



Present: Kirsty Preston, Kaela Scott, Gaynor Allen, Laura Young, John Williamson, Shirley Banks, John McNeill, David Purdie, Dennis Walton

Apologies : Aileen Grant, Clive Andrew

1. Minutes from last meeting

Approved - Laura, 2nd Gaynor

2. Matters arising

None

3. Approval of new members

None

4. Bank account /Payments pending

The paperwork has been completed. FM has been removed as a signatory for now.

5. Correspondence & Communications

None

6. Consultation

Kaela has produced an information sheet to be sent to members and

- Acknowledgement that the harbour could be a better area
- Key opportunities
- Key concerns (parking, increased traffic, displacement)
- Summary of community meeting (vocal group of opponents, but some other discussion)
- Key conclusions/Next Steps

Comments to Kaela by Friday 13th September. Circulation on Monday to members and through FWG communications channels.

Gaynor will write press release to support the publication of the information sheet.

7. Other Projects

a. Skiff

Eskmuthe rowing club has meeting tomorrow to grow levels of interest and develop a committee. Skiff has been built by volunteers and financed through fundraising. Need

double ended launcher (sand trollies) at a cost of £600. Would FWG be prepared to support this to make the Skiff more accessible? It is a community rowing club . It does not fit as a capital project. Charity status would open up grants to the rowing club. The Eskmuth Rowing Club is a formal organisation and may apply to the community council. – June McNeill (Community base grant). Caterpillar rollers might be an option?

Capital Funding

£50k over two years - Liz McLean project manager. There are no VAT implications. Work needs to be carried out by a registered contractor. Funds must be earmarked and approved by 31st March 2014. We may be able to use council architects, although their fees would be counted in the overall costs and application to the capital fund. Council would need recompensed for the preparation of a tender document.

b. Lights

No information from Clive this evening. Remember harbour list listed – Historic Scotland & ELC approval required.

c. Shower block

Dennis Walton to meet with Kirsty Preston. How should an application be presented to ELC. Estimate approx £10K.

d. Planters

Email to Stuart Pryde. Planters would dry out and die in the summer – chicane, large rocks or stone blocks are an option. These would not be removable. Looking for feedback. May also be able to take signage. Site is intended to be where the bollards were.

General consensus is big flat red sand stone – more appealing.

Provide feedback and arrange a very specific site visit – Stuart Pryde and Stuart Baxter. There may be a requirement for planning permission. JW will feedback .

There used to be a mine outside the Brunton – where is it currently? It is part of the town's heritage. It did once collect money for the RNLI. JMcN to make enquiries about current location of old mine.

e. Signage

Brown heritage sign – Stuart Baxter is the contact. Something on the main road to advertise the beach and harbour. KS will pick this up.

f. Fitness Trail

2014 legacy fund is available for more active places. The promenade is part of the John Muir way and adding these type of facilities may cause an issue. A maintenance contract would also be required. Could the existing facilities on the Links be moved – away from the play park, where they are currently sited?

g. Opening of Seawall/Boardwalk

DW has pulled together some rough costings. 10m away from the back of the houses , still above the high water line, which is Council land. Back yards are raised and the boardwalk would be below line of site. Worth discussing feasibility with Liz McLean before going down the route of applications. Back sands promenade to Murdoch's Green (bus stop). Above the waterline is ELC property. Add to the agenda for Kirsty and DW.

8. Any other business....

Capacity building calendar- free education. Any group members encouraged to join in.

Newhailes House – Gaynor would get in touch with officer, after the summer – invite to the next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8th October, 7.30pm, FYC