



# North Kessock Community Pier (SCIO)

## Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator No SC042532

'To purchase, repair, upgrade, manage and maintain the redundant ferry slipway at North Kessock as a heritable community run amenity, providing leisure facilities which will be made available to members and the wider community. This will in turn improve the conditions of people's lives in the community and of persons using the facility'.

### AGM Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Apologies:** Alan Skea, Kate Lindsay, Maggie MacDonald, Danni Murren, Abbie McCahil, Mike Ross, Kevin Barry, Gerry Stevens, Sandy Forrest, Alan Campbell, Allan Mackenzie, Keith Leech, Duncan MacQuarrie, Ray Patience, Lily Gates, Andrew Melville, Lorraine Ross and Gary Chisolm.

**Present:**

Gordon Brown	Patrick Flaherty	Jim Murren	Colin Hampton	Joe Lindsay
Mike Macbeth	Jim McDougal	Siofradh Mckinney	Hugh Patience	Betty Prentice
Jim Prentice	John Prentice	Roddy Rithcie	Owen Smith	George Swanson
Kevin Baird	Gordon Beaton	Keith Martin	Val MacDonald	Rolf Schidmt

Previous minutes seconded and approved as amended.

Jim Prentice welcomed everybody to the 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM of NKCP

## 1. Chair's Report

NKCP now own the pier at North Kessock. The "works day" shows the organisation can maintain the pier although volunteers will still be needed.

Summary of the year; there is a detailed report in the appendix

Sept 2013 Met with Duncan Bryden (Consultant) about a business plan(paid for by Ward Discretionary Fund)

Feb 2014 Meeting with Di Campbell and Sue Cooper from HIE

March 2014 Work Party , Coffee Morning /Questionnaires handed out

May 2014 Boat Race

Aug 2014 Clydeside Surveyors – use of pier for necessary survey work

Sept 2014 Lifeboat Open Day. Pier used for charity boat trips

Oct 2014 sign from Whale Watch. OSCR accepted second set of accounts; SNH request to use Pier

Phone call from Solicitor regarding legal transfer of Pier to NKCP. L Insurance in place (public liability

November 2014 Inclusion of NK pier in Reeds Almanac. Leaflets and web site ready for use.

## 2. Treasurers Report (read in Danni Murren's absence)

### Income

The income gained over the year from unrestricted funds:

- £800 in members subs
- £240 donations
- TOTAL = £1,043

The income gained from restricted funds:

- £2,100 obtained for the purchase of the pier

Total income for that year was £3,143.

### **Expenditure:**

Unrestricted expenditure:

- £467 in total
  - £53 hall hire for the yr
  - £300 leafletting for the building consultation
  - £60 sign for the pier
  - £54 paint for the wall

Restricted expenditure

- £9,300
  - £7,200 survey of buildings
  - £2,100 business plan

Total of £6,541 at the end of the last financial year.

Currently to date we have a £4,143.90 which is unrestricted.

£1,850 left over from a grant obtained from THC to cover the cost of the pier which came to a total of £250.

This has been approved for use on the pier by the ward fund.

## **3. Project Managers Report**

Work Party and routine maintenance carried out during the year. Larger works are still to come. Quotes have received for most jobs except sheet piling. Repairing the Sea Wall is a priority

Funders are looking for 3 quotes – We have a preferred contractor with a good price and many firms are reluctant to submit a quote. Sue Cooper from HIDB has advised that refusals to offer a tender should be included in submissions for funding.

## **4. Capital Funding**

Lorraine Ross organised a survey for fund-raising (about 100 returned). There was an acceptance by members present to use a consultant for fund raising providing there is a contribution towards his costs from the ward Discretionary Fund.

## **5. Rules and Constitution**

There was a discussion about rules/guidance/regulations – suggestion of a notice with an introduction to the pier and who to contact for more information. Another suggestion for depth markings.

## **6. Works Group**

Pier to be power-washed before winter. Date will depend on tides and people available. Details could be placed on the website.

## **7. Grand opening**

Possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May. Visit By boats from Cromarty, Whale Watch, (Suggestion to ask Sea Scouts) a chance for a consultation exercise; boat trips.

## **8. Election of Committee Members**

Jim Prentice, Danni Murren, Jim Murren, Owen Smith, Mike Macbeth, Val MacDonald, Gordon Brown. (Office Bearers to be chosen by Committee).

## **9. Renewal of Members Subscriptions**

Renewal forms and Gift Aid Information completed.

### *Appendix*

#### **September 2013 AGM**

Held Committee meeting with Duncan Bryden to discuss business plan.

**November 2013** Received completed business plan.

**January 2014** Funding sub group formed.

**February 2014.** Held committee meeting with Duncan Bryden, Sue Cooper, Diane Campbell to discuss business plan and funding.

**March 2014 Emailed** progress report and appeal for help at workday.

Work Party Day. Cleaned pier and painted wall, minor concrete repairs and painted some eyes. Also attended Kessock Hall and Lifeboat open day to distribute public consultation. (Thanks to Lorraine, Kate, Cathy, Alice, Robbie & Betty & Work Squad)

**April 2014** Public consultation forms distributed and put online.

**May 2014** Emailed progress report re Sail Caledonia Event.

Sail Caledonia event. It was a spectacular sight and a good advert for the community. Also Received £200 donation from Ray Patience.

**August 2014** Request from Marine Surveyers for commercial use. I replied as usual that we don't own it at present and won't interfere with anyone using the pier unless it is affecting others.

**September 2014** Lifeboat open day. (I should have given members notice).

**October 2014** Contacted Whale Watch re Dolphin awareness sign.

OSCR accepts our annual return. Thanks to Lil Davidson for auditing accounts.

SNH asked to use pier for recovery of their rib. They received the usual reply.

The purchase of the pier is completed. Ownership is now with our organisation.

Public liability insurance cover commenced.

Emailed and posted notices of progress report and notice of AGM to all Members.

Posted press release to various media. Reported by Radio Scotland, P&J and Rossshire Journal.

Photo shot at pier for Rossshire Journal.

Emailed agenda for AGM.

Contacted Tony Usher requesting surplus signage and safety equipment.

**November 2014** Received Dolphin awareness sign.

Colin Hampton sponsored the production of 1000 leaflets, website and commit to interpretation board. Thanks to Colin and Roddy Ritchie.

Notification of inclusion in Reeds Almanac.

Emails to Councilor McCallum and Scottish Canals.

Minutes submitted by: Danni Murren

Minutes approved by: Jim Prentice.