



# North Kessock Community Pier (SCIO)

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'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 life's in the community and of persons using the facility'.

Dear Members and Friends,

Please see the attached minutes for our A.G.M. which was held on 26/10/2014. Thank you to all who attended, I hope that you found it worthwhile? Can I ask all who have not renewed their annual subscription to please do so using the attached form? We value each member very much, not only to cover our annual running costs, but also to demonstrate our community support to potential funding bodies. This is essential in our goal of securing funds to fully upgrade the pier. New members are very welcome, so if you can persuade someone to join, then please do.

I'll just add a quick progress report in case you think that we've been idol.

**Funding;** As decided at our A.G.M. we have contracted the services of a consultant to investigate and apply for capital funding. This is moving a pace and I am hopeful that it will provide results.

**Leaflets;** We now have leaflets to advertise our position (thanks to Colin and Roddy). If you can think of somewhere to distribute them then please get back to me, I can send or deliver them to you. We also have our new website here; [www.northkessockpier.co.uk/](http://www.northkessockpier.co.uk/) I will post notices, reports and minutes on the website when available.

**Grand Opening Day May 23<sup>rd</sup>;** This is only going to happen once, so no pressure there! We would like to hear from you what you would like to happen. Please support this and make it a social event, and there is talk of it becoming an annual fixture. High tide is at 6pm therefore it would be better to begin proceedings in the afternoon. The Hotel has kindly agreed to lend support and Whale Watch will attend, also I'm hoping that the Lifeboat will too. We are trying to arrange to run pleasure trips for the public, as this seemed popular in the past. A few boats have already mentioned visiting, and all nearby craft will be invited, we are even looking into holding a sailing race. Please get back to me with your suggestions.

**Coffee morning.** We have again been given the opportunity to raise funds and awareness at the coffee morning on 28/3/15 in N Kessock Hall. Thanks very much to all who helped last year, again hard work but fun. Can we please have some volunteers for this year, as it's an important link with the community?

**Work days** I'm always grateful for your help at our work days. Our last was very successful and I'm hoping that you will come along and do what you can to help in future. Although there is plenty of hard work to be had, if you're keen, it can be good fun and makes a huge difference to the look of the village. We think that two separate days would be better this year, one in April and the second on 2/5/15. The tides are proving very awkward to arrange for a suitable Saturday, so we may have to try and organise for a week day. I'm asking for volunteers for both days as it's important that we get organised to make the most of your work. Please get back to me if you can help. Thanks to Keith who power washed the pier at short notice in the autumn.

Other dates to look out for are the Sail Caledonia race on May 29<sup>th</sup>, this was a great spectacle last year, and the N Kessock R.N.L.I. Day in late summer.

I feel that this will be an important year for us as it is our first as owners of Kessock Pier. It's now our responsibility, but also our opportunity, to preserve it and realise its full benefit to the community.

**Can you please reply to me to confirm receipt of this email.** Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments or concerns, or would like to help in any way.

Thank you very much, and please continue to support the pier.

Jim Prentice

## **Chair.**

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