

## **Fisherrow Waterfront Group**

Notes from meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Present – Kaela Scott, David Wilkie, Laura Young, Clive Andrew, David Purdie, John Williamson, Fraser Mcallister, Fiona McNeilly

Apologies – Shirley Banks, Gaynor Allen, Dennis Walton, Liz Johnson

### Committee Members

So far we have 8 people who have put themselves forward as Trustees / Committee members

1. David Wilkie
2. Laura Young
3. Liz Johnson
4. Dennis Walton
5. Fiona McNeilly
6. Aileen Grant
7. Clive Andrew
8. Gaynor Allen

There are still spaces available for the other group members who are still considering but this list will be finalised at our next meeting.

We also discussed the fact that we would like to have a dedicated representative from the Community Council – and haven't seen Betty for a while.

Given the number of apologies and the absence of some key people it was decided that we would not progress with appointing Office bearers at this meeting.

This means that the application to the charity Regulator has not gone in (draft attached) – but there should be no reason we can't submit this directly following the next meeting – **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm.**

### Membership

Now that the group is constituted we need to have a membership form

ACTION – Kaela to draft one that will comply with SCIO requirements

### Lloyds clean up

Due to take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – they will be bringing approx 40 people and focussing on the eastern beach. Primarily this is a team-building exercise for them.

Details of where they will be working are being co-ordinated by the Rangers service and the Yacht Club has been offered as a base.

Kaela will meet them in the morning to let them in and check back that everything has been left fine at the end of the day.

### Maintenance and grounds-keeping in the area

- concern was raised that when the weed spraying had been done along the promenade it has missed Beach Lane again and also that the Harbour area itself (including paths on the Harbour walls and around the Harbour masters House)– Kaela will raise this with Stuart Pryde

- discussion about drift wood removal on the eastern beach – while the group recognised that the pieces needed to be moved for the mechanical cleaners there were questions about whether it needed to be binned.

- members felt that the driftwood added character to the beach and also provided wildlife habitats

- members also highlighted that people had collected some of the drift wood into a 'shelter' / sitting area and felt this should be maintained.

**Following the meeting** – Kaela spoke to Nick Aitken the ranger who agreed the driftwood added character and that it should not all be removed. He spoke to the cleaning services about this and it was agreed that larger pieces would not be removed as a matter of course and the 'shelter' that had been made would not be removed.

**HOWEVER** – he also highlighted that collections of driftwood provide a trap for litter and that maybe this was something group members could take responsibility for if they want them to remain.

Idea of a Harbour Walk-around was proposed to identify key maintenance / amenity issues which could be identified – eg loose wires, sticking out bolts etc and prioritised for addressing by the Council (and or others)

- this would also give the group a better idea of what work was already planned etc

**ACTION** – Kaela to contact Stuart Pryde to see about organising a time with himself, group members and other officers if relevant

### Proving evidence of use

- June has been rubbish weather so have not seen the high use we had hoped for – however we are collecting some photographic evidence so should be OK

- need for an official count day – have identified 8<sup>th</sup> July as one to attempt (unless the weather is truly, truly awful)

**ACTION** – Fiona to email round the group and try and set up a schedule of counters from early morning to late afternoon so we have an accurate count

**ACTION** – Kaela to see about a counter / clicker

**ACTION** – ?????????? to do up a log sheet for the count

We had also spoke about someone asking the person at the concession van to keep a count of the number of people they served on various days

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Tying in with other events – can we have a presence at these existing events, promoting the group, what we are trying to do with the Backsands (and maybe even dragging them all to the beach)

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July – HTA Harbour Ceremony - Kaela to contact

- The Riding

- August ?? - Harbour Nights Concert – Kaela to contact the Community Council re this

Stunt / photo opp. – 150 people -

Would have been good to have been able to organise something in June before the School holidays but think we have left it too late

– Kaela had hope through MGS but between weather and end of term it was not possible

May try for something in July.

### Coastal Rowing

the difficulties this group is having in identifying a free space to build the boat was raised again. Is there anything we can do?

Do we know of any spaces that could be used for 6 months?

John suggested the stable block at Millhill – need to look at whether this would be a possibility.

### Next meeting :

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm at Fisherrow Yacht Club**