

# Carrick Castle Boat Club

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## Carrick Castle Boat Club (CCBC) - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2004

**AGM held 7p.m. on Thursday, 13th May 2004 at the Carrick Castle Church Hall.**

Minutes of the meeting

**Present:** Members - Douglas Locke, Rob White, Nigel & Jane Richardson, Roderick Davies, Mick & Angie Watts, Joan Neilson, Shelagh Mathie, Forrester & Alison Cockburn, Ken Johnson and Non-members – Tom Murray & Rod Phillips.

**Apologies:** Liz Evans, Claire France

Rob White chaired the meeting. Douglas Locke addressed the meeting as the Moorings Officer/Treasurer.

### **Current club benefits**

It was explained to the members present that the purpose of the CCBC to date had been to enable members to obtain a discounted mooring fee.

The Crown Estate mooring fee to members is £35.00 pa, the non-members mooring fee is £65.00 pa, however no new moorings can be placed in the Carrick Castle Boat Club's designated area, west of a line between Jenny's Bay and Ardnahein, without the approval of the CCBC. (Only one non-member has three officially licensed moorings south of the castle).

The Club currently has 19 members with 23 paid up moorings in 2004.

### **The new Mooring Regulations**

New Crown Estate mooring regulations require the club to be more formally established with at least three office bearers. It is also required that moorings should be kept in good order and serviced. The official Crown Estate tags must be attached to the moorings at all times. A Crown Estate mooring officer will carry out inspections to check that moorings are legal, every two months during the summer. It is now a criminal offence to own an un-licensed mooring and the courts can impose a fine of £1,000.

### **Club Name**

The question of whether the Carrick Castle Boat Club should be renamed the Carrick Castle Mooring Association was put to the membership. It was unanimously agreed to remain as Carrick Castle Boat Club, as there is no pressing need to change and the club can also engage in more diverse club activities, both sailing/boating and social.

### **Group mooring inspections**

Significant cost savings on the maintenance of the club moorings is likely with group inspections. Also some moorings are currently unused. Regular maintenance on the unused moorings will protect the investment made by the owners of those moorings.

It was proposed by the Moorings Officer that quotations be requested for group mooring inspections. This was agreed unanimously. Three or more quotations will be obtained.

**Action DL**

### **Insurance**

All members were reminded of the necessity to obtain the proper insurance for their boats whilst on their moorings, not least to protect themselves against potential third party damage.

## **Carrick Castle Pier**

Rumours have abounded recently that Carrick Castle Pier was for sale or even to be demolished by MOD. A letter copied to the Club by the Carrick Castle Amenities Association shows that these rumours are not true. However the MOD are willing to rent out the pier to interested parties at a nominal fee of £1.00 p.a. providing third party indemnity insurance is taken out. Unfortunately this letter also states that the pier cannot be used for boating purposes. This is unreasonable and should be taken up again with the MOD.

Carrick Castle Amenities have stated that they have no interest in the Pier, not least because of the potential cost of insurance.

It was agreed that the Pier should be preserved from an historic and amenity point of view, particularly with Club and visiting boat use. Future developments in Carrick Castle such as the old hotel site should not be discounted.

It was agreed unanimously that in the first instance that a letter be sent to the Carrick Castle Amenities association registering the interest of the Boat Club in the Pier, with possible direct discussions between the Club and the MOD to follow.

**Action DL**

## **Light Dues and Red Diesel Proposals**

RYA is actively opposing the imposition of proposed light dues on vessels over 8 metres (£100 a boat is proposed) and the withdrawal of the concession for pleasure craft to use red diesel fuel. Support for these RYA initiatives is sought, by writing to MP's on the subject and letters of support to RYA, etc.

It was proposed that CCBC become affiliated to RYA. This will enable a more effective group response to be made and also ensure the club is kept informed.

This was agreed unanimously that costs of affiliation be obtained, with a view to adding this cost to the annual club subscription.

**Action DL**

## **Accounts**

The CCBC accounts for 2003/4 and 2004/5 (to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2005) were presented to the members and accepted. Copies to be sent to all members.

**Action DL**

## **Membership fees**

Currently £2.00 p.a. per person/family. It was agreed unanimously that the membership fee be increased to £5.00 p.a. in 2005 to cover additional costs such as RYA affiliation.

## **Election of 3 officers –**

Chairperson,  
Vice-Chairperson,  
Mooring Officer/Treasurer

Current un-elected, volunteer officers are:

Chairperson – Liz Evans  
Vice-Chairperson – Robert White  
Mooring Officer/Treasurer – Douglas Locke.

The current office holders were elected un-opposed.

## **Any other business**

### ***Perch Rock***

Douglas Locke suggested the rock off the Perch be marked as a number of visiting boats had run aground. The general feeling was that the Perch was a navigation warning so a mark should not be necessary. The situation should be monitored and reported at the next AGM.

**Action DL**

### ***Members E-mail addresses***

It was suggested that members who have e-mail addresses should submit these to the CCBC in order to pass on information to members more regularly and quickly. This would save the club the cost of stationery and postage. There were no objections to members e-mail addresses being circulated amongst all members. Members who were not in attendance were to be asked to provide their e-mail addresses, if they had one.

**Action DL**

### ***Boats / items for Sale***

Boats and items for sale can be advertised in the Post Office window, the Caravan office and the Carrick Castle notice board. It was suggested that members should advise the CCBC if they had any nautical 'wants' or items 'for sale', such as boats, mooring tackle, etc. as these items could be added to e-mails sent to members.

### ***Moorings Chart***

A copy of the moorings location chart to be circulated to members.

**Action DL**

### ***Club Events***

Ideas for club events are invited from members, e.g., BBQ, On the water Raft up party (no midges out there!), Club Cruise, etc. etc. A summer lunchtime muster of members' boats at Swine's Hole one weekend was suggested at a date to be proposed.

**Action All members**