

## **MINUTES – 21 January 2014**

### **7.30, Fisherrow Yacht Club**

Present: Gaynor Allen, Kaela Scott, Veronica Noone, Aileen Grant, Dennis Walton, John Williamson, Laura Young, John McNeil, Shirley Banks, Fraser McAllister

Apologies : Kirsty Preston

#### **1. Minutes from last meeting**

Amends - Dennis sent apologies and Shirley attended

Approve - Gaynor & 2nd John Williamson

#### **2. Matters arising**

None

#### **3. Approval of new members**

No new members

#### **4. Bank account /Payments pending**

We have a BOS bank account, a pay in book and £20 pounds deposited (from Trefoil donation). Signatories are Laura Young, Gaynor Allen and Clive Andrew. the group congratulated Laura on her persistence.

Next agenda - revised item "treasurer's report"

#### **5. Correspondence & Communications**

##### **a. Invitation to Harbour Users Group**

Berth holders association have a good newsletter - Laura to forward to the group for info.

Reply formally to HUG - Clive to attend on our behalf

##### **b. Big beach clean up 2014**

Thursday 10th April - marine conservation society and M&S. Do we want to send a group or coordinate something locally? (School is on holiday). Will also be BBQ, music and other activities.

Do we want to participate? Yes. We could advise all our membership. Can post info on website and facebook. Gaynor will write back

##### **c. Community Engagement funding report. Gaynor confirmed that the report to ELC had been sent. Can be posted on the website. Should also be copied to Kaela.**

#### **6. Events**

##### **a. History of the Harbour Talk – 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014**

Simon Fearnie is set to talk on 30th Jan. A number of responses (30ish) from members. Invite has gone to members, rowers and should go to FYC & Kaela. David banks will be run the bar for FYC.

Does Simon need any facilities? Gaynor will check. **Helpers needed to set up - to be here at 6.30.**

**Clive to supply a bottle of red wine as a token gift for Simon.**

**Group to donate raffle prizes.** Clive has cloakroom tickets.

- b. Knitted Boat  
No further update. Kaela to pursue with Brunton staff and report back to Gaynor, who has contact with the South Shields organisers.

## 7. Capital Projects

- a. Lights  
Awaiting further information from Kirsty. Clive will present at the HUG group on plans for the promenade and harbour - including lights around the harbour. Will need planning application and perhaps consent from Historic Scotland. Idea was use community council lights as trial over this summer to measure public response.

- b. Shower block  
A project officer has been allocated within the Council and he will manage the admin within the council. Sketches have changed hands, but will be developed further.

Discussion will involve, what is required with costs against each item. Full budget will be developed and can be allocated from the available funds. Open showers, with screening from wind and weather. Similar at Yellowcraigs. There is some space remaining. Information boards? Existing boards are slanted - these may also need replaced. We aspire to have drawings for the next meeting. Suggestion to involve police architectural liaison re safety.. **Action Dennis.**

- c. Stones  
Aileen and Gaynor visited stone yard and marked those with potential. Also liked reclaimed stones, but they were a little small. Swinton quarry - East Lothian stone. Gardener will carve - can't quote fully without seeing stones. With a known budget and having seen the stones, he will be able to provide some options. Quote has arrived for stones - purchased and delivered for around £150. Choice to be made between relief and indented engraving - indented can be damaged.

This has been discussed at a couple of meetings. The preferred stone details will have to go back to Stuart Pryde who will then call a site meeting with FWG and the Yacht Club. These are not fixed items. Their precise location will be agreed at this point.

Clive spoke to some local residents, who are supportive of the project. Clive will extend this exercise once further info is known. The Council will also write to local residents - a brief has already been drafted. The Council will be here to take delivery of these and ensure that they are properly sited.

Gaynor to phone Stuart, send him the photos and dimensions. He could offer some advice on where these will be sited. He has been very supportive of this project.

The group should also decide a theme for the artwork on the stones. We considered the identity of the beaches as quite different - this is the more natural beach. Perhaps the artwork should reflect that.

d. Boardwalk

Dennis did some costings on a terrace at Murdoch's Green. 10 - 15 m from the back of the houses (10). Need to avoid too much height which would provoke the need for hand rails, etc. The whole boardwalk might come in at £40 - 50k. Lots of effective ways to combat flood issues at sea wall. Dennis will open discussions with the Council's project officer.

Clive asked if there was merit in pushing sand down the beach - previously there had been a significant drop for the seawall to the beach below. Forth is an ecreting(?) estuary - the sand is building in the banks and is building at the seawall. Is there a coastal protection issue here? Could someone from the Council/SEPA attend to explain any coastal protection and environmental protection issues. (Or Neil Clark or Duncan Priddle?)

We may need to revisit interpretation boards in this budget year?

**8. Any other business....**

Council should note the need to clear the promenade after the storms some weeks ago.

Seagull Management - there are too many people feeding the seagulls. Can signs be put up? Would the group support that? There is a council policy for seagull management. Kaela will ask Stuart Pryde for his advice on available signage and public education programmes.

**9. Date of next meeting - 18 February**