

Carrick Castle Boat Club

Celebrating 22 years of service to its members since 1989

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Cruach House, Carrick Castle on Saturday 12th November 2011 at 18.00 hrs.

- 1) Liz Evans, Chair, welcomed the committee members to the meeting.
- 2) Those present were Liz Evans, Chair; Euan Avery, Vice-Chair; Douglas Locke, Secretary & Treasurer, Jim Graham, Moorings Officer & Rob White, Non-Residents Representative. The last Committee Meeting's Minutes of 13th November 2010 were approved – Proposed by Jim Graham & seconded by Rob White & signed by the Chair.
- 3) The visitor's moorings had been used 48 times this year between the two moorings. Only four have not paid this year to date. One paid for using a mooring last year after seeing their yacht on the 'Name & Shame' page on the club's website. Those that had paid; paid £10.00 per night. Two short term £5.00 payments were also received. 15 paid by cash using the box, 1 by cheque, 1 by BACS and 29 via PayPal through the club's website and WiFi. PayPal charged a commission of £0.54 per transaction and the club pays £0.46 per use on the moorings overnight for the WiFi connection.
- 4) The upgrade booster added to the WiFi to the visitor's moorings has made a big difference to the signal received at the moorings. There have been no complaints from users of the moorings since this was done. Thanks to Rob White for arranging this and giving his time to do the work to the system.
- 5) The free lunchtime stopover period between 11.00 & 14.00 hrs on the visitor's moorings has worked well this year and will be continued. Permission was given to the Lochgoilhead boat club muster to use the visitor's moorings for free, however they overran their allocated free time considerably and Jim Graham had to call them up by radio to leave the moorings around 17.00 hrs as two yachts wished to use the visitor's moorings that night. Should the same group wish to repeat another muster using our moorings again, they will have to clear the moorings earlier at a time to be agreed with our Moorings Officer. We did have two boats overrun their lunchtime stopovers and they kindly gave the club £5.00 each for their use without being requested for any payment.
- 6) It was agreed that it would be useful for the Mooring Officer or his relief to have the facility of being able to call up boats using the visitor's moorings, so approval was given for the purchase of a VHF radio for such use. The club would have to arrange for a club radio licence and operators would have to be licenced to use the VHF radio.
- 7) The committee discussed the possible positions of places for visitor's moorings users to be able to come ashore with their tenders. It was decided to look at two places in the morning. The position north of the septic tank was ruled out due to too much work being involved. The other position below Morrison's Park was where four current club members keep their tenders and

it was agreed that there was sufficient room to be able to let two visitor's tenders temporarily land there. Jim Graham said he would ask the Carrick Castle Amenities Association (CCAA) if they had any objections to this suggestion. Rob White would look into acquiring some metal steps he had seen abandoned in Portavadie. Those members who use this area would be asked to improve the area and the access from the sea.

- 8) Dinghy storage – It was decided that members should make their own arrangements as at present.
- 9) Trailer storage – There is no place available at present, however if Carrick Farm is sold, perhaps the new owners should be approached as to having somewhere to leave boat trailers.
- 10) Vessel Owner's Agreements – The Secretary confirmed that every vessel owner with a mooring in the club had signed the vessel owner's Agreement, a Crown Estate requirement. Members are required to insure their vessels when on a mooring with a minimum of Third Party Insurance cover and send a copy of the insurance certificate to the club and also ensure their moorings are inspected by a competent person annually. The next club group servicing of the moorings will be in the spring of 2012. Members should complete the Information Request form that accompanies the annual invoice for renewal of membership and Crown Estate mooring fees for 2012. There are still a couple of members who have not yet sent into the club copies of their insurance certificates. All other members who have or have had their boats on their moorings this year have complied and records are kept by the Secretary of members' insurance expiry dates. The Secretary was asked to point out to members the importance of insurance as this year two members boats had sunk and had to be salvaged and another's boat parted from its mooring and was retrieved by the MOD Police.
- 11) The finances of the club are in a healthy position. The current bank account balance at 12th November 2011 is £677.18 to date for 2011. The club had paid off the two 50% outstanding balances for the second visitor's mooring and the new website base amounting, both amounted to £500.00. The club's assets in 2011 after 20% depreciation amount to £1,811.72. The club made a net profit on the visitor's moorings after putting aside the Crown Estate's mooring fees and annual servicing charges for 2012 of £79.66. The club currently has 35 mooring owner members and 2 associate members.
- 12) The original visitor's mooring - In accordance with our agreement with the CCAA; the profit is shared between the club, 75% or £59.74 and the CCAA, 25% or £19.92 that is 50% on the original mooring where the club received a grant for its purchase. There are two visitor's moorings owned by the club.
- 13) An update on the current mooring positions and servicing was given to the committee. 28 moorings were serviced this year out of 40 laid. Two new moorings were laid; two moorings have been transferred to new owners; two moorings are for sale and two moorings are to be lifted before next year.
- 14) One of the visitor's moorings will be available for rent over the winter.
- 15) The cost of providing a pontoon for Carrick Castle is not feasible financially.
- 16) The web site is constantly being updated with relevant news and photographs.
- 17) Diary Notes: The next AGM will be held on Friday 20th April 2012 at 6pm in the Village Hall with a talk by the MOD Police after the AGM and the next Swine's Hole Muster and Barbecue will be on 12th August 2012 at 12 noon.
- 18) There was no other business. The committee meeting closed at 19.45 hrs.