

## **FCYC Council Meeting held remotely via Zoom 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.**

11 participants :-

Andy Black, Peter Douglas, Andrew Sutherland, Martin Palmer, Daniel Prince, , Jim Glass, Andy Stampton, Michael Dixon, John McLaren, Keil MacLachlan, Christopher Thompson

Apologies – Colin Dunnet, Tom Louth, Dougal Burnett

Previous minutes review.

Proposed - Daniel Prince, Seconded - Martin Palmer

### **Vice Commodore . Jim Glass**

Chasing up insurance details.

EML – hoping dredging late April. Meeting Thursday with Forth Ports regarding “abandoned boats” on slip plus motorboat from Newhaven.

Question raised regarding Bathgates arrangements with Forth Ports, discussion ensued.

### **Dougal Burnett Rear Commodore**

Dougal away.

**Andy Sutherland Harbour sec.** Report as follows.

Discussions with Dougal and George M. regarding lift in.

Slings will be tested this week, checked crane appointment. Weather check closer to the date. Lift sequence plan available next week.

Three moorings still to service.

### **Treasurer Colin Dunnet report.**

Colin away but sent email – paste in here.

Apologies but I won't be able to make tonight's meeting.

Key points from me:

Income - more subscriptions received - £2,200

Expenses - main expenses are 6 monthly mooring rent paid - £7,638 and Trinity Bowling Club memberships - 2 x £200

Other

- will be issuing summer invoices shortly
- potential chain order?
- trailer discussion - ambivalent but will charge £30 plus membership if required
- scrapping of boats - not a club expense as owners responsibility to dispose of but will circulate Selene's cost for info

Discussion on disposal of Gusto and Rose, Martin will convey skip costs to owners.

### **Hon Sec. Andy Black.**

Nothing to report.

### **Sailing Sec. Tom Louth**

Tom away but sent email – paste in here.  
I don't think I'm going to be able to make it this evening.

The only thing I would like to bring up is that it would be good for me to publish the sailing programme on the website if there are no objections, and then draw attention to it in the next email that goes out to members.

I'm (hopefully) ready for the new member into session later this month.

### **Membership Secretary Daniel Prince.**

Not much to report.

Five membership subs are outstanding.

One potential new member didn't show up.

All set for new members meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, have RNLI leaflets for them. Will flag up meeting on Whatsap.

### **Social convener Jane Dixon .**

Joint events with RFYC :-

25<sup>th</sup> March Winter talk

Event with RNLI on 28<sup>th</sup> March was good with four attendees from FCYC. Email received from RNLI afterward to circulate. Pertinent finding :- 13 of 22 lifejackets tested were defective. Will circulate Youtube video of lifejacket checks.

New members event 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### **House convener Martin Palmer.**

Prep for Lift-in underway. Dumbo's antifouled, check drain plugs on Dumbo's and Luffy.

Andy Stampton will change oil on Dumbo, Andy Sutherland will oil change Luffy.

Trailers to be removed to allow crane access. Neville will move them in Wayne's absence.

Martin will email out about work parties.

Ian Dawson suggested we should update Risk assessments to include Luffy and Tinbo. Peter has a meeting with Forth Ports about this , Peter will update them.

Lack of access to slip if needed.Discussion ensued.

Septic tank emptying booked fro April.

Furling foil on Kyle's mast has been bent and owner is unhappy.

George M. wants to be on the Bell Block replacement committee when it is formed.

One more work party planned for this weekend.

### **Chris Thompson - Rowers**

Apologies for late text for handbook.

Happy with MOU, now includes four boats, happy to sign off MOU.

Discussion ensued on how to store MOU. Post to website like Cadets agreement.

Skip placement is also a problem for rowers.

Planning some "Spring into Summer events".

Martin talked about placement of rowers in middle of yard by main gate.

Discussion regarding jetwashing the slipway to remove weed and slippy surface.

### **John McLaren**

Nothing to report.

**Keil MacLachlan**

Nothing to report.

Discussion regarding skip.

**Andy Stampton**

Big Dumbo new rear seats done, will service this weekend.

**Commodore Peter Douglas.**

Sending pdf of handbook to Jim G to post on the website.

Handbook is at the printers, 275 copies for GBP700.

Bell Block replacement – go back to members with options. To try to get a decision , still looking at options. Peter and Martin met Rep from Containex, quote was circa 200k GBP.

Discussion of possibility of Keenan Bradley as a potential member, discussion ensued, representations about previous conduct.

Discussion of trailer storage for members, concensus was no.

Sea Lynx not going in, mast will need to be removed.

Forth Ports trying to arrange a meeting on risk assesments.

Questions about Rose – try to find a new owner, prior discussion regarding disposal. Martin P keen to know timeframe since it will be lifted onto Jester's cradle. Dicussion ensued.

**AOB**

**Next meeting 7.30pm Thursday 7th May 2026 in Bell Block ?**