

Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders’ Association

(Provisional)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday 5th June 2017 in Classroom 1 at Port Edgar

1. Attendance: Mike McGregor (Chairman)
Craig Shirlaw (Hon Secretary)
Colin Henderson (Commercial Users Rep)
Frank Pullen
Willie Mills
2. Apologies: Margaret McGregor, Debra Mills & Colin Scott. Graham Sutherland had previously indicated he was unable to attend
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. Minutes for AGM: The Minutes for the BHA Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd March 2017 were provisionally approved subject to final approval at next year’s AGM. Two agreed items from the AGM are outstanding.

Action: MM

5. BHA Boat Jumble: The Boat Jumble held on the 6th May was reviewed. Receipts of £164 were an improvement on last year but were less than in some previous years. The jumble was held on the same day as the Port Edgar Marina open day which had been hoped would lead to increased attendance but this did not happen. A discussion followed on aspects of the day including signage, advertising, goods on sale, and donation to scouts. It was decided to postpone a decision on whether to run the sale again next year until a further meeting.

Action: All

6. Matters Arising:

a) Hose Trolleys: It was agreed that as marina management had consistently refused to provide water hoses on the pontoons, members should make their own arrangements. PEBHA will no longer progress Hose Trolleys.

b) Communication with Members:

- Membership: There was a discussion on membership numbers and it was noted from the Treasurer's report (covered below) that membership appeared to have fallen. It was suggested this may be due to the difficulty faced by members in paying their subscriptions now that the marina office was unwilling to take cash on behalf of the association. It was agreed that DM would be asked to email any members from previous year who had not renewed. This obviously required a list of those who had paid and MM was to contact CS re this and pass on results to DM.

Action: MM,DM

- New members: MM volunteered to spend time on pier beside noticeboard to raise awareness and solicit new members.

Action: MM

- Boat Launches: FP agreed to request marina boat staff to provide membership form to owners of boats being launched.

Action: FP

c) Membership Benefits:

- Edinburgh Boat Charters will give 15% discount to PEBHA members
- WM to approach hull blasting contractor to discuss potential discounts

Action: WM

d) BHA Boat Jumble: As detailed above

e) BHA Notice Board: The back of the Notice Board has been painted and reinstalled. The key is now with CSh

f) Ship Location Software: The Shipfinder app is now installed on the BHA web site home page and is operational. It is described as **Tracking of ships outside Port Edgar (Live Feed)**

g) Disposal of Flares: Advice on the correct procedure for disposal of time expired distress flares has been added to the **Boat Info** section of the BHA website.

7. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave his report to the Meeting verbally and a summary of the points covered is as follow:

- There will be an increase in security around the marina in preparation for the launch of the new aircraft carrier in Rosyth. This likely to coincide with spring tides around the end of June.
- Boat Park: Work is progressing on improving boat park facilities on the West of the site. Water and electricity is being provided. CH mentioned that CCTV is being installed to improve security. The question of additional toilets being provided was raised by FP.
- In future the name of the marina may be changed. It is hoped this may help in marketing retail businesses on site.

8. Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Hon. Treasurer (in absentia) circulated Receipts and Payments for the Association for the 4 month period ending 30th April 2017. The only aspect discussed was the drop in subscriptions from £204 to £129 which the Hon Treasurer felt was due to them not being able to be paid at the marina office.

9. Website Update: WM reported that the only matter to be noted was the removal of the Boat Jumble poster.

Action: WM

10. AOCB:

a) Site Security: WM reported that site security staff would not go beyond the lit area of the site. This was a problem for him given that his boat is among a number of boats in this area. It was to be hoped this would be remedied by on-going site improvements. Nevertheless MM would raise with marina management.

Action: MM

b) Vandalism to west of site: WM reported that buildings to west of site (old hospital) are being constantly vandalised despite being reported to police. There is a fear this vandalism could affect boats on site.

Action: MM

c) Pumping Station: The need for a pumping station to allow boats to empty tanks OF foul water was discussed. MM will raise with marina management.

Action: MM

d) Grounding in Marina: FP raised the issue of several boats grounding in the marina recently. CSh indicated that he too had grounded near the tyre barrier. Whilst appreciating that silting was an on-going issue the committee felt that the marina

could provide better information. The bathymetric charts prepared after the winter dredging have not been made generally available. The consequence is that boat owners are unaware of where to avoid and so forth. It was decided to formally ask the marina management which entrance should be used (east or west), how far from tyre barrier should boats go at low water? Finally it was decided to ask if the bathymetric charts could be made available and published. Any caveats necessary to show the information was probably out of date would be agreed before publication.

Action: Csh

Dates of future Meetings:

The following dates have been agreed for future BHA Committee Meetings:

7th August
6th November

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.