

Carrick Castle Boat Club

Celebrating 32 years of service to its members since 1989

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Minutes

of Committee Meeting on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 18.30 hrs at Cruach House, Carrick Castle

1) A Welcome by the Secretary & any apologies.

In attendance - Douglas Locke (DL), Graham Mathie (GM), Jules Cadie (JC), Jim Graham (JG) & Richard Benson (RB).

2) Approval of the minutes of the 12th July 2021

They were proposed by GM, seconded by JG and signed by DL.

3) Following the letter that had been included with the agenda that had been agreed by the committee members and had been sent to all club members by post on 23rd July 2021 with a follow up e-mail, this is a shortened version of the agenda to summarise the results for the committee and membership.

DL gave the good news to the committee that four club members had come forward to save the club for its future and that two committee members had agreed to stand down to make way for the four new committee members to be co-opted. Vonna Cowper-Smith had agreed to stand down prior to the meeting and she had been thanked for serving on the committee and JC also agreed to stand down and was also thanked for standing in, in the club's hour of need during this difficult period in the club's 32 year history.

Jim Graham had also retired after 11 years as Moorings Officer currently having been in a caretaker position until a new officer took over.

The new committee members co-opted are as follows:-

Richard Benson - Chair - Chair@carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk

Brett Parkinson - Secretary to be - currently Assistant Secretary until he is conversant with the Secretary's work - Assistant-Secretary@carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk

Lesley Stewart - Treasurer - Treasurer@carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk

Ian Stewart - Moorings Officer - Moorings@carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk

Douglas Locke and Graham Mathie are the only remaining committee members. The other co-opted members were unable to attend this meeting but had each attended an induction meeting with DL and JG. DL has agreed to exchange positions with Brett once he is happy with the Secretary's role and DL will retire for 2022 after 19 years in the post. DL will be taking care of the Clydesdale (Virgin Money) banking details at the club's branch in Fort William. DL said that the club was in a strong financial position and now that volunteers for these positions had come forward, the club's future looked very good again. DL was asked how many members had replied to the letter and e-mails and he replied only about a third of the members had responded. JG was thanked for his long service as Moorings Officer and he said he would help Ian into the role for as long as he required any help. RB took over as Chair formally during the meeting.

4) Any other business?

There was one item brought up by DL as the same day Crown Estate Scotland had sent the Secretary a letter about Sustainable Communities Fund - Environment Grants offering grants between £5,000 & £20,000. RB suggested the letter be sent out to all members to see if any member had any suggestions for a project to apply for a grant (see attached letter). As there are fixed dates involved it is asked for any suggestions to be put to the Secretary by 10th September as if there were any good suggestions these would have to be considered by the committee at a meeting on 22nd September as the closing date for applications is 11th October 2021 and time is needed to put an application together for funding.

5) Date for next committee meeting.

The next committee meeting has yet to be confirmed and it was noted that due to the wide range of residences, if a live meeting could not be held to the convenience of all, a Zoom meeting could always be an alternative to save travelling. RB thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting closed at 19.15 hrs.