

fisherrow

waterfront
group



MINUTES – 8th October 2013
7.30, Fisherrow Yacht Club

Attending:-

Colin Jeffery (Mansfield Road Centre – now at Fisherrow hub), Nicola Ross (Capability Scotland), Kaela Scott, Gaynor Allen, Laura Young, Shirley Banks, John McNeill, Veronica Noone (new member), Fraser McAllister, Clive Andrew, Fiona McNeilly

Apologies : Aileen Grant, John Williamson, Dennis Walton, Kirsty Preston

1. Minutes from last meeting

Approved: Shirley Banks, second: Gaynor Allen

2. Matters arising

Nothing not on the agenda

3. Approval of new members

One new member – Veronica Noone – approved

FM to write to members/correspondents who are questioning why they are receiving email. Must remove themselves formally (in writing) from the membership list, if they have previously asked to become a member. Some may be receiving email because they asked to be kept in touch post consultation.

4. Bank account /Payments pending

The opening of the account has stalled, again. Further new paperwork is required.

£20 thank you gift from the Trefoil group (Laura is holding the cash until the bank account is formally open)

Someone unknown has attempted to open a bank account under our charity number. LY to contact the bank to stop any account being opened.

LY will attend a course for treasurers

5. Correspondence & Communications

- a. Trefoil Guild – letter of thanks and donation GA and CA attended on 2 Oct to give talk on FWG activity.

6. Consultation

a. Comments on Summary publication

One item of correspondence re show of hands at public meeting. I was not a significant part of the meeting. If and when there is any formal council proposal to alter the number of parking spaces, there will be formal opportunity to object. Comments have been noted and discussed.

b. Parking Paper

FA has prepared a brief paper on overnight parking on one morning (5.30am) in June 2013. Only 22% of public parking was in use overnight. CA also observed parking over a month and achieved similar figures. These are interesting figures.

Daytime parking is not assessed here.

On the evidence of what we have, there is general support for an improvement to the area and some reduction in the amount of parking might be tolerable. Any proposal would be subject to significant consultation, a relevant parking survey and a formal council led proposal.

A car parking survey was conducted previously for a specific commercial project and is not available to us.

7. Other Projects

a. Filming the Fisherfolk

GA previously mentioned picture info boards from her visit to Berlin. School of Scottish Studies holds voice recordings of the fisherfolk recorded approximately 20 years ago. Could it also be updated? We need to capture the memories of the current older generation. There is also a Scottish Film archive. We could involve QM university or Edinburgh's college as a project.

Veronica Noone to ask her husband to look into the availability of recordings at Edinburgh Uni.

b. Knitted Boat

Looking for a display space – perhaps at Fisherrow Community Centre. May 2014. We could build an exhibition around it and publicise what we are doing locally and to schools. They are traveling with staff and a show, which will play in the Brunton.

c. Lights

Harbour users and berth owners are supportive of the project, although it would need approval, as the area is listed. It would be a summer enhancement to the harbour area. KS needs to check what council permissions would be required. GA will then contact Irene.

d. Shower block

DW has followed up with Kirsty Preston. Setting a meeting with Liz McLean, who has been on holiday.

e. Stones (replaces item planters)

An intended deterrent to cars on prom, yet allowing access to council vehicles. KS will chase Stuart Baxter and Stuart Pryde for site meeting. (Further to JW correspondence following last meeting). Carved inscriptions would also be welcome.

FMCA reminded group of the tank blocks – tell the story of Fisherrow in the war

f. Signage

KS has note form Keith Scott Fisherrow harbour and promenade signs will be on order within the next sign package – black and white signs. Junction at Quayside on Edinburgh Road and at junction with Olive Bank Road, one on the Aldi roundabout.

g. Fitness Trail

Other items are higher priority – shelve for now.

h. Opening of Seawall/Boardwalk

DW has followed up with Kirsty Preston for initial discussions and estimated costings. Trefoil group were particularly enthusiastic about this idea to open up access to the whole of the back sands.

A mural would be a good idea – LY!

Finalising how 2013/14 tranche of capital money will be spent is our priority.

8. Any other business....

- a. Simon Fearnie is willing to come along to the group to offer a history of the harbour – perhaps this could be built into a social evening for members. FYC? Might they open the bar? End Nov/Beginning Dec. GA to discuss dates with Simon. SB to check availability of FYC and bar opening.
- b. Fireworks will take place on links on 5th November.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th November, 2013 , 7.30, FYC