



# COLLIESTON HARBOUR HERITAGE GROUP

MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Present:** Roddy Junor, Sally Sheehan, Trish Davidson, Fiona Bell, Oliver Davidson, Robin Mackie, Anne Craig, Fiona Littlejohn, Ken Littlejohn

**Apologies:** Councillor Louise McAllister, Anthony Craig

Approve Minutes: Approved: Roddy Junor, Second: Oliver Davidson

## **Matters arising:**

- Photo of yellow hatching needed on the Pier was to be sent to the Council.
- First Aid box ready to be installed in the Ladies toilet when refurbishment completed.
- Roddy was to find the Just 3 words location for each piece of safety equipment.
- The East Grampian Safety Partnership would be asked to provide another box if possible.
- Fiona's note cards were still for sale, they would be an attraction for the Gala.
- It was agreed that boats using the boatie shore should be asked for a £25 donation.

## **Pier and Harbour Safety Issues:**

The recent storm damage had caused a large part of the slipway to break off, and was in need of urgent repair. Roddy had met with Harry Gilmour who had quoted for the slipway to be repaired. This would involve repair work costing £3,000, and creating new steps at the top of the harbour using boulders and concrete costing £1000.

Some concerns had been expressed about difficulty with getting out of the water and/or being cut off by high tides. New steps would help resolve this as would the provision of a ladder, which we already own, at a further cost of £250.

Ollie said there were other areas on the Pier in need of attention and repair. These would be investigated further.

John Kelly had suggested the end of the Pier as the last rescue point for someone in difficulty in the sea. A new rail bracket to secure a throw line was to be purchased and installed at the end of the Pier.

**Treasurer's Report:** The current balance was £20,272. Sponsorship had paid for the cost of the notecards. Autumn pier parking had collected £239. Some Bryce Thomson prints had been sold. The NESKY Sea kayakers had given their annual donation of £105. Outgoings had included the cost of new padlocks and hall hire.

The group discussed ideas of attracting donations for parking and general support for the Pier. Although there are people who would like to make a donation, it can be difficult if they do not carry cash. Ken had been impressed by seeing pay points in rural settings.

A popular fundraiser some years ago were "I'm a Friend of Collieston Pier" car stickers. Various ideas around the theme were discussed.

**Any Other Business:**

Toilet refurbishment had still to be completed. Unfortunately, the outside shower would not be included in the work.

Collieston Multi Terrain Challenge is on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Forvie Open Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. SWI would be providing refreshments.

Beach Huts were mentioned as a possible income stream Further investigation would be needed to see whether the idea is feasible.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Community Centre.