

## Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders’ Association

### Minutes of Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Berth Holders’ Association held on Wednesday 22<sup>st</sup> March 2017 in Port Edgar Yacht Club at 7.30 pm.

1. Attendance: Mike McGregor was in the Chair with 20 Berth Holder Association Members in attendance plus 2 guests.
2. Apologies: none
3. Talk by Susan Ireland – Business Tourism Solutions

Susan explained that her Company ( BTS ) have been commissioned by Port Edgar Marina Ltd to develop and implement marketing and business development plans to establish the Marina as a destination for marine tourism and the general public.

  - A 5 year Business Plan has been drawn up for the Marina that involves the wider participation of all of the businesses and service providers on site.
  - Branding is an important consideration and an umbrella Brand is currently being worked on and will be launched in due course.
  - A new Restaurant is to be opened later this year or early next year. The Restaurant shall be operated by an established operator with outlets in other Marinas.
  - A new access road for the Marina is planned that will route via the planned Public Car Park on the eastern side of the site. An application has been made to restrict parking on Shore Road to limit the congestion currently being experienced.

The Chairman thanked Susan on behalf of those present for her most interesting and informative talk and Russell Aitken for responding to questions.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM.

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on the 21<sup>th</sup> March 2016 have been on the Notice Board and the BHA Website since last May. Their adoption was proposed by Willie Mills and seconded by Frank Pullen and generally approved by the Meeting.
5. Chairman’s Report
  - a) Expressions of Thanks: The Chairman started by thanking a number of people who have been especially helpful to the BHA throughout the past year. Those thanked included James Pearson of the PE Watersports Centre, Russell Aitken and Fraser Sturgeon of PE Marina, Karl Weibye the retiring Webmaster and Willie and Debra

Mills who have taken over from him, all the members of the BHA Committee and Brian Smellie, the retiring Hon Secretary.

- b) New Website and Facebook Page.: There are noticeable changes to the Association's Website with a new logo, information on tides, weather forecasts and ship location links. A BHA Facebook page has also been introduced.
- c) Hoses on Pontoons: This is an issue that the Association has been discussing with PEM for some time. It is hoped to persuade the Marina to provide hoses on the pontoons in line with most other marinas.
- d) Toilet Facilities: Concern has been expressed about the lack of drinking water in the toilets. It is understood the existing toilets will be taken over by the Watersports Centre in the near future. The Marina shall provide interim arrangements for changing rooms and toilet facilities in the near future pending completion of the new facilities.
- e) Charity Boat Jumble: The Boat Jumble this year shall take place on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> May in the Scout Hall to coincide with the Open Weekend being held by the Watersports Centre and the Marina. It is hoped that by holding it later in the year and to coincide with other activities taking place at Port Edgar, that a better attendance will be achieved. The Chairman encouraged all members to come along to the Boat Jumble on the 6<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm to 4pm to get a bargain from the many items on offer and to sell their own surplus boating gear. As usual all the proceeds shall go to the South Queensferry Branch of the RNLI.
- f) Dredging: The BHA welcomes the recent programme of dredging that has been carried out in the Marina. This will improve access at lower tidal states.

## 6. Financial Report

The Hon Treasurer, Colin Scott, circulated the Annual Accounts for the Association for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and the Budget for 2017. The Accounts showed a satisfactory financial situation and their adoption was proposed by Colin Henderson and seconded by Brian Smellie and generally approved by the meeting. The Hon Treasurer also reported that membership was up from 53 to 76 and this was an encouraging development.

7. Office Bearers for 2017/18:

The Chairman suggested that the undernoted Office Bearers and Committee Members be elected en masse to serve for the forthcoming year:

Mike McGregor Chairman:

Colin Scott - Hon. Treasurer

Craig Shirlaw – Hon Secretary

Frank Pullen - Past Chairman

John Laurie - Membership Secretary

Margaret McGregor – Yachting Representative

Colin Henderson - Professional Users

Willie Mills – Webmaster

Debra Mills - Communications

Graham Sutherland

It was proposed by Douglas Benton and seconded by John Taylor that they be re-elected en masse for the forthcoming year and this was unanimously agreed.

There are several vacancies on the Committee and any members interested should contact the Chairman or Hon Secretary at: [contact@portedgarBHA.org.uk](mailto:contact@portedgarBHA.org.uk)

8. AOCB:

Two items were raised by BHA members:

- It was reported that an excessive noise was being made by the gate at the top of the gangway giving access to the Marina berths. It seems the door closer is not working correctly and the noise of the gate slamming shut is a nuisance to those with berths nearby.
- It was pointed out that Port Edgar does not have any facilities for providing petrol to berth holders who rely on outboard motors for propulsion. It was suggested that the demand for petrol would be significant and that if it were centrally supplied, it would avoid the transferring of fuel from petrol cans etc.

It was agreed to raise both these issues at the next meeting with the Marina Management.

9. Date of next BHA Annual General Meeting :

The date of the next BHA Annual General Meeting is provisionally set for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Port Edgar Yacht Club for kindly allowing the Association to hold its AGM in their premises.