



COLLIESTON HARBOUR HERITAGE GROUP

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Present: Roddy Junor, Trish Davidson, Sally Sheehan, Councillor Louise McAllister, Ollie Davidson, Fiona Bell, Anthony Craig, Anne Craig, Robin Mackie, Fiona Littlejohn, Ken Littlejohn

Apologies: Roger Berl

Approve 2024 Minutes: Proposed: Anthony Craig Second: Robin Mackie

Matters arising: De-registration of port status - Councillor McAllister said there had been no progress to date.

Annual Report: In the absence of a Chair, Sally gave a report from the previous year. The most pressing concern was the lack of a group Chairperson since Mike Earlam stood down. Mike had been the Chair since 2017 and he was thanked for his work over that time.

Work to improve the slipway had been completed. Heavy duty galvanised bollard and a chain handrail had also been added. A question had been asked about the steps near the slipway which had been blocked off. It was agreed that they will not be reinstated.

Harry Gilmour had asked about the possibility of claiming back VAT. For this to happen, CHHG would need to be VAT registered and the amount of VAT which could be reclaimed is limited to the proportion of income that is trading income.

CORC had asked if their second boat could be left on the Pier as the berths were too short. All had been in agreement.

To prevent unauthorised access to the Pier, a padlock had been installed. Several keys had been given to berth holders.

There had been an incidence of removal of sand and shingle from Cransdale. A post had been put on Facebook to say the practice was illegal.

An old boat and trailer still need to be removed from the boatie shore.

The Cruden Bay harbourmaster had borrowed the community's resilience radios for the Port Errol Harbour Day.

The gate on the Pier had been locked. The group discussed the need for either signage or markings on the pier surface showing the area needed to be kept clear for emergency access or to retrieve emergency throw lines or lifebelt. Louise

McAllister was to contact the Roads Department to enquire if they might be able to do the required work.

The Beach Shelter shop had opened again. The new owners were keen to support the Pier and had offered to display a poster with a QR code showing CHHG's account details. Fiona Bell had very kindly made the poster.

Complaints had been made again about parking on the Pier near to a resident's house. Although blocking someone in is illegal, it is not offence to park in front of an empty space.

David Burrow, Lesley Wilson and David Argo had all given up their berths. David Burrows and Dave Argo's boats still needed to be removed.

Treasurer's Report: Trish Davidson gave the report –

This is the Treasurer's Report for the period 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025. We started the year with **£20, 612.74** and ended the year on **£19, 905.68**, representing a deficit of £707.06. The accounts have been independently examined – in line with OSCR requirements - by a friend of mine who has a background in finance.

The total **Income** for this year was **£13, 348.28**.

Private donations totalled **£1,175.00**. This total is made up from a donation from the estate of a local resident, the North Sea Kyakers Club and a donation from someone who attended the line-throwing event at Gala.

Donations from **Parking** on the pier came to **£1,423.28**. Thanks go to Robin for emptying the donation box.

Berthing donations from individuals who have boats on the Boatie Shore totalled **£725.00**. We increased the suggested donation to £50 this year and no-one made any comment about it.

Thanks to Sally, we received a grant of **£10,000** from the **Coastal Community Fund** for pier repairs.

In terms of **Payments and Expenditure**, this totalled **£14,055.34**.

Insurance for the pier totalled **£2,802.28**, an increase of around £350 on last year. The income from pier parking and berthing goes a long way to covering our insurance premium.

Admin charges relating to the hire of the hall for meetings totalled **£18.70**.

We have spent **£11,234.36** this financial year for **Repairs/Improvements** to the pier carried out by Harry and his team. This work mainly focused on improvements to the slip.

Retiral and Election of Trustees: Chris Hovey had resigned as a Trustee on 4th April, Mike Earlam had resigned as Chair and as a Trustee on 10th July.

Trish Davidson and Robin Mackie were standing down as required by the Constitution and were subsequently re-elected as a Trustee. All in agreement.

Election of Chairperson: Roddy Junor was proposed by Sally Sheehan and seconded by Robin Mackie.

Election of new Trustee: Ollie Davidson was duly elected as a Trustee.

Any Other Business: OSCR now require the details of all Trustees for their website. Only names will be shown on the OSCR website.

The group discussed a number of fundraising ideas. Roddy was to contact First Zipper for new merchandise. Fiona was to obtain costings for Collieston Pier themed notelets.

Roddy was to contact Harry Gilmour for urgent work to attend to the gap below the slipway. There was a concern that without support the slipway could snap, causing a hazard and reduce access to the beach. There was also a need to repair minor cracks and trip hazards on the Pier deck.

Acknowledging the need to have specific information for any future large funding bids, a video of the back of the Pier would be useful. Robin has an underwater camera that could film the bottom of the Pier.

A dead seal was on the beach below the sea wall and would be removed.

John Kelly had requested that a new First Aid box and contents was needed on the Pier. The group felt a wall mounted box would be best.

The next meeting was to be on Monday 27th October at 7pm

There were no further questions and the meeting then closed.

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