



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club  
Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 9, 2021 7:45pm on Zoom**

- 1. Welcome and apologies**
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting**
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- 4. Club Report and New Members**
- 5. Boatshed**
- 6. Club fundraiser**
- 7. Treasurer Report**
- 8. Boat maintenance – back in PG and trailer maintenance**
- 9. AOB**
- 10. DONM**

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

In attendance: Gaynor Allen (Chair), David Lee, Pauline Crerar, Kari-Ann Johnston, Jude Durnan (Minutes), Stewart Page, Felicity Cameron

Apologies for Absence: Georgina Brown

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

July minutes to be approved at September meeting.

**ACTION:** Jude has sent out updated minutes of the July meeting to committee members.

**3. Correspondence**

All correspondence is covered in the minutes

**4. Club report and new members**

## **Eskmuthe Rowing Report, July-August 2021**

It's been a very busy few weeks - with an even busier few weeks ahead.

We have continued to recruit new members, with Niall, Megan and Abi joining Simon, Eddy and Maggie by signing up after their second row. They are all capable and enthusiastic and signing up to rows and other events on TeamApp.

We had a few more new people out this weekend and still more than 25 on the waiting list - with an average of 1 or 2 new inquiries coming in every week!

With the North Berwick regatta coming up, we are offering training rows for all the rowers attending the regatta (weather permitting). With good evening tides this week, we are able to do this and still offer regular social sessions. We have a wide range of approaches to rowing by club members and will continue offering something for everyone.

We are also approaching the RowAround week and (also weather permitting), we hope to take part in four legs: Portobello-Fisherrow, Fisherrow-Port Seton, Port Seton-North Berwick and North Berwick-Dunbar.

Almost everyone who wants to row - longer-term members have been prioritised as they would have been doing this last year and it seems unfair to exclude them for new people. We will try to involve new people in some way - for example, getting people to cheer the boats in and out of Fisherrow or accompanying them in kayaks or on paddle-boards.

The provisional crews have been shared on TeamApp and further details will follow on each specific leg as we find out more. We are also still waiting for full details of the North Berwick regatta, although there will be "fewer and shorter races than normal".

In amongst all this, we continue to have the vast majority of club members signing up for rows regularly, which is great.

### **5. Boatshed**

#### **Quotes**

The club now has two quotes in from Damen and Ian (Zest builders), and Diarmid is going through a comparison and will get back to them asap. Ian's £161k quote did not include the Durisol blocks and also had UPVC doors rather than aluminium (preference for sustainability)

Ian's final quote = £210k (this does not include bathroom and kitchen) Damien's final quote = £219

Ian can start straight away with the digging – soil samples. He's local in EL and can get materials which is a bit of a problem at the moment. Ian is happy for us to do walls and supervise and make sure his insurance covers this – we will be his labourers.

The committee had a lengthy discussion about whether to go forward with the boatshed project as all the funding was not fully secured.

It was agreed to pay for the Durisol blocks now before they go up in price and approx £11k for the electric cables to be moved. Gaynor made it clear that there was a shortfall of cash, but the committee decided the money would be secured and decided to go ahead.

**ACTION** – Gaynor to email Ian and let him know the club have decided to go with his quote.

### **Preparatory work**

We need to have the cables to the electric vehicle charging points moved by Scottish Power at a cost of approximately £11k and we will also have to pay approximately £3k for soil

### **Funding**

Gaynor has contacted the Common Good Fund and Sport Scotland to see if they need anything else to enable them to release the funds. Gaynor has also sent in the ELC application and Felicity will have the Area Partnership one in too - total cost £47k. A further funding application for £10k (£7k?) has been made to the Area Partnership.

Even though the full amount required is not in yet, we need the boatshed to make new oars and keep the boats i.e. the main shell of the shed with electricity and water rather than the members area – this and the funding for this can come later. The club can't continue without a boatshed now that we don't have Preston Grange, so we need support for this. The boats need to be maintained as foot rests and oars have been breaking as the boats are going out a lot.

## **6. Club Fundraising**

### **1. We're Gonna Row 500 miles.....**

We will ask everyone with rowing machines in the club if we can borrow them and stick them on the grass at the end of the Prom over two weekends. We will ask members if they want to row 1, 2, 5 or 10 miles (or more) and get to 500 miles. Looking to Kari-Ann and Ryan's achievement for the kilt walk last year and thinking some people will do so much more. We will suggest people get approximately £50 in sponsorship and ask if local business want to help out. Not all of it has to be done in one go. Rowers who are not as strong could do a mile or two over three sessions. We will have to do this in September as August is too busy. Hope to raise about £2,500 from this.

## **2. Sponsor a brick.**

£10 a brick and when it is built, people can sign their own brick and create a feature wall in the workshop. If every member buys one brick that will be more than £500.

3. Pauline's work may donate up to £500 and ask others if their firms could help.

4. We could create a 'Just Giving' page to help raise funds, but they would take a percentage – need to consider this. 1.9% plus 20p per transaction.

**ACTION** – David/Gaynor to ask for volunteers - One person leading on each fund raiser with a couple of people supporting with this - on Team app. Kari Ann and Gaynor to draw up a list of local businesses who we could approach. Felicity to draft a letter to send to local businesses.

## **7. Treasurer's report**

£12,236 in bank

£500 more in membership fees this month including some new members

£1710 membership fees 58 members

See attachment

## **8. Boat Maintenance**

The boats are having a lot of general wear and tear at the moment because so many people rowing.

3 oars have broken – one is not fixable. Other two have been fixed, just need varnishing.

We are likely to need a new set of oars each year if we keep rowing the way we are at the moment – need to keep on top of it and maybe make them thicker at the neck. They could be made stronger e.g. if laminated. If we had a boatshed it will be easier to store and have oars being made on an ongoing basis.

Douglas fir wood is stronger than pine – we could save the broken and put in new boatshed.

Stroke seat needs replaced.

Oar rings have been ordered – on their way, being sent to Stewart. Seal around the bung has broken as it is 6 years old, ordered.

Trailer maintenance – Stewart dropped the bars on the trailer today. Stewart has been working on the trailer and will replace washers. Graeme is working on repairs that he can do at home or at the council's workshop.

**9. AOB**

Plastics trawl as part of RowAround – Gaynor and Pauline to do.

**10. DONM**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 7:30 Zoom

**ACTION** - Jude to post on Team App and send out request for agenda items two weeks before next meeting.