

Carrick Castle Boat Club

Celebrating this year 30 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 16th February 2019 at 14.30 hrs.

- 1) Jai Cowper-Smith, Chair, welcomed the committee members (Douglas Locke, Secretary; Jim Graham, Moorings Officer & Vonna Cowper-Smith, Treasurer) to the meeting. Euan Avery and Ian Nicholson sent their apologies.
- 2) The last Committee Meeting's Minutes of 14th May 2018 were approved by the committee, proposed by Vonna Cowper-Smith and seconded by Jim Graham and then signed by the Chair.
- 3) Chair's Report: Jai said that the 30th Anniversary Dinner held on 9th February 2019 at the View Restaurant with eleven in attendance was enjoyed by all. A life ring and other safety equipment had been purchased and installed in 2018 and other committee members would update on their responsibilities.
- 4) Secretary's Report: The club had 35 members in 2018 and has 35 members in 2019 with one leaving and one new. The club's notice board is kept up to date and the club's new website was launched in 2018 at a cost of £750.00 which is Smart phone friendly and was made GDPR compliant for use by the visitors' moorings using the club's WiFi. Facebook is updated as and when appropriate. The Name & Shame website page is to be made more visible to show those vessels that use the visitors' moorings and have not paid the mooring fees.
- 5) Treasurer's Report: Vonna presented to the committee the draft accounts for 2018 and the club's bank balance was £2,574.22 at 31st December 2018 which includes a contingency fund for the servicing and replacement of tackle for the two visitors' moorings. This had been a bad year for receiving payments on time with nine members having to be chased into February 2019 with 25% surcharges applied under Paragraph 8 of the Constitution. The accounts were approved by the committee after some minor adjustments were made and will be presented to the members at the AGM. The Treasurer's expenses were not included in these accounts but will be shown in the accounts for 2019.
- 6) Mooring Officer's Report: The usage of the visitors' mooring in 2018 totalled 93 uses, the most ever, compared to 58 in 2017- 6 didn't pay in 2018. Jim said that the visitors' moorings will require the lettering to be replaced for 2019.
- 7) The Moorings Officer confirmed that the number of moorings owned by members (39) and the club (2) totalled 41 in 2018 (40 in 2017). The visitors' moorings and members' moorings requested for servicing by Cunningham Moorings are expected to be serviced in May 2019. Jim advised that 28 moorings were so far to be serviced out of 39 private moorings plus the two visitors' moorings. 13 moorings owners have still to respond or have declined. Some members have advised that they have not yet received invoices from Cunningham Moorings for their service charges for 2018. Jim will contact Neil Cunningham to chase this up. *(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 in 2019.
- 9) The Public Liability Insurance, the club now has direct from Zurich Insurance covers any risks involved with the visitors' moorings and the committee members responsibilities, costing £115.00 pa. Renewal is due in April 2019.
- 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 over £2,500 in the bank. All its assets are fully owned with no debts. Last year 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. Jim Graham has tried to get quotations for the work but has so far has been unable to obtain a quotation for the work to go ahead. A post with life saving equipment was purchased for this site and a loud hailer was purchased to contact vessels from the shore.
- 11) Payment of annual Crown Estate Mooring Fees & Subscriptions: It was agreed at the meeting that the club's policy for invoicing subscriptions and Crown Estate mooring fees will continue to be invoiced on 3rd November with payment to be made by 3rd December annually for the following year so that the club can make payment to The Crown Estate on time on 1st January as it had always done since 2004 until this year, making payment in mid-February. One reminder will be sent to members a week before the 3rd December and the 25% surcharge will apply from 4th December annually. Any member not paying by 31st December will then cease to be a member and will lose their mooring allocation under Paragraph 8 of the club's Constitution.
- 12) 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 2020 implementation.
- 13) Annual Beach Clean in Carrick Castle will be on Sunday 5th May 2019 from 11.00 to 12 noon. Another would be held in September 2019.
- 14) The next AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 18.30 hrs at the Lochgoilhead Village Hall. There will be refreshments. A donation of £40.00 has been very kindly provided by a member for refreshments again at the AGM. Currently a Muster is planned to coincide with Carrick Fayre on Sunday 14th July 2019 where the club will have its marquee to host its members. It was suggested to invite members of the Lochgoil Watersports Club to the muster. The cost of a banner will be sought.
- 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) Douglas asked if the club would be willing to give a donation to the Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund in Carrick Castle and whilst this was supported he was asked to ask the members at the next AGM if this could be supported. 3) The Chair asked for additional committee meetings when needed to give the membership more opportunities to contribute their opinions to some decisions in the future that was approved.

The committee meeting closed at 16.37 hrs.