

Port Edgar Marina - Berth Holders Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday 5th August 2013 at Port Edgar.

1. Attendance: Frank Pullen (Chairman)

Colin Scott (Hon Treasurer)

Brian Smellie (Hon Secretary)

Karl Weibye

John Laurie (Member's Sec)

Colin Henderson (Professional User's Rep)

2. Apologies: Doug Ross, Pete Sykes, Ken McLeod, Margaret McGregor & Murray Carmichael

3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27th May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report on up-to-date situation on Port Edgar Marina:

There have been no significant developments since the previous meeting. It is believed that negotiations between Edinburgh City Council and Port Edgar Holdings are continuing with the likelihood that they will take over the management of Port Edgar Marina with effect from April 2014. A travelling hoist has been acquired, assembled and tested by PE Holdings on the assumption that they will be the successful bidder.

5. Proposed Closure of the Sailing School at Port Edgar.

The Chairman read out a letter he had sent to Stephanie-Anne Harris, Strategic Development Manager at the City of Edinburgh Council, expressing the concern of the BHA at the proposed closure of the Sailing School. A reply had been received indicating that due to the current financial constraints the CEC was unable to reverse its decision.

However it is understood that Terry Kirchin and Ian Hards (both of PEYC but acting in their own capacities) are in dialogue with Edinburgh Leisure and the City Council with a view to putting forward proposals to take over the running of the Sailing School.

FP had contacted Terry Kirchin to find out what progress has been made, but as the discussions with the Council are still at an early stage, there was little to report. It was agreed to keep track of the developments and to offer the support of the BHA Committee as appropriate.

Action: FP

6. Security Arrangements at Port Edgar:

The Chairman had raised the matter of the security arrangements at Port Edgar with the Marina Management following some recent thefts and reported as follows:

- Vulnerable boats have been shifted to ensure they are covered by the security cameras.
- The Main gates are kept locked at all times during the night.
- There is a Security Guard based at the gatehouse who carries out periodic patrols.
- The Police have increased their patrols of the Marina and surrounding areas.

7. Matters Arising & Chairman's Report

a) Weather Station: KW reported that this is now fully operational with real-time details of pressure, wind speed and direction, rainfall etc. The web camera also shows a view of the sea state at the Marina entrance. A time-elapsd pictorial record is also being created to monitor the construction of the New Forth Bridge. KW reported that Marina Office has set up their system to constantly refresh the Weather Station details and this is using a considerable amount of the available bandwidth and slowing down access to other users. FP agreed to ask the Marina to change their arrangements. The committee expressed their appreciation to KW for the considerable amount of work involved in setting up the Weather Station and Web Camera. It shall be of considerable benefit to Marina users.

Action: FP

b) Dredging: The repairs to Thumper have now been completed and dredging has re-commenced. The main channels are being concentrated on at present. It was agreed to ask the Marina if it is possible to mark the main entrance channels with marker buoys or by issuing co-ordinate details of the channels.

Action: FP

c) East Coast Sailing Week: The arrangements are now well in hand and applications from participating yachts are in the process of being received. There are still opportunities for people to assist in various capacities during the event and anyone interested should contact the Organising Committee. Margaret McGregor and her husband have volunteered and offered the use of their caravan as the Organisers Office.

d) Indemnity against possible liquidation of New Operator: The BHA has now received a letter from Stephanie-Anne Harris of the City of Edinburgh Council indicating that indemnity against the possible liquidation of any new operator appointed to run Port Edgar Marina would be included in the Contract Terms.

e) Defibrillator: A defibrillator has now been acquired and is located in the Marina Office. All Marina staff have been trained in its use. It was felt that it would be beneficial to have signage at various positions around the Marina – particularly near the pontoon areas - drawing attention to the location of the defibrillator. It was agreed to raise this with the Marina management.

Action: FP

f) Membership Renewal: JL confirmed that an e-mail had been sent out to all Members thanking them for joining or renewing their membership of the BHA.

g) Notice Board: A new header has now been fitted to the Notice Board and this has improved its appearance.

8. Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Hon. Treasurer circulated a financial report and confirmed that the cash in the Bank was currently £1397 and that membership subscriptions had been received from 161 members.

A comprehensive membership list has been compiled by the Hon Treasurer's secretary and it was agreed to send her a thank-you note and a box of chocolates. The Chairman agreed to undertake this.

Action: FP

9. Web Site: The new Website is still awaiting a final update of information and a concerted effort is needed to get this completed and fully operational in the near future.

Action: KW, FP & BS

10. Any other Business

➤ Marina Management: Frazer Strigeon has joined the management staff as Day Manager in support of Pat & Kenny.

➤ Notice Board: It was agreed that the AGM Minutes should be removed from the Notice Board after a reasonable period of time (3 months) to allow space for more current items. It was suggested that a copy of the front page of the Website be posted on the Notice Board.

Action: BS

➤ Wi-Fi: Free Wi-Fi access on a test basis is currently available from the BHA. It was agreed to allow slow access to all Marina users but to provide a faster version for BHA Members with password protection.

Action: KW

11. Date of future Meetings: The following date has been agreed for the next BHA Committee Meetings as follows:

11th November

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding