

# Carrick Castle Boat Club

Celebrating this year 29 years of service to its members since 1989

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## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Cruach House, Carrick Castle on Monday 14th May 2018 at 18.30 hrs.**

- 1) Jai Cowper-Smith, Chair, welcomed the committee members (Douglas Locke, Secretary; Jim Graham, Moorings Officer; Vonna Cowper-Smith, Treasurer and Ian Nicholson, Member) to the meeting. Euan Avery, Non-Residents Representative was in attendance via WhatsApp.
- 2) The last Committee Meeting's Minutes of 18th February 2017 were approved by the committee, proposed by Jim Graham and seconded by Vonna Cowper-Smith and then signed by the Chair.
- 3) The post of Chair was taken up by Jai Cowper-Smith after the last AGM. *(Note - Although Jai & Vonna were family members, they only had one vote so both are now individual members so both are able to both vote - essential to the position of Chair).* Jai said that as Chair he would ask the other officers on the committee to give their reports on the past year.
- 4) Secretary's Report: The club had 35 members in 2017 and has 35 members in 2018. The club's notice board is kept up to date and the club's new website is due to be launched on 16th May 2018 at a cost of £750.00 when news items will again be able to be added. Facebook is updated when appropriate. 2017 had been another fairly quiet year with little sailing activity generally caused by the poor summer and consequently less use of the visitors' moorings.
- 5) Treasurer's Report: Vonna presented to the committee the accounts for 2017 and the club's bank balance was £2,697.79 at 31st December 2017 which includes a contingency fund for the servicing and replacement of tackle for the two visitors' moorings. 23 members were now using the bank transfer system to pay their membership and mooring fees with 5 by cheque and 3 by cash. The last two years had deficits of around £70 pa however it was felt that it was not necessary to increase the subscriptions by £2 pa that would cover the shortfall as the visitors' moorings income could cover this in better years with 7 extra visits. The accounts were approved by the committee after some minor adjustments were made and will be presented to the members at the AGM.
- 6) Mooring Officer's Report: The usage of the visitors' mooring in 2017 totalled 58 uses compared to 58 in 2016 (92 in 2015) - 2 didn't pay. Gross receipts were £565.00 and net after PayPal charges and WiFi costs were £515.64 of which 42 paid by PayPal, 13 by cash, 0 by cheque and 1 by bank transfer. A surplus of £515.64 was made and allowing for insurance charges of £113.64 (12 months), £402.00 would be carried forward for future maintenance or replacements.

- 7) The Moorings Officer confirmed that the number of moorings owned by members (38) and the club (2) totalled 40 in 2017 (the same for 2018). The visitors' moorings and members' moorings requested for servicing by Cunningham Moorings are expected to be serviced from 15th May 2018. Jim Graham advised that 28 moorings were to be serviced out of 38 private moorings plus the two visitors' moorings. *(It has to be pointed out that The Crown Estate require all moorings to be serviced annually and members have agreed to this in their Vessel Owners Agreements. It is therefore the responsibility of each mooring holder to ensure their moorings are serviced if not requested in the group mooring servicing scheme with Cunningham Moorings).*
- 8) Crown Estate Vessel Owners Agreements remain in force whilst a member remains a member of the club. All members have signed the agreements and The Crown Estate have not asked for any changes to the '2015 version' that remains current.
- 9) The Public Liability Insurance, the club now has direct from Zurich Insurance with the same cover that was from them via The Highland Council Insurance Department covers any risks involved with the visitors' moorings and the committee members responsibilities, costing £113.64 pa.
- 10) Update on the financial position of the club. The club is well financed as a not-for-profit organisation and has an operational and contingency fund of about £2,000 in the bank once the new website has been paid for (£750). All its assets are fully owned with no debts. It was suggested that the steps down to the beach should be upgraded where visitors mostly come ashore and where a number of members regularly do so as well and that the handrail should be replaced. Jai & Vonna, owners of the beach agreed that the club could do this and the committee agreed that quotations should be sought for the work to go ahead. A post with life saving equipment is also to be purchased for this site.
- 11) The annual subscription to the club was recommended to remain at £15 pa and this will be put to the vote at the next AGM for 2019 implementation.
- 12) Annual Beach Clean in Carrick Castle will be on Sunday 20th May 2017 from 11.00 to 12 noon.
- 13) The next AGM will be held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 18.30 hrs at the Lochgoilhead village hall with refreshments and a talk by Sinead Sheridan of Clyde Marine Planning Partnership on 'Planning in the Clyde'. There will be refreshments. A donation of £40.00 has been very kindly provided by a member for refreshments again at the AGM. Currently the Muster is planned for Sunday 12th August 2018 at 12 noon at Swine's Hole, Carrick Castle with a barbecue on the beach with members taking their own food and refreshments. An MOB practical activity will be optional on the day.
- 14) On 10th February 2019 the club will celebrate its 30th Anniversary. It was decided to hold a members' dinner at The George in Inveraray on Saturday evening 9th February 2019 to celebrate this milestone. This would be a three-course dinner with each member at the dinner getting a commemorative mug. The local minibus will be booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. Deposits will be required at least a month in advance. More about this at the AGM.

15) Any other business: 1) A vote of thanks was given to Bill Miller for recording the boats usage on the visitors' moorings with photographs. 2) It was suggested that the talk for the next AGM in 2019 should be on Porpoises in the Clyde by Clyde Porpoises that also cover dolphins, whales and seals and this will be arranged by the Secretary. 3) Members are to be asked if they would like a VHF DSC Radio Course to be arranged as it is known that some members do not currently has radio licences. 4) It was agreed to purchase a megaphone so that the Mooring Officer and others who need to contact make contact with vessels on the visitors' moorings can do so when there is no radio contact.

The committee meeting closed at 20.15 hrs.