

# Port Edgar Marina development

Exploratory meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011

## Summary

- Port Edgar is the best, most practical site on the Forth for a marina. Although currently run down it has a lot of positive features and a great deal of potential. The Sailing School and active yacht club make it a busy, exciting place to be.
- The majority of people in South Queensferry see the marina as a significant and important community asset. Recreational sailing although a minority interest is seen as a growth area within sport. There are a lot of groups ( RYA, schools etc.) promoting increased participation in the sport. Port Edgar is currently a significant part of this.
- Modern, well run marinas help to attract and stimulate businesses and tourism to water front sites throughout the world. This could be achieved at Port Edgar and is in line with SNP and Local Government's stated objectives.
- Although there are no firm proposals yet it seems that the Council's preferred replacement of Edinburgh Leisure would be some kind of community/management buy-out. This should be achievable and may encounter fewer hurdles than an outside commercial group would face.
- There seems to be a fair amount of assistance available through Social Enterprise initiatives etc. These will provide advice on funding, business plans, company and political links and charity status. Funding would be available for properly constituted proposals which met the various aims and targets currently set by government.
- Port Edgar Yacht Club is a significant player within the marina. We do not want to take over the running of the facility but do want to be involved in the process of finding a way to keep it open and make it successful. At this stage we are happy to be a focus point bringing together interested parties and helping build a team of people with the expertise to explore fully the proposals and possible solutions. We believe there is a great deal of useful expertise available from the various groups involved with Port Edgar and that we can establish a skilled and effective team at this stage.
- We want to involve as wide a range of people as possible in this process. Looking at the differing aims and objectives of the organisations and businesses within Port Edgar and the wider community of South Queensferry will be the best way to ensure we end up with a successful, vibrant marina.

People interested in being involved in this initial stage of the project to develop Port Edgar should contact Terry Kirchin – PEYC Commodore. He can be found at 01786833275 or 07967958663 or [tkirchin@hotmail.com](mailto:tkirchin@hotmail.com).

We hope to set up this initial team within the next week.

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