



PEBHA

Port Edgar Berth Holders' Association

(Provisional)

Minutes of Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Berth Holders Association held on Wednesday 21st March 2018 in Port Edgar Yacht Club at 7:30 pm.

1. Attendance: Mike McGregor was in the Chair with 6 Berth Holder Association Members in Attendance plus 1 guest. The number of attendees was insufficient to form a quorum. It was agreed to carry on with the meeting and to discuss matters arising at a future committee meeting.
2. Apologies: Margaret McGregor, William and Debra Mills
3. Talk by Russell Aitken, Managing Director, Port Edgar Marina Ltd
 - Russell opened by stating this will be his 5th season running the marina and was generally satisfied with how things were going.
 - Moving to a new publisher this year had caused a slight delay in publishing the new handbook but these would be available soon.
 - Berthing fees would increase by 2.5%
 - Six new 10 metre fingers to be installed on the east side of B pontoon would be delivered shortly. Currently there was one empty berth but otherwise the marina was fully booked for the forthcoming season.
 - Manufacturers have now replaced the black rubbing strip on E pontoon which was causing issues for boats moored there.
 - Dredging operations over the winter were now complete. Unfortunately recent bad weather had resulted in significant damage to some boats. No alterations to the tyre barrier are currently being considered. A bathymetric survey carried out after dredging would be made available to the BHA.
 - A new floor has been installed above the Bosun's Locker premises. It is being fitted out for a restaurant operated by Buzzworks Limited. It is hoped to have this operational by end July / beginning August
 - The high end furniture retailer, Shapes, which has taken over sheds 4 and 5, hope to be open next month.
 - Plans for the marina include a new entrance at the east end of the marina but this is still with planning. The general plan is to use the west end of the site for boat storage and the east end for parking. Forth Tours buses will have an official stop in the marina. The marina has also agreed spaces for 5 caravans with the caravan club.
 - Trees around the marina have been cut back and / or cleared to facilitate extra capacity. Site fencing is secure and improved CCTV installed. Colin Henderson has been involved. The Scottish Office (owners) have been recently looking at improving the security of the building just outside the west of the marina. The marina always has 2 staff on site until 8:30 pm. Thereafter a security guard who performs regular patrols takes over.
 - An open weekend will be held on 12th and 13th May. There will be a £2 charge per car although berth holders will be provided with free parking. Details are still to be finalised as to how this will work.

- The marina will no longer retain customer bank details.

4. Approval of Minutes from previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 21st March 2017 have been on the BHA website since last May. Their adoption was proposed by John Laurie and seconded by Colin Henderson and generally approved by the meeting.

5. Chairman's Report.

Mike stated that he hoped to stand down as chairman but as there was no obvious replacement he would carry on for the time being. Many of the items in his report had already been discussed during Russell's talk.

- Expression of Thanks:

The Chairman started by thanking a number of people who had been helpful to the BHA over the past year including present and past members of the Committee. Debra Mills has recently been unwell, and Mike wished her a full and speedy recovery. He also thanked Russell Aitken, Fraser Sturgeon and their colleagues for their readiness to meet with him and fellow committee members to discuss and hopefully resolve issues of interest to our members.

- Marina Safety:

Pontoon safety, finger plank breakage. The Marina say they are very keen to repair broken planks and ask anyone who has noticed one to report it as soon as possible to the Office, for prompt repair.

- Toilet Facilities:

Concerns were raised over toilet facilities for berth holders. JP Watersports took over the existing toilets, and the Marina provided interim Sibcas changing and toilet areas prior to completion of the final developments. These are meeting a need, but being next the Scout Hall are some distance from the berths, and particularly the hard standing at the far west end of the site. This latter distance is a concern for some of us more elderly berth holders, and we are seeking facilities to be provided there.

- Site Security:

This has been a concern, with the former naval buildings outside the west edge of the marina being severely vandalised and concern that this may spread into the marina itself. To counter this, the marina has increased lighting and security check-in points in this area.

- Dredging:

He also welcomed this spring's Dredging. In the past year we arranged for the Marina to provide a Bathymetric chart to give members a rough guide to the deeper areas of the marina, following complaints of grounding.

- BHA Boat Jumble:

Last year we ran our annual BHA Boat Jumble for 2 hours, on the Saturday afternoon of the Marina Open Weekend in the Scout Hall. Although that jumble did better than the previous year, and we were able to hand over £164 to Queensferry RNLI, there was no increase in footfall. As a result the committee has decided not to stage a Jumble this year. It will be kept under consideration for 2019. By that time, there may be a greater accumulation of Boat Jumble in sheds and garages.

- Vendors:

The committee has been approaching vendors in the marina and nearby with a view to obtaining customer benefits for BHA members. While the feedback has been encouraging, and we hope to continue this in the

coming year, we still need more progress. It will necessitate some form of member identification, and this is still under consideration. As soon as a decision is reached we shall contact members.

➤ Subscriptions:

Annual Subscription has been kept at £3 but as we have had to become more independent from the marina office in terms of subscription collection, we were reminded that subs could be paid to our Honorary Treasurer. Alternative methods of payment include bank transfer, Paypal, or sending a cheque.

6. Financial Report

The Hon. Treasurer, Colin Scott, circulated the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2017 and the Budget for 2017. The Accounts showed a satisfactory financial situation and their adoption was proposed by Craig Shirlaw and seconded by Colin Henderson and generally approved by the meeting. The Hon Treasurer also reported that membership was again falling.

7. Office Bearers for 2018/19 and Committee:

As mentioned earlier, and with no quorum present the committee would continue in its present form.

	Currently:	Proposed:
Chairman	Mike McGregor	
Hon. Secretary	Craig Shirlaw	Craig Shirlaw
Hon. Treasurer	Colin Scott	Colin Scott
Committee:		
Past Chairman	Frank Pullen	Frank Pullen
Membership Secretary	John Laurie	John Laurie
Webmaster	William Mills	William Mills
Yachting Representative	Margaret McGregor	
Professional Users	Colin Henderson	Colin Henderson
Communications	Debra Mills	Debra Mills

There are some vacancies on the Committee for next Year and if you are interested in assisting with the work of the Association please contact the Chairman or the Hon. Secretary or by e-mail at: contact@portedgarbha.org.uk

8. AOCB and discussion

Concerns about workshop facilities / mechanics on site were raised: Bosun's Locker will shortly have 4 full-time mechanics. The workshop normally operates with a four to six week lag time They now plan to investigate within a week of a problem being reported and then give an indication of expected time to resolution. If owners do not wish to use BL then with the exception of Ferry Marine any other vendors / organisations are welcome on site. On arrival they simply need to report to the marina office.

9. Date of next AGM – provisionally set for Tuesday 19th March 2019