



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 25th November 2015

Apologies: Kate Lindsay, Duncan MacQuarrie, Lorain Chisolm, Gary Chisholm, Duncan Bryden, Keith Martin, Margaret Martin, Colin Hampton, Allan Mackenzie.

Present:

Gordon Brown	Isla Prentice	Ian Mackenzie	John Prentice
Mike Macbeth	Owen Smith	Rolf Schmidt	Mike Ross
Jim Prentice	Danni Murren	Joes Lindsay	
Jim Murren	Alan Skea	Gordon Beaton	

Previous minutes seconded and approved.

Jim Prentice welcomed everybody to the 4th AGM of NKCP

JP thanked the committee for their work over the past year and stated that Val MacDonald has resigned from the committee and wished Val the best of luck in the future and was grateful of his support throughout his time on the committee.

JP asked for the members to fill out the members form and the gift aid forms.

1. Chair's Report

JP stated that it was a fairly quiet year except for the grand opening day. He has fulfilled governance and renewed the insurance for the pier, OSCR annual return was submitted and approved. JP wishes to thank Lil Davidson for auditing the accounts.

JP is chasing the council regarding the lighting at the top of the pier and the road department about parking restrictions. JP has also enquired about the missing bin.

JP is still contacting the canal and harbour authorities regarding paint and funding but unfortunately hasn't had any success.

The work day that was held before the open day was a huge success and would like to thank all the volunteers.

However JP also stated that the membership of the group wasn't being utilised and would like to encourage more involvement. There has been an increase in members and the pier has been maintained over the year.

2. Treasurers Report

Reporting from 1/4/2015 to 31/3/2015

Income:

Total of 39 members which has raised £780. The membership total is higher depending on when people sent in their subs.

Donations raised £300

Grants – we received a £500 grant from the Black Isle Ward Fund.

Fundraising – we raised £65

Interest - £2

Total unrestricted income = £1,148

Total restricted income = £500

Expenditure

Various activities to do with hall hire, work party, legal fees, leafleting, insurance, bank charges, pressure washer hire and purchase of the pier.

Unrestricted expenditure= £958

Restricted expenditure = £1,750

Post meeting note bank balance is £6182.89 31/12/2015.

3. Capital Funding

Duncan Bryden was not able to attend but sent his apologies. JP stated that DB has applied for two funds but was unsuccessful. DB has sent the applications to JP so they could be used in the future. The group has been unsuccessful to obtain any funding so far, and it was discussed that this will progress in house utilising the applications that DB had set up. The comments that were received from the funding groups were that we didn't demonstrate any employment or benefiting young people. OS mentioned doing more work with the Sea Cadets and look at the long term benefit of the jetty for youth groups etc. Look to bring in other youth groups to area and advertise on Moray Firth Radio to gain attention.

JP asked members to contact the committee if they are aware of any potential source of funding. It was also decided that the pursuit of funding will be done informally via correspondence, and to seek support when filling out applications.

ACTION: OS to progress with funding and correspondence with members.

4. Rules and Constitution

JP pointed out a problem with a fisherman earlier in the year using the pier for commercial purposes. The fisherman was asked to leave which he did, however this has pointed out that the rules require updating and should be more robust. It was suggested that the committee should contact other pier groups to gain information.

A bigger sign will be displayed on the pier and parking signs so they are clearly visible.

ACTION: Look at other pier groups regarding rules and speak to the council about safety equipment.

5. Works Group

JP would like to thank the volunteers for the work group for the open day which had at least 10 people and would like to attempt the same again. The honesty box was fitted and is working. Thanks to JM and Roddy MacDonald for obtaining and fitting. JP would like to encourage more people to become involved. JP will let people know when the next suitable high tide is and look to arrange another power washing day.

6. Pier Day

The open day was very successful and popular. JP stated that it was stressful to organise but was great to see the community enjoying the day and supporting the pier. JP asked members if another pier day should be arranged, it was decided that the days should be split so the yacht race was not on the same day as the pier day. This was due to the pier being very busy. It was suggested that the pier day could focus on boat trips, dolphin and whale conservation groups, pipe band, involve the Sea Cadets and local youth groups, possibly a skiff race. This could be tied into another event in the village such as the flower show.

JP is having a meeting to see if he can fit the North Kessock race into the Moray Firth races calendar so it can be an annual event.

ACTION: look into a race date and a pier date.

7. ACOB

JP asked the group if they would like a social to be organised. Members stated they would be interested in a social event that partners could be invited to.

ACTION: JP to organise a social.

8. Election of Committee Members

JP asked if the committee would stand again. Danni Murren has resigned from being treasurer due to time constraints. However Isla Prentice has agreed to become a committee member and stand for treasurer. The members will retire and re-elect themselves at the next meeting.

9. Renewal of Members Subscriptions

JP asked members to fill in forms and pay subscriptions for the next year. OS also asked people to fill out gift aid forms

JP closed the meeting by reading the mission statement and thanked members for coming.

Minutes submitted by: Danni Murren

Minutes approved by: Jim Prentice.