

Carrick Castle Boat Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
At 7pm on 2nd May 2008 at Carrick Castle Church, Carrick Castle

- 1) Liz Evans, Chairman, welcomed the members to the meeting. In attendance – Liz Evans, Robert White, Douglas Locke, Duncan MacDonald, Graham Mathie, Gary Gordon and Ian Gordon.
The Minutes from the last AGM were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) Apologies were received from Claire France, Mick & Angie Watt, Alison & Forrester Cockburn and Kevin Henville.
- 3) An overview of the Carrick Castle Boat Club's activities over the last year was given by Douglas Locke.

There were 27 members with 31 moorings and one associate member in 2007. The mooring allocation to the club was increased from 30 to 40 positions. This entailed a new application to The Crown Estate and also to the Scottish Executive under the Coast Protection 1949 (section 34): Moorings. The Crown Estate gave the club a new Agreement with three trustees appointed – Elizabeth Evans, Robert White and Douglas Locke, the committee members. The Scottish Executive appointed Douglas Locke as the sole representative for the Consent given to the club. (The Crown Estate Agreement is open ended with either party giving six months notice to terminate the Agreement and the renewal date for Coast Protection Act Consent is 19th March 2013).

The Constitution of the club was unanimously approved by the members at the last AGM in 2007. Following that meeting, a few members asked to have an unofficial meeting with the committee members concerning their second-thoughts concerning the Constitution and the requirements incorporated into it by The Crown Estate that they did not like. This led to two members with moorings outside the official club's area leaving the club to reach independent agreement with The Crown Estate and the Scottish Executive.

As at the date of this AGM, the membership of the club in 2008 is 25 full members with 30 moorings and one associate member.

Twenty of the total membership have e-mail addresses and six do not. The six members have all club information posted to them and those with e-mail addresses received theirs by e-mail with attachments saving the club money.

The committee decided not to have a speaker on a topic this year due to its financial commitments but will arrange for a talk in future years. This years meeting was poorly attended and speakers do add interest and attendance.

- 4) The group moorings inspections have been mostly carried out this last week by Neil Cunningham with twenty two moorings on the list for laying and servicing. He now has to come back to complete the last four moorings on the list that required further tackle or more air for diving. Douglas Locke was out on the loch on his boat for a couple of days assisting Neil Cunningham with identifying some of the moorings and establishing agreed positions for new moorings being laid for members.
- 5) Robert White explained how the new blue Visitor's Mooring that was laid on 28th April 2008 was achieved. Following approval at the last AGM (Item 14 in the Minutes), the committee tried initially to obtain a grant from The Crown Estate's fund for this mooring but it was turned down as they said they had

more important applications to support. The Argyll and Bute Council was also approached as a top-up funder.

Douglas Locke obtained two quotations for the laying of a 15 tonne visitor's mooring with the traditional blue mooring buoy that yacht and boat skippers recognise for being able to use. Shearwater Marine quoted £1,803.61 (£1,534.99 + VAT) and Cunningham Moorings quoted £1,400.00 (VAT 0%). The Carrick Castle Amenities Association agreed share the costs with a grant of £450.00 as the attraction of visitors to Carrick Castle was on their agenda with their forthcoming plans and the club had allocated £500.00 from its funds towards the project. This left £450.00 still to find.

Douglas Locke negotiated with Neil Cunningham to get the mooring laid for the 2008 season and asked if he would lay it for £950.00. Neil agreed since Douglas helped him locating the moorings to be serviced and laid each year saving him considerable time and because so many members now service their moorings annually and at the same time.

Thanks go to Neil Cunningham for helping the club like this. It was proposed that the charge to be made for its use by visitors be £10.00 per day/night. The charge was surveyed at the AGM of the Westerly Owners Association in Largs where it was asked by Douglas as to what rate yacht owners considered there would be no resistance to paying for a visitor's mooring. There were sixteen yacht owners there who unanimously said £10.00 would be fair and quite acceptable.

Those present agreed that the charge would be set as proposed Payment can be made on the club's web site via PayPal and with credit/debit cards.

An easy to remember domain name was purchased for payment and is marked on the blue buoy – www.pay-mooring.co.uk also there is a notice on the village notice board on how to pay as well. Funds received will be allocated as follows: - Annual servicing charge (at current 2008 rate) £60.00 + Annual Crown Estate mooring fee £35.00 + Contingency fund for replacement of mooring riser every four/five years £25.00 = £120.00 p.a. That is twelve mooring fees per annum. Surplus mooring fees will be split 50% to the club and 50% to the Carrick Castle Amenities Association who gave us the grant.

- 6) The Muster will be held on 10th August 2008 at 12 noon in Swine's Hole, Carrick Castle with a barbecue on the beach.
- 7) The club's web site www.carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk has been very successful and is widely looked at. Members were reminded that news items appear every month on it and hopefully members do look at it.

Claire France was thanked for looking after the web site for the club.

Robert White said that some members did not get their copy e-mail from the club via the listserver. This is a general problem with listservers now and he was going to look into the possibility of setting up a web forum for the club that notified members when messages were available.

Recently the AGM notices with attachments were sent out to each member individually, which is very time consuming.

- 8) The committee are looking for a volunteer to be Social Convener to liaise with members over social activities.

Douglas Locke has offered the club a 3 metre by 3 metre marquee for use at the Carrick Fayre. The club can purchase it for £10.00 as it used to belong to a now defunct club, but to legally own it, the money has to be passed to another association. Payment does not have to be considered until 2009.

- 9) The accounts for 2007 were sent to all members with the agenda for the AGM. These were explained by Douglas Locke.

A note was added to the existing accounts at the meeting explaining that since the membership fees were increased for 2008 the club's income had increased to be able to achieve some positive actions. The visitor's mooring was the main achievement in 2008 however after all outgoings have been paid for 2008, the club's funds have reduced to £25.10. This was considered acceptable since there was no further expenditure likely for the year and with 25 full members likely to renew their subscriptions for 2009, the club's funds will again increase by $25 \times £10.00 = £250.00$ on top of the existing balance. The accounts were approved at the meeting.

10) The membership fees for the club are to remain at the present level for 2009, currently £10.00 p.a. per person/family and £5.00 for associate members. New members have to pay the one-off joining fee of £1.00.

11) Election of Officers:

The existing committee were re-elected: -

Chairman – Liz Evans;

Vice-Chairman – Robert White

and

Moorings Officer/Treasurer – Douglas Locke.

Please note the committee is looking for another Committee Member as Social Convener. There were no volunteers from those present.

Douglas Locke was thanked for all the time he spends working on club business.

12) The only point raised in any other business was the club member's views on a jetty for landing at Carrick Castle.

The views were that the club should work with the Carrick Castle Amenities Association in their application for funding for their long term plans even though the club was not in a position to contribute financially.

The meeting having lasted for approximately one hour was then closed.