

Fisherrow Waterfront Group

MINUTES – 10th December 2013 **7.30, Fisherrow Yacht Club**

Present: Fiona McNeilly, Gaynor Allen, Kaela Scott, Nicola Ross, John Williamson, Clive Andrew, Aileen Grant

Apologies : Laura Young, Kirsty Preston, Fraser McAlister

1. Minutes from last meeting

Approved with minor correction - Shirley and Gaynor

2. Matters arising

None not otherwise on the agenda

3. Approval of new member - No new applications for memberships

4. Bank Account/Payments Pending

No further update

5. Correspondence & Communications

a. Invitation to Harbour Users Group

An invitation has been extended to up to two members for the FWG to attend the next Harbour users Group on Weds 5th Feb 2014. Clive Andrew will attend as chair. Dennis Walton already sits on this committee for FYC. We may seek a 2nd representative at the next meeting.

b. Report to ELC – Communities Award

A short report is required to fulfil the conditions of grant. This should state that the consultation exercise took place and that the funds were used as arranged for printing and a leaflet drop. Gaynor to draft short report for submission to ELC.

c. Website – committee section

The FWG section of Musselburgh.info has now been updated with minutes and a new section created in order to display forthcoming meeting dates. There was some discussion about making more use of the committee section, not least for the archiving of group documents.

6. Events

a. History of the Harbour Talk – 30th Jan 2014. Date and venue - FYC - now

confirmed. FYC will run the bar from 7pm with members invited for a 7.30 staff. Close anticipated at 9pm. Simon Fearnie has agreed to give the talk. Gaynor to write short invitation to send to members.

b. Filming the Fisherfolk

Edinburgh's college have not responded with respect to taking this on as a project. We might also ask Queen Margaret students if they might become involved - Nicola Ross has been meeting with them recently. Community engagement is an active element of their charter. Progress with respect to the audio archive has stalled, until a suitable treatment for any materials is found. They would be a cost to using these, which cannot be defined until use is clear.

c. Knitted Boat

Enthusiasm remains for the knitted boat project, but as yet a suitable venue has not been identified. The Brunton remains the best suggestion - Kaela to make

further enquiries with Brunton staff. The neighbouring Hope Church was a further suggestion.

7. Capital Projects

a. Lights

The lights that were formerly used for the torch light parade have been located, but their state of repair is not yet clear. If working, it may be possible to trial these lights along the harbour. Timing and effectiveness in light summer evenings was discussed. Look to place them from April-ish.

b. Shower block

The scheduled meeting had taken place between Kirsty Preston and Dennis Walton and Liz McLean has assigned a project officer, which indicated the project is now logged in the system and the exchange of drawings and correspondence continues. There was some general concern about ensuring the allotted funds were spent in good time. FM to ask Dennis for a brief progress report to circulate with the minutes. Budget is thought to be in the region of £10k for this project.

c. Stones

Discussions had been held with artist and sculptor Gardener Malloy. He had offered advice on the best stone to use for this purpose and suggestions had been taken back to Stuart Pryde. An indication of prices for basic sculpting had been offered. The group suggest a maximum budget of around £2,500 - £3,000 for this. Gaynor and Aileen to progress. Although the stones don't need planning or local permission, Clive undertook to consult with residents in the immediate area.

d. Boardwalk

There was little to add here, aside from a discussion relating to recent stormy weather and the need for any improved access point to build in appropriate safeguards to protect the sea wall.

8. Any other business....

9. Date of next meeting

Given the regularity of these meetings, it was considered helpful to set dates 3 months in advance - 7.30pm at FYC unless otherwise advertised:-

Tuesday 21st January

Tuesday 18th February

Tuesday 18th March