

fisherrow

waterfront
group



AGENDA – 16 July 2013
7.30, Fisherrow Yacht Club

Present : Clive Andrew, Dennis Walton, Gaynor Allen, John Williamson, Shirley Banks, Laura Young, Fiona McNeilly

Apologies : Kaela Scott, Dave Wilkie, John McNeil, Fraser McAllister, Irene Tait, Aileen Grant, Liz Johnston

1. Minutes from last meeting

There were no formal minutes of the last meeting, which was principally a discussion around the consultation event.

2. Approval of new members

Need to get new member info from Kaela – there were some from consultation event – there were none in FRYC mail box.

3. Bank account /Payments pending

HBOS have promised paperwork by the end of the week. FM, GA, LY and CA have to present ID & have it copied and certified – return to LY. Free for 18 months & if turnover does not exceed £50k.

4. Correspondence & Communications

There was discussion around the management of email correspondence and enquiries. If there are any enquiries that require group response, a holding email will be sent. GA is happy to manage for now.

There are some issues with addresses bouncing – GA and FM to investigate.

LY reported that the Facebook is getting good reach.

5. Consultation

In the absence of KS, there was limited information from the consultation meeting and not enough to be able to establish a group view for communication to the general public or the press. Both of these must be done, in due course .

The confusing signage to car park behind the Quay was highlighted. The buses currently advertise the Ship Inn – they might say ‘Fisherrow Harbour’. Both of these were brought up during the consultation event.

6. Other Projects

Bid for shower block – awaiting some guidance from Helen Bruce.

There is apparently £50k available for improvements in the waterfront area. There was some discussion about exactly who this is available to – waterfront group, or general waterfront area.

A discussion followed on potential 'wish list' items away from issues relating to the consultation.

Interpretive boards - there is significant interest in the history and wildlife.

Planter boxes – inhibiting driving along the prom, but allowing council and dinghy access. Trees? The planting needs to be suitable to the environment. Trees need to be suitably robust. There was some discussion about the usefulness of the plants in the sand – are they doing a job/do we need different plants?

We should also canvass the council for more bins. It has been great to see the area so busy in the fine weather, but the bins are insufficient. Some people do try to use the bins, but they overflow.

Action: JW to contact Stuart Pride re temporary bins. In Portobello they used large wheely bins in height of summer – Back of Quay and picnic areas.

(Post meeting note: an extra evening clear up shift has been arranged and will be maintained through the good weather).

Covered seating which has been highlighted in the consultation. Foot of beach lane. It is very windy on the promenade by the links.

A board walk across the back sands – it would help distribute people along the beach

Beach Huts

'Fairy' lighting around the harbour – holiday feel.

How would we encourage more commercial enterprise in the area – beach bar, seafood bar, buckets & spades – a variety ideas from the consultation. We are unlikely to want to run these, but we might facilitate suitable 'units'.

We need to decide if we are focusing attention in one specific area, or sharing the benefit of the monies along the waterfront.

There is an art installation planned, using Arts funding from Tesco. This is still in a planning and consultation phase – installation and site to be determined.

John Muir Way – currently starts here, though there are new links coming from other areas.

Sports Installations – beach volleyball? Engage with active schools with respect to the sports which might be suitable for the summer time.

A fitness trail along the prom (there is currently one in the play park).

Opening up enough sea wall at the west end of the beach for access – wheel chair also.

7. Any other business....

Dog fouling – a reminder to report to the dog warden

There is a HTA Festival raft race on 28 July, 4pm – Might there be a FWG entry. GA has a pallet – C & GA have paddles. GA, SB, KS Emma. 1 – 4 crew members, with one leader. SB to complete registration.

Permanent flag pole is going up in the middle flower bed on the front – it is not very visible there. There had been a plan to put the pole up on the harbour master's building – it would fly the

Musselburgh flag all year and the HTA flag during the festival.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th August, 7.30pm, FYC