

# Carrick Castle Boat Club

Celebrating this year 26 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 23rd January 2016 at 14.00 hrs.**

- 1) Liz Evans, Chair, welcomed the committee members (Jim Graham, Douglas Locke and Ian Nicholson) to the meeting. Visitor, Dorothy Nicholson was in attendance.
- 2) Apologies were received from Euan Avery, Non-Residents Representative. The last Committee Meeting's Minutes of 12th April 2015 were approved by the committee, proposed by Jim Graham and seconded by Liz Evans and then signed by the Chair.
- 3) Chair's introduction and report. Liz welcomed Ian to the committee and gave a vote of thanks to Bill Miller for recording the boats usage of the visitors' mooring with photographs. Liz confirmed that the club was paying £9.98 pm for public liability insurance covering the visitors' moorings and committee members work.
- 4) Secretary & Treasurer's Report: The club had 32 members in 2015 and has 32 members in 2016 having lost one and gained one. The club's bank balance is approximately £3,500 in credit at today's date which includes a contingency fund for the servicing and replacement of tackle for the two visitors' moorings.
- 5) The usage of the visitors' mooring in 2015 totalled 83 uses compared to 92 in 2014. Six didn't pay, three with no photographs or names to follow up and three who used and paid the first time they used a mooring but not on subsequent visits. Up to four e-mails had been sent to the owners requesting payment but no response was received. Gross receipts were £770.00 and net after charges and WiFi costs were £701.58. 56 paid by PayPal, 13 by cash, 2 by cheque and 5 by bank transfer. It was good to report that even after servicing charges were paid of £110.00, a surplus of £591.58 was made and allowing for a full year of insurance charges in future at £119.76, £471.82 would be carried forward in a year for future maintenance or replacement.
- 6) Crown Estate Vessel Owners Agreements remain in force whilst a member remains a member of the club. One member refused to sign the agreement and has left the club having had to apply for a private mooring licence with the Crown Estate. This process takes around 4 months or so, costs £30 in administration costs and £80.00 pa for the Crown Estate mooring fee.
- 7) 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 £3,500 in the bank. All its assets are fully owned with no debts. There are sufficient funds in the contingency fund built up to replace the visitors' moorings if ever required. The committee decided not to add further visitors' moorings as two are quite enough to meet demand and look after.

- 8) Suggestions are being sought for future projects bearing in mind the strong finances of the club.
- 9) There was no further news to report regarding a new pier or slipway previously discussed with the club by Pelham Olive the owner of Carrick Farm Estate and Carrick Woods.
- 10) The Public Liability Insurance the club has from The Highland Council Insurance Department covers any risks involved with the visitors' moorings just leaving a £250 excess currently divided by 32 members leaving £7.81 per member however it had previously been decided that the club would cover the excess from its contingency fund in such a claim eventuality. Highland Council advised the club that in 20 years of offering this insurance for moorings and piers, it has only had one minor claim where a woman in high heels slipped over on a wet stone pier.
- 11) The committee has suggested that since the club is financially sound and the original reason for increasing the annual subscription was raised from £15 to £20 pa has now disappeared, it does no longer have to find over £500 pa insurance, then the subscription to the club should be reduced from £20 to £15 pa and this will be put to the vote at the next AGM for 2017 implementation.
- 12) The Moorings Officer confirmed there were no changes to the number of moorings owned by members and the club that remain at 34. The visitor's moorings and members' moorings requested for servicing by Cunningham moorings are expected to be serviced in the spring as usual. Jim Graham advised that eight members have still to return their Information Request Form that ask about having their moorings serviced. He said he will contact each of those members. Once all information is to hand he will send the servicing list to Neil Cunningham and try and ascertain when the visitors' moorings and the members moorings will be serviced. There are two moorings to be relocated and one still to be laid.
- 13) The next AGM will be held on Friday 22nd April 2016 at 18.00 hrs at the Lochgoilhead village hall with refreshments and a talk with photographs on the "Preparation for and Voyage of Dream Weaver from Carrick Castle to the Med and Back" by Douglas Locke & Liz Evans. The committee will be asking the members at the AGM if they would like a local 'Cruise in Company' this year so that novices and small boats could attend with experienced sailors. Currently the Muster in Swine's Hole for 14th August 2016 is on hold pending the outcome of the decisions taken at the AGM. A donation of £40.00 has been very kindly provided by a member for refreshments again at the AGM.
- 14) Liz Evans retires as Chair of the club after having given service to the club in that capacity since 2003. A vote will be taken at the AGM for her replacement which involves chairing two meetings annually - the January committee meeting and the AGM in April. The Secretary provides the Chair with all information and at other times of the year committee communications are dealt with by e-mail.
- 15) Any other business:

The club's notice board was replaced during the year with a good waterproof one and six A4 notices can now be read clearly - Cost £102.24 - the original wooden sectioned one cost £200.

The club's annual Beach Clean in Carrick Castle will be announced to members by e-mail..

The committee meeting closed at 16.00 hrs.