

Carrick Castle Boat Club

Celebrating 23 years of service to its members since 1989

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Cruach House, Carrick Castle on Friday 23rd November 2012 at 17.00 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 12th November 2011 were approved by the committee and signed by the Chair.
- 3) The visitor's moorings had been used 56 times this year (48 in 2011) between the two moorings. Only two have not paid this year to date compared to four in 2011. One paid for using a mooring the previous year (2010) after seeing their yacht on the 'Name & Shame' page on the club's website. Those that had paid; paid £10.00 per night. Six paid by cash using the box (15 in 2011), four by cheque (1 in 2011), one by BACS (1 in 2011) and 43 via PayPal through the club's website and WiFi (29 in 2011). PayPal charged a commission of £0.54 per transaction (£23.22) and the club pays £0.46 per use of the moorings overnight for the WiFi connection (£25.76). It was noted that in July 2012 the Internet usage exceeded DL & LE's allowance but their provider did not charge extra in the circumstances. It was agreed that if extra charges were made by the provider in the future that DL & LE would be recompensed by the club for any additional charges that should arise. Rob White agreed to alter the landing page on logging on to the Carrick Castle Boat Club web page to include the GENERAL CONDITIONS OF USE OF VISITOR MOORINGS IN CARRICK CASTLE of using the Visitor's Moorings so that users have to agree to the terms prior to gaining access to the Internet service. These conditions are currently shown on the Visitors Mooring page on the club's web site and on the Carrick Castle Notice Board.
The income from the two visitor's moorings after PayPal commission and Internet charges amounted to £500.68 for 2012. The contingency fund for future replacement of mooring tackle and servicing charges is now £598.45. Jim Graham will order two additional sets of visitor mooring tags as replacements, this time with PTO added to both sides to ensure people read both sides of the tags.
- 4) The free lunchtime stopover period between 11.00 & 14.00 hrs on the visitor's moorings has generally worked well again this year and will be continued for 2013.
- 5) Douglas Locke reported that every member with a mooring had signed a Vessel Owner's Agreement, required by The Crown Estate. These agreements are valid for the life of club membership. The vast majority of members who have had vessels on their moorings have supplied copy insurance certificates to the club's secretary as required by The Crown Estate. A few members have

not complied despite general requests being made. At the start of the 2013 season the secretary will e-mail members again to remind them to check they have valid third party insurance cover prior to vessels being put on their moorings and ask them to supply a copy of their insurance certificates when next due. Euan Avery questioned why he received his invoice for 2013 by post. Douglas Locke explained that he had prepared the invoices prior to going away on holiday in Spain and so had arranged for the invoices to be sent out whilst he was away on the due invoice date of 15th November. Euan said the club could save money on e-mailing out the invoices and Information Requests in future. Douglas pointed out that the laminated Membership Cards required for those using the Discount Scheme would still have to be posted out. Only those who lived locally, currently 18 of the 35 members and of those 4 were delivered in any case, so a saving on this year's postage would have been 14 x 2nd class stamps and envelopes. Jim Graham would prepare a data base to ease the production of the invoices of which there are currently four types (Members with 1, 2, 3 and no moorings).

- 6) The finances of the club are in a healthy position. The current bank account balance at 6th November 2012 was £1,067.69 to that date for 2012. The club has paid out £241.40 for the 40 Private Mooring replacement tags and £200.00 for the club's share of the new Carrick Castle Notice Board as well as the usual annual expenses. The club's income for 2012 was £2,706.44 and Expenses to date at £2,370.93 leaving a surplus of £335.51 to date. After adding in the surplus carried forward from 31st December 2011 of £732.18, the current credit balance to date is £1,067.69. The club's assets (2 visitor's moorings, WiFi equipment & website) in 2012 after 20% depreciation amount to £1,449.38 (£1,811.72 in 2011). The club made a net surplus on the visitor's moorings after putting aside the Crown Estate's mooring fees and annual servicing charges for 2013 of £166.44. The club currently has 32 mooring owner members and 3 associate members.
- 7) The original visitor's mooring - in accordance with our agreement with the CCAA; the surplus is shared between the club, 75% or £124.83 and the CCAA, 25% or £41.61 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. A cheque for £41.61 was agreed to be sent the CCAA will reduce the overall credit balance from £1,067.69 to £1,026.08. This balance includes the visitor's moorings contingency fund of £598.45 leaving £427.63 for the club's general purpose fund. Bearing in mind the above, it was agreed that the Subscription for 2014 should remain at the current rate of £15.00 per annum per member and this will be proposed at the next AGM in April 2013.
- 8) An update on the current mooring positions and servicing was given to the committee. 31 moorings (28 in 2011) were serviced this year out of 38 (40 in 2011). Two new moorings are still to be laid (Neil Cunningham had an accident so has been unable to do this – hopefully he will be back at work for the spring servicing); one mooring has been transferred to a new owner; one mooring is for sale and two moorings have been removed.
- 9) One of the visitor's moorings will be available for rent over the winter again.
- 10) The web site is constantly being updated with relevant news and photographs.
- 11) The Members' Discount Scheme is to continue as currently shown on the club's web site.

- 12) The committee discussed possible future plans for the club and it was agreed that an improvement to the launching facility in Carrick Castle should be considered when funds permit. The Crown Estate may well assist funding this project. A new combination code for the gate at the slipway will be e-mailed to members after 1st January 2013 once all members have paid their subscriptions, due by 15th December 2012.
- 13) Diary Notes: The next AGM will be held on Friday 12th April 2013 at 6pm in the Lochgoilhead Village Hall with a talk after the AGM. Euan will try and arrange the talk on the MOD Base. There will be two Musters and Barbecues in 2013 – Stuckbeg Beach, Loch Goil on Sunday 9th June 2013 at 12 noon and at the north end of Ardentinny beach by Shepherd's Point, Loch Long on Sunday 11th August 2013 at 12 noon.
- 14) There was no other business. The committee meeting closed at 18.35 hrs.