



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club Committee Meeting  
Monday 31 July 2017, 7pm  
Fisherrow Yacht Club**

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

In attendance: Kate, Pauline, David, Gaynor (Chair), Helen, Katie (Minutes), George, Sandra, Veronica.

Apologies: none.

**2. Minutes and Matters Arising**

**ACTION:** Helen still to circulate North Berwick Code of Conduct

**ACTION:** New member info – David will add to BT

**ACTION:** Katie to follow up with Charly re forward plan

**3. Correspondence**

None

**4. Report: Boat repairs & maintenance**

Report from Norman: Inventory can be done once we know who had all the tools. Think they are mostly at Gaynor's, once it's confirmed what everyone has, a list can be drafted up. Also need to check materials e.g. paint, sand paper. Some work needs to be done on Steedie before filming. Gaynor to confirm dates. Norman happy to continue as Bosun, but would like some support. Could we use social media to get more people? Agreed to get people more involved at the start of the season for repairs and use BT to schedule dates, getting people to sign up. Could also have Open Evening? (tbc)

**ACTION:** Kate to provide list of what she can donate

**ACTION:** Gaynor to contact Norman about date to collate tools/materials

**ACTION:** Gaynor to confirm dates for filming and arrange team to do work beforehand

**ACTION:** Helen to ask Paul if he would be second in command for Norman

**5. Reports: Membership Secretary & Club Captain**

Membership – verbal update from David. Agree that 'light promotion' would be appropriate, keep up visibility, social media, some posters, flyers in bag, story in East Lothian Courier, car stickers. Need to check who can attend regattas for SQ and NB. David has newsletter almost ready to go.

**ACTION:** Katie and Pauline to organise way to display leaflets on/by boats.

Update from Club Captain: Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July saw 10 of us doing an epic row from Fisherrow to North Berwick. Conditions were excellent and the appearance of puffins and numerous other birds and seals along the way was a real bonus. We've now got far more of an idea what a row like that entails and have identified other places en route where we can get the boat out of the water so there is potential for more similar expeditions, or shorter ones, in the future. Pauline has written an account of the trip that we'll put out once I've added in the technical account.

With David away we tried a new system of asking people to sign up to cox sessions before they were posted. This worked well so we may try doing that again once mad regatta August is over. Rain and wind washed out a couple of other events that had been planned in July; the taster sessions at the Waterfront fun day and the row to Inchcolm from Kinghorn that we'd been invited along to. Luckily in amongst the rain there were some lovely clear, still evenings so we had a few really good evening rows including one where the sea was absolutely full of jelly fish.

## 6. Report: Treasurer

Treasurer – update from Helen, need to set a budget and ringfence anything essential. Things to think about: tow bar, electricity still to be paid (Gaynor to chase up). The Fundraiser in November will support this. We may need paint.

**ACTION:** Katie to add to agenda for next meeting

## 7. Sub Committee: Boat shed update

Group met Matthew from A449 (in Portobello), great ideas and vision, and his designs fit well with coastal landscape. Very excited. Other quotes but A449 very competitive. Next step is to consult with boat builders outwith committee, then open meeting for members. He can also consider locations. Agreed that ERC should be ones to set bar for rest of harbour. Next steps/brief will be agreed on Wednesday with Matthew.

**ACTION:** Gaynor to circulate time of meeting to committee, & anyone able to attend is welcome

## 8. Eskmuthe's Excellent Escapade

Katie and George gave an update on progress with planning for the event.

## 9. Harbour Trust update

Next Meeting is Aug 7. Helen, George, Gaynor, Pauline are representing ERC, and Pauline will attend meeting. Discussing next stages, need MOA with ELC. Harbour Trust Association agreed name of Seafront Group with same geographical coverage as Fisherrow Waterfront Group. Common Good owns less than this. Steering Group – David Wilkie Chair, Veronica Vice Chair, Helen is Secretary. Facilitation on Monday, vision, values, big ticket items for each forming organisation. NB Trust also coming along to answer questions.

## 10. Power boat training

Not discussed – roll over to next meeting

## 11. AOB

Website – still some issues with social media feeds. Gaynor can help with Twitter link. Discussion re member and public pages, agreed we would let members set own p/words so would need to send invites to individuals. Blog – where would that go? Under boat building? To be discussed, and get historical information from Norman. **(ACTION: Katie add to next agenda)**

**ACTION:** Kate to organise another website meeting asap.

One member emailed and asked for refund on rowing card.

Communities Day – 30 Sept, raising profile with community. 11am-3pm, people to help out for an hour or two. Roll over the next meeting. Gaynor to add to BT soon point. **(ACTION: Katie)**

SCIO info still needs updates

**ACTION:** Helen and Gaynor to check and update details

Identified need for more people to tow boats. George to ask newer members. Possibility of row in Loch Lomond day after Castle to Crane, but would need someone to tow. George to put on BT first.

Flags agreed already. A3 size.

Survey: feedback still needed for members – add to agenda for next meeting. **(ACTION: Katie)**

## 12. DONM

Mon 4 Sept 2017 7pm FYC (tbc)

Mon 9 Oct 2017 7pm FYC (tbc)