

## Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders Association

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Port Edgar.

1. Attendance: Frank Pullen ( Chairman)  
Brian Smellie (Hon Secretary)  
Colin Scott (Hon Treasurer)  
Ken McLeod (Motor Boat Rep)  
Douglas Ross (Webmaster)  
Peter Sykes (Dinghy Rep)  
John Laurie
2. Apologies: Douglas Auld.
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved.
4. Actions Arising & Chairman's Report
  - a) Membership Renewal: So far 117 berth holders had joined or renewed their membership of the Association for this year compared with 135 for last year. It was hoped that a few more might join/renew over the coming months.  
It was noted that membership renewal invitations had not been sent out as agreed with the Marina and it was agreed that FP would raise this subject again during his forthcoming discussions with the Marina Management.  

**ACTION: FP**
  - b) Weather Station: This is still going ahead but little progress had been made in recent weeks. An engineering appraisal is still awaited from Jim Scott of PEYC who has recently been on an extended holiday.
  - c) Pontoon Hoses: FP had made some further representations to the Marina and we have been advised that two hoses will now be provided per pontoon leg.
  - d) Antifouling during Craning: FP has been advised that the current arrangements will continue only for the rest of this year and that from next season boat owners will not be allowed to carry out any antifouling under suspended craft. The marina staff will

be available on request to anti-foul the bottom of keels but cradle pads should be anti-fouled before craning by owners. Temporary struts will be available on request from the Marina. Committee Members were generally unhappy about this change and it was felt that a safe working procedure could be established that met health and safety concerns but allowed owners to continue to apply anti-fouling as at present. FP agreed to discuss the matter further with the Marina management.

**ACTION: FP**

- e) Damage To Yachts: A recent circular letter to BHA Members had reminded boat users of the need to report any accidental damage caused to other craft in the Marina. FC offered to act as an independent intermediary if required.
- f) Trans-European Mooring Card: This is available from the Marina Office and allows berth holders a discount from mooring/berthing fees of other participating Marinas.
- g) Drying Berth: The Marina will construct a drying out berth for deeper draft vessels as and when manpower is available.
- h) Trolleys: New Trolleys have now been delivered and will be in position soon.
- i) Pontoon Maintenance: FP reported that only limited progress has been made in refurbishing existing pontoons owing to a lack of resources. FP agreed to keep pressing the need for a planned maintenance programme rather than just attending to emergency repairs.

**ACTION: FP**
- j) New Crane: An engineering survey has now been completed and a new plinth is required. It is hoped to have the new crane installed by February 2011.
- k) New pontoons: This project has been delayed by the discovery of rock at a shallower depth than expected. No projected date for completion has been set.
- l) Dredging: The dredging vessel "Thumper" is currently undergoing a major refurbishment of its engines. It is hoped to re-commence dredging in September.
- m) Notice Board: The current BHA Notice Board on the Loop Shed wall is leaking badly and is not fit for purpose as most circulars become illegible within a short period of time. It was agreed to take this up with the Marina to see if a new Notice Board could be provided.

**ACTION: FP & BS**

5. Terry Kirchin's Initiative: Terry made a presentation to a recent Meeting with City Councillors and members of the Community Council in attendance. The view was firmly made that the current state of the facilities on offer at Port Edgar are not worthy of the Capital City of Edinburgh. It is hoped that further discussions will take place in September and that the City Council will authorise further investigations into the options available for Port Edgar
6. Financial Report: The Hon. Treasurer reported on the current financial situation of the Association. The Association currently has £728 in its Bank Account but a major part of this is allocated to finance the BHA's share of the proposed Weather Station.
7. Website: There is some out-of-date information on the Website and it was agreed that the current front pages should be shifted to a "Background" section on our website. It was agreed that members of the Committee should take ownership of the relevant sections on the website and update them on a regular basis. The members involved are: Douglas Auld – Yachts; Peter Sykes - Dinghies; Ken McLeod – Power Boats. The Chairman asked that contributions should be made by 16<sup>th</sup> August.

**ACTION: DA, PS, KM,**

Doug Ross intimated that he wished to resign as Webmaster with effect from next year's AGM at the latest with hopefully a replacement being identified by the end of this year to allow a period of handover to take place.

**ACTION: FP**

Three articles had been posted on to the Website and it was agreed that in future articles should be deleted after two months.

**ACTION: DR**

It was confirmed that all Website advertisers had paid for the current year.

8. Any Other Business:
  - a) Stub bolts: Stub Bolts from recently removed rails on the slipway are causing a hazard to dinghies. It was agreed to draw this to the attention of the Marina.
  - b) Social Event: It was suggested that the BHA should hold a social event each year and it was agreed to look at the possibility of enhancing the AGM in March.

**ACTION: FP**

**ACTION: FP & BS**

9. Dates of future Meetings:

The following dates were agreed for future Committee Meetings:

8<sup>th</sup> November 2010

7<sup>th</sup> February 2011

AGM : 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011