

CROMARTY HARBOUR TRUST

HARBOUR MATTERS

SPRING 2018

FUNDING SUCCESS

We have been successful in our submission to the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (FLAG). The grant award is for £131k, although we must find 25% of the funding ourselves. We have committed to the award and will continue to work at achieving our funding share (the SSE bid mention opposite).

This grant will allow us to regenerate surface assets such as railings, ladders, sheds, electricity supply upgrade, website etc. Work on the railings starts in May.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our new newsletter 'Harbour Matters', and it really does! The Harbour Working Group felt that so much is happening in and around the Harbour that we should be keeping you informed on all the current projects and proposals for the future hence this new newsletter. It touches on some of the things we felt would be important to you. Please feel free to contact us if you want more information or have any observations concerning the Harbour.

Tony Vandyke, Chair, Chairman's Working Group

LEADERSHIP CHANGE

After three years in the post I have decided to stand down as chair of the Working Group – effectively the group that does the day-to-day for The Harbour – to focus more on my business interests. However, I will not be lost to The Group and will remain an active member. Leadership will now pass to Pat Haynes who has been a member for 2 years and is well versed on the issues we face. She has recently taken the lead in our SSE funding application (decision due in the summer).

DREDGE UPDATE

One of our short-term priorities has been to get a dredge done within the Harbour basin. All our efforts had been focused on a March 2018 delivery but unfortunately, we have just not been able to get our regulatory license issued in good time. With everything now lined up, we plan to do the dredge in November. Behind the scenes, this has been a huge effort involving soil sampling, salmon breeding mitigation, waste disposal, Marine Scotland, Scottish Government, contractor tendering, and that's just for starters.

OUR HISTORIC HARBOUR

You will have seen the repair under the bridge; this is not a permanent repair and is merely a stepping stone to a fuller effort. We have engaged a Heritage Engineer to advise us on which aspects of the Harbour we need to be focussing upon and to be mindful of any impact on the FLAG project. Much of our immediate focus is within the inner harbour area as well as making safe some of the outer areas. This is a long-term project with a funding element as well, so our expectation is for this to be taking years not months!

NOTICEBOARD

We have reviewed the condition of the noticeboard and concluded that with some minor repairs, a new display case and a lick of paint will make it as good as new. Thus, an order has been placed for the display case and now we make the call for a volunteer painter.

REQUEST FOR HELP

We are grateful for the support of volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the Harbour, however we would welcome the injection of new blood and new ideas. If you can offer some skills, some spare time or just want to get involved, please get in contact with us, using Colin's email below. With much to do, these are exciting times for the Harbour, but we need more human resources

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

You may have noticed that many companies are reviewing how they contact you and informing you what they do with your personal data as well as asking you to opt-into communications from them. We are no different and by law need to inform you of the following:

- Through requesting a berth, you are required to complete an application. This application contains information personal to you, e.g. email details.
- We use this information to contact you to inform you on fees, shipping notices and general information as it relates to the Harbour.
- We do not share your information with any other body and will not do so. Your information is stored securely. You may request to see the information we hold about you. You have the right to have your data removed, including your history; and you have the right to change your data.
- In theory within the Trust, all members of the Working Group and, arguably the Trustees, have access to your data, however in practice access is in effect controlled by the Treasurer.

What we need from you

The Working Group believe that to communicate with you beyond contractual matters, they need your permission to do so. Accordingly, we ask that you acknowledge by return email that you are happy for us to continue to contact you. Please opt-in to communications by confirming your agreement, email Colin at colinadickie@gmail.com.

QUIZ NIGHT – PLEASE SIGN UP

The annual Harbour quiz night is on 26 May at The Cromarty Arms. We are at the planning stage but would welcome any suggestions and help to make this night a success. Last year we raised a most welcome £500, so it really does make a difference. All funds raised go back into the Harbour.

Please make the effort to come along and contribute to a good night. Teams are for a maximum of 5 people, if you have less don't worry we can merge.

Book a table for an evening meal prior to the big event by calling Helen at The Arms on 01381 600230 or at info@cromartyarms.com.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Just an idea at this time but rather than run a raffle along side the quiz, we thought that a good idea would be to auction some promises and that perhaps harbour users may be kind enough to do so. Some suggestions to get the grey matter thinking:

- Afternoon tea for two watching dolphins from a boat in the Moray Firth or turn the tea into gin and tonics!
- Two lobsters over the season delivered to your door, just give a week's notice of when you'd want them.
- Fishing trip for you and a friend.

Do come back to Colin if you would like to put forward a promise. It's something different and has the potential to raise good funds for the Harbour. Ideally, we'd like to go with say, six promises.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cromarty Rowing Regatta – 16/17 June 2018; Cromarty Gala Day – 28 July 2018

We would expect the area around the Harbour to be particularly busy on these days.

NEXT ISSUE

Our intention is to issue our next newsletter in the Autumn. Last request, please send an email confirming that you are happy to receive information from us.