

# Carrick Castle Boat Club

Celebrating 32 years of service to its members since 1989

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**A Meeting was held at 6.30 pm on Monday 14th June 2021  
by Zoom**

## AGM Minutes

### 1) Welcome & Apologies.

Douglas Locke (DL) opened the Zoom meeting on his Zoom account and passed the chairing of the Meeting to Scott Black (SB). Other members in attendance were Jim Graham (JG), Graham Mathie, (GM), Bill Miller (BM), Phil Munro (PM) & Brett Parkinson (BP) and guest speaker, John Kent (JK). The AGM quorum of six members was reached with only 7 members attending out of 33. There were no apologies at the meeting but Jules Cadie (JC) gave a delayed apology due to being unable to attend due to a power cut in Strachur & no Internet service until 7.30 pm.

### 2) Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 AGM.

The minutes of the last AGM on 23rd September 2020 were approved proposed by JG, seconded by GM and will be signed by SB.

### 3) Chair's Report - An overview of the Carrick Castle Boat Club in 2020

SB said that he was acting Chair for this AGM and he wanted to thank JG, BM, Dave Matthews and others who had helped renew the steps down to the beach from the road near Morrison's Park and where the three Visitors Moorings were. This would make it much safer for all to use. He also said the Zurich Insurance had given the club 3 months free insurance cover due to the Covid-19 pandemic which was much appreciated now due for renewal by 1st July 2021. Everything else will be covered by the officer's reports.

### 4) Secretary's Report, including current membership and website update -

[www.carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk](http://www.carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk) and Facebook.

DL said 2020 was a very unusual year with the Covid-19 pandemic from March and throughout the rest of the year, however, from mid-July when boating was allowed again, the club had a record year for visitors moorings use as the Moorings Officer will tell you.

As far as the membership numbers are concerned, two retired and two joined with one further joining this year so the membership has increased to 33 members.

It has been my intension to retire as Secretary now for the last year having been on the committee since 2003, however no one seems to be prepared to take on this post which is not onerous and I have enjoyed the work which revolves mainly looking after the daily running of the club that's very easy, to dealing with the paperwork when a member joins or leaves the club. The rest of the work is to do with looking after the website and the Facebook pages which is actually enjoyable.

However, this is my 19th year on the committee and I'm 80 at the beginning of August and am also Secretary of the Cormonachan Community Woodlands where I put in 1,109.75 hours of voluntary time in that position last year. I need to lighten my work load with just one volunteering position, so I give notice herewith that someone else will need to take over as Secretary of the club from next year as I will be retiring at the next AGM. I'm staying on for another year as I don't want the club to fail as without a Secretary it would. I will gladly show another member how to run the club as Secretary over this coming year. If you are interested the Job Description is on the club's website's Contacts page. The club's website and Facebook pages have been maintained and many news items have been added regularly.

Jim Graham, our Mooring Officer since 2010, is retiring at this AGM, but has agreed to be a caretaker until another member takes over. He will explain the work involved in his report. We thank him for his long service and doing the job so well. We would also like to thank Jim, Dave Matthews, Bill Miller and others who have helped construct the new stairs on the shore side where visitors and members can come ashore more safely now.

We would also like to thank John Kent for agreeing to give our members a talk about Crown Estate Scotland and mooring activities in the Clyde that will follow shortly.

5) Treasurer's Report & Accounts for Carrick Castle Boat Club – 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. SB said that all members had been sent the club's account for 2020 in advance of the AGM and that financially it had been a good year with a big increase on the use of the visitors moorings compared to the previous year with the club having a surplus of £2,054, however we have not yet received the servicing charge for the three visitors moorings. The bank balance at the end of 2020 was £5,032.08.

6) Moorings Officer's Report - Group mooring inspections – 2020 (review) & for 2021.

JG said Neil Cunningham serviced 24 moorings in 2020 and 16 were not which is 61.5% serviced of all the 39 moorings laid at the time.

Estimated weights from our Contractor remain available for all members' moorings. Members are asked to check these annually and a list is provided on request. As displacement and windage both contribute to the load on a mooring, members are encouraged to seek the guidance of our contractor, either directly or through the Moorings Officer to ensure that their moorings are at appropriate capacity for their vessels, particularly when changing to a new or different vessel.

Also keep an eye on your insurance renewals for any changes or restrictions from your insurer.

Members are reminded that maximum weights are required to be shown on all moorings according to the Crown Estate's mooring regulations, these can easily be added to the buoy by tag or indelible black marker. Members are asked to check the club's list then amend and mark/tag the declared weight of their moorings at their discretion.

We have two new member's moorings scheduled to be laid and one to be re-located in 2021 and Neil Cunningham arrived on 9th June to commence the annual servicing work.

One mooring changed ownership and was subsequently transferred in 2020 from CCBC to Crown Estate direct with the Club's agreement, doubling the owners annual C.E. fee and losing member's benefits.

Members should advise if there have been any changes to the vessel's owned/moored or vessel names registered with the club for their boats. Valid Third Party Insurance Certificates must be maintained but are no longer required to be copied to the club. The owner carries all responsibility for insuring their boat as per their Crown Estate vessel owners agreement.

For the 2021 season we now have 41 occupied mooring positions out of the 50 licensed allocation and three C.E. Direct moorings within our area approved by the Club. This means that availability of mooring locations is becoming more limited than ever before, leaving only 7 vacant positions for the future under our present licence.

A new set of green Crown Estate tags were provided and fitted to all Club moorings by the Moorings Officer and Member Bill Miller in 2020. All tags were checked and any missing 'Private' moorings tags were replaced at the Club's cost where required.

Having spent many years now as Moorings Officer, I intend to retire from the position and hope to increase Summer touring time for Anita and I, should Covid-19 and Brexit allow and in doing so would like to encourage some 'new blood' to carry the work forward. I have agreed to act as caretaker for as long as possible to allow a new Moorings Officer to be appointed and if this happens soon, will be happy to assist the new incumbent if required or possibly share the admittedly small workload going forward.

7) Update on the Carrick Castle Boat Club's 3 Visitors' Moorings and usage in 2020.

JG said there had been 111 visitors use the visitors mooring in 2020, 103 had paid and 8 had not.

JG and the Club would like to thank Bill Miller for his excellent work in photographing the vessels using our visitor's moorings.

8) Update on Public Liability insurance regarding the visitors' moorings and the club's committee members through Zurich Charity Insurance.

JG said that the club had been given three months free insurance cover because of the Covid-19 pandemic and that the rate remained the same for 2021 due on 1st July 2021.

9) Update on the Members' Discount Scheme.

DL said that Duncan's and Gael Force in Glasgow both offered a 10% discount on chandlery to members on non discounted items on production the member's membership cards. There were other firms listed but were unaware if they were used still.

10) Membership fees for 2022 to be agreed, due no later than 3rd December 2021, currently £15.00 p.a. per person/family in 2021. The Committee recommends the same subscription of £15.00 p.a. per person/family for 2022.

SB said that the committee had agreed to suggest that members subscription rates should remain the same as 2021 for 2022 and this was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

11) The committee intend to strictly carry out Paragraph 8 of the Constitution if any member does not pay his or her membership subscriptions and Crown Estate mooring fees by 31st December annually.

DL said this was just a reminder that members should paid on time as for the two previous years we spend a lot of time trying to get members to pay. SB said that this year all members did pay on time with a reminder.

12) Election of six officers –

Current elected or co-opted officers are: -

Chairperson – (to be elected at AGM)

Moorings Officer – Jim Graham retiring at AGM - new member to be elected

Secretary – Douglas Locke - retiring at 2022 AGM

Treasurer – Scott Black

Member - Vonna Cowper-Smith

Member - Jules Cadie

Member - (to be elected)

DL said that no one had come forward to take on the role of Chair, likewise there were no offers for a replacement Moorings Officer. DL said he would offer to do one more year as Secretary making it 19 years on the committee and it would be 20 years at the next AGM when he would retire. SB said he would be willing to continue as Treasurer. Although Vonna and Jules were not in attendance, they had not declined to remain on the committee. DL said there was one place remain to be filled on the committee as a member and GM offered to join but not as an officer but as a member. DL said that the Crown Estate Scotland requirement for a Mooring Association was that it must have three officers, usually a Chair, Secretary & Treasurer but in the Absence of a Chair, the Moorings Officer was suitable. SB said that a vote would be taken to elect those willing to serve on the committee for 2021 to the next AGM in 2022 and this was passed unanimously.

Chairperson – (vacant - can be co-opted)

Moorings Officer – (vacant - can be co-opted - Jim Graham acting as caretaker)

Secretary – Douglas Locke - (retiring at 2022 AGM)

Treasurer – Scott Black

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Member - Graham Mathie

DL said that all the club's Job Descriptions of Officers were shown on the Contacts page on the club's website.

SB asked if there were any questions, GM asked if there would be a meeting on the future of the club and DL replied that at the last committee meeting it was agreed to have a committee meeting specifically to discuss the future of the club and that it had been arranged for 12th July 2021 at 6.30 pm at Cruach House, Carrick Castle. There being no further business the AGM concluded at 6.55 pm.

SB then introduced John Kent, Community Marine Officer, Clyde & South West, Crown Estate Scotland. JK then gave a talk on the Crown Estate Scotland and an update on moorings activities on the Clyde post Covid-19. Unfortunately his connection to the Zoom meeting was very broken however he gave the members some facts that included there were about 6,000 moorings in Scotland of which 2,000 were in the Clyde with 40 Moorings Associations and 200 individual private moorings and 10 Visitor Moorings organisations. He said that they estimated 68% of the moorings were occupied and that there had been a 65% increase in the purchase of power boats this last year. He had been working with the Clyde Mooring Committee that included all interested parties in the Clyde, from Clydeport, Bidwells (as Agents to the Crown Estate Scotland), the Queen's Harbour Master (Royal Navy), RYA, Clyde Yacht Clubs Association, Clyde Fishermen's Association, British Marine Federation, Marine Scotland and the West Highland Anchorage & Moorings Assoc. He said all moorings have to be approved by this committee in the Clyde. He also said there was a problem of getting moorings serviced in the Clyde now.

SB thanked JK for his talk and closed the meeting after thank those who attended the meeting..