, and welcomed Geraldine Prince from the Community Council to her first meeting.

2. Apologies

Isabel Anderson (IA) Stewart Auld (SA) Charlie Marshall (CM)

3. Minutes of Meeting of 5th March, 2018

It was **DW** who expressed his opinion that we have no increased liability re the Rockateer.

DGF explained that we had agreed on instructing David Narro to obtain 3 quotes re the North Wall, and not up to us to obtain them.

4. Safety Incident Reports

Nothing to report..

Action: BR

5. Declaration of Interest

There was no change from the previous meeting.

6. Finance

SK confirmed that Everards got back to us with their quote for this years' insurance. This has been accepted, and the hard copies will be sent out to the Secretary (BR). SK also suggested that he and BR look over the warranties which we give to the Insurers and re-affirm their content.

SK is awaiting word from Yvonne (Admin) re the final accounts. 1st draft shows a small loss, but when updated with incoming funds, the final accounts for our financial year should be slightly better. We have to remember that we had an unusually high outlay for Professional Advice throughout this financial year.

Action SK

7. HEO – Update

BR & SK had a meeting, at which it was agreed that BR would provide SK with the history re the objectives. This will also include the differences between the Charitable objectives and the Trust objectives, so that we can lay out the combined objectives going forward.

This has been a long and laborious journey.

Action: BR

8. SSC / NMC

JMcM, BR & SK attended a meeting last Friday (6th April) at which there were 3 representatives from the SSBC, 2 from The Council, and Hew Dalrymple. This meeting was overseen by 2 Facilitators.

The meeting seemed to go well, and a lot was talked about. More issues surfaced in general conversation.

SK was of the opinion that the views of what the meeting was about differed greatly from what SSBC thought and what NBHTA thought.

Their objectives seemed to be quite grandiose – to enable them to apply for more funding and gain more money. They were not really forthcoming in divulging what was said at their meetings. Whereas NBHTA are outward looking, listen to the Community and publish our minutes on our Website. We have always maintained that we want to look forward to the future, how we can help the visitors, and their safety is ALWAYS a number one priority.

Since 2012 there has been a serious lack of consultation. This has resulted in SSBC going off on their own, and not taking into consideration the other parties required needs, or desires, at the Harbour.

Should they start to trim their aspirations as they must be aware that there are going to be questions asked re their applications?

It is thought that not one organisation should control all, or the majority, of the Harbour. It is there, and has been for many years, for the benefit of the locals and visitors alike. Should we be appointed as the Landlords? Should this question be presented to the Council for their decision?

BR apologised to those present, as he did not forward the letter sent out to our Stakeholders. The letter was sent out because they were not included in the meeting. We will continue to press for their involvement at future meetings. A copy was also been sent to the Community Council Chairperson.

Geraldine Prince (GP) will take this forward at their next meeting – Tuesday 17th April – and ask that a letter be sent to the Facilitators asking that the Community Council are represented.

Action BR/JMcM/SK/GP

9. North Wall Update

DGF has already contacted David Narro to get quotes (3) re work on the North Wall. These figures, hopefully, will be with us for our next meeting for discussion. Our choice will be instructed to David Narro, who will then instruct the work to begin.

It would appear that the crane footing, at the North Wall, is moving.

We have to ask David Narro to investigate & repair.

We have to advise the Council that the footing is going out to sea.

Action: BR/DGF

10. Safety Management System

No further work – at present – is required on this as it is now complete.

We have to write to MCA to tell them that we are fully compliant.

Once the MCA have been advised we have to put this notification on the Notice Board, and the Website.

Action:BR/

11. Funding Applications

CM is applying for :- a Bursary from CALA

:- Safety Equipment from the Co-OP

These will be updated at a later date.

We have received our funding of £3,500 from FLAG re the Beach Hut Project.

A copy of the FLAG application is required re our planning permission for 5 years – which was a pre-requisite.

Because we had to use our own money, and this has now been covered, we should be able to go ahead with the Changing Room project at the East end.

As our planning permission, on this project, expired last year, we have to contact the Architects again. We could have our plans updated, as we are now talking about replacing more, and have a discussion as to who we could approach for funding.

GP advised that as we were talking about The Stella Moffat Fund in our last minutes, we should approach them sooner rather than later as their allocation date is coming up. Their dates for money decisions are December & June. Our application should be submitted NOW.

Action:-BR/CA

12. North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

IA will update us at next meeting.

13. AOCB

CA – Voiced his concern about the North Wall Structure. GP asked if the Community Council should be getting involved with this, now or in the near future?

BA – Dog excrement is becoming a problem at the Harbour. Do we require notices put up to advise owners to clean up after their dog, or keep them on leads? Is this a Health & Safety issue? GP suggested that we run a community based competition for ideas. CA suggested we ask for the Dog Warden to patrol the area.

DW – Requested an update on the empty Beach Hut. JMCM advised that the empty hut (No 2) went to the first person on the reserve list. No 6 has also become available, as the present occupier doesn't want to renew. An application has been received, and is being looked at. Amy Davidson – Fuzzy Felt project.

JMCM – Rowing Club. JMCM & BR had a meeting with John Irvine (JI). He was advised that we could not grant a 15 year lease – this is just not an option. We encouraged him to take the boat-house and come out of the changing rooms. We advised that we would have a break clause in any lease, whether it be 3 or 5 years. JI thought they would not be able to get funding on that basis and suggested either – a 3 year lease without a redevelopment clause, or 5 years with a redevelopment clause. SK commented that as the Rowing Club are Stakeholders, and we would like to be of assistance to them, we have to safeguard ourselves. We should ask them to put their request in writing to us – in full, so that the Trustees can discuss the pros & cons and get back to them.

Fringe by The Sea – Nial Middleton has still to advise us what they are proposing for this year. They have started advertising – but no request has been made for any area within the Harbour area. This has still to be requested, and in writing. BR to contact them.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th May, 2018 at 7.30pm in North Berwick Council Chambers.

Signed



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