

ROSEHEARTY COMMUNITY BOAT CLUB

03/02/2019

Minute of Trustees' meeting at the Davron Hotel 7.30pm on Thursday January 31st 2019

Apologies. Aron Gatt

Those present:

Graham Souter, Jenifer Souter, Peter Crawford, Bob Watt, Linda Watt, John Burnett, Rosalind Burnett, Ian Duthie, Lewis Duthie, John Sanderson, Ian Downie, Bill Cottingham

Peter Crawford announced that Bill Cottingham has volunteered to take on the job of Minutes Secretary, to take some of the pressure off Graham Souter

He observed that one of the things that needed to be discussed was the provision of furniture requirements for the new club house. Linda has done a lot of research into this and has all the detail to hand.

Bob suggested that before the furniture was discussed, the financial position should be looked at. He presented the following figures:

Total cost to Cairnhill Developments	£92,000
EMFF have approved	£83,417
Building conversion (Cairnhill)	£81,335
Furniture/fittings (Opus Furniture)	£20,82
Claims made totalling	£79,380
Received so far	£45,000
Still not paid	13,000
ASSETS	
TSB	£3,676.75
Clydesdale	£400
EMFF (still pending)	£13,000
Final claim (EMFF claim 5)	£3,000
	<u>£22,076.75</u>
Still to pay to Cornhill	£12,000
Furniture etc (Furniture on line)	£2000
	<u>£14,000</u>
Approximate amount left	£7,000

Dangers

- 1, Higher running costs
2. The 2017 Open Day realised a much lower income than on previous years

We may need Cookie to break down the cost of showers, plumbing etc

Bob listed some of the items, which will be needed:

An electric cooker, a fridge freezer, a DVD player, a TV, 50 Polyprop chairs, flexi tables £580, a Whiteboard, £100

an Office bookcase £160, a modular reception bundle, £400

There will be additional items such as; cutlery sets, a toaster, aluminium pots and pans

Bob went on to mention a). That there may not be room enough to house all the items mentioned and b). Some of them, we may not need.

Peter mentioned that Cookie has promised an electric cooker so that will not need to be purchased.

Ian mentioned that there are good tables at the Kirkie. The need for uniformity was discussed. Along with the fact that items will need to be ordered, in order to secure the grant. Graham suggested that we check up on what's both available and suitable and use that as a starting point.

Further discussion took place around what will be required and costings.

Web Site,

On Wednesday, 30th, Bill received a notification from Serif; the company who provide the hosting for our web site, that in August 2019 they will be closing down that facility and consequently, we will need to find another hosting company to which to move our web site. Bill has contacted Peter McCarthy, the volunteer, who expertly manages our website for us, to inform him of the situation and to enquire if he will be both willing and able to manage the transition for us. Bill will let you know when he hears from Pete again.

John Sanderson wondered if the club members would want to keep on with the website or rely upon Facebook instead. Peter felt that we should keep both.

Lewis mentioned that there is a free hosting facility available and that will be looked into.

It is hoped that the work on the clubhouse will be completed by the middle to the end of next month. It is largely a matter of keeping up to date with all the people involved in the work. Cookie says that we can have a meeting with them at any time. We can also talk to him when we wish. Bob mentioned that Cookie is carrying out much more work, than was actually on the original plan, as well. There is the harling; there are four or five things; there's the roller blinds, He's doing all that at his own expense because it's a community project. Peter mentioned that he (Cookie) has made useful suggestions like the need for shelving between kitchen and the main area. The flooring, which he's put down is very nice.

Graham received an email today from The Inspector of Taxes requesting that we fill in a tax return. 19% of profits are liable for taxation but as a registered charity, the club is exempt. Should we be seen to be making a charge for providing refreshments however, this would no longer be the case. The club could also be liable to pay water rates. This could be avoided if refreshments were provided free but a donation was requested. Linda's brother, who is an accountant and also a club member, will be consulted on the matter.

Peter mentioned the Aberdeenshire Council grant, which we applied for last year it was £10,000. If it's made annually we should apply again. Bob suggested that if it is available, it would pay for the blinds.

Peter wondered if we chose to direct some of that grant to building a rowing skiff, could this be done in the workshop in the club house. The workshop would not be big enough. With tongue in cheek, Peter asked if the boat could be built in two halves.

Peter reported the good news of a generous donation from Maureen Milne; a farmer's wife from Broom

Hill of £700. This was from the sale of a cookery book, which she has written. This was a half of the money she raised. The other half went towards cancer research. It was Ricki Geddes' mother, who suggested the club as a recipient

.Bob raised the issue of an official opening. All the people who have made donations will need to be acknowledged. They will all receive a report but they should get further acknowledgement. John Sanderson wondered if the Grand Opening could be combined with the Open Day but it was felt that the Open Day is essentially a fund raising exercise, whereas, the Grand Opening will be to advertise the club and to thank those who have donated or helped in other ways. The Opening needs to be devoted to looking after the guests rather than manning the various stalls at the Open Day.

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General discussion took place on:

Costal rowing, Other sources of funding, the design of a club flag, possibly done by the children at the school. Rebecca may be able to take it on as a course project. There may be the possibility for us to have a stall at the proposed Sea Food Festival to be held a Fraserburgh Fish Market in 2019. There is a vacancy for two Harbour Commissioners, one of whom can come from anywhere so applications are invited. Push the boat out. The club will again be involved. It will be in the first week of May. Peter suggested that we apply to Tesco to see if the week before is free for us to fundraise there as we did last year. The meeting closed at 20.45hrs