

East Haven Together
Annual General Meeting 4th August 2021



Attendees

Ian Bancroft (Trustee)
Nicola Keen (Trustee)
Wendy Murray (Chair)
Willie Reid
Jack Reid
Grace Henderson
Sharon Cousins
Gordon Lumsdaine
Anne Bancroft
John Keen

Dick Kelman
Lynne Fotheringham
Andy Edward
Dareena Scott
Jack Scott
Lynne Groves and Lexi
Stan Beattie
Craig Lyall

Apologies

Christina Lyall (Treasurer)
Joyce Morrison
Rod McLeod
Peter Reilly
Jacquie Reilly
Toby Lipman
Christine Morgan
Carole McFadden
Jimmy Brown
Karen Andrew (Trustee)

NO	ITEM	ACTION
1	Welcome and Introductions. Apologies were noted as above.	
2	Minute of last AGM Minute of meeting held on 14th April 2020	
3	Matters arising from previous minute	
4	Report of the Lead Trustee was made by Wendy Murray and can be read in full at the end of this report.	
5	Treasurers Report Ian Bancroft presented the Trustees report on behalf of Christina Lyall. The report can be read in full at the end of this report. It is noted that a Company Tax return was also completed for the period 2019/2020 at the request of HMRC. There were no questions or issues arising from the Trustees report	
6	Election and re-election of Trustees Christine Morgan Trustee stood down in November 2020 creating a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. There was one new Trustee nomination from Craig Lyall. His appointment was proposed by John Keen and seconded by Nicola Keen.	
7a	Current Issues Flooding The cause of flooding in 2020/21 has now been established. Increased rainfall, broken field drains and a blockage in the culvert under the railway all combined to create the perfect storm. As a consequence, water poured down from the fields, onto the cycle path under the road and up into properties on both sides of the railway line. Rats also became a problem as a result. We are waiting for the outcome of investigations and liability for repairs. Angus Council have provided James Porter with a length of piping to support him to install a new field drain.	Willie, Ian and Wendy
7b	Sewage Pipe Worton Utilities have still to repair a damaged sewage pipe following the work they undertook in East Haven in 2020 to replace the mains gas pipe.	Wendy

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7c	<p>VETS and SCORDS</p> <p>The VETS number has been called on a number of occasions over the last year by both residents and by the emergency services. Several named drivers for the ATV have undertaken SCORDS training to enable them to support emergency services by driving the ATV during an incident. Named drivers are encouraged to maintain their skills by practising driving the ATV every three months. Refresher training can also be provided by John Keen or Andy Edward. We will try and get more named drivers signed up to SCORDS over the next few months as Covid restrictions ease. EHT was recently asked if the VETS service could become a first response for people contacting the Community Alarm service for assistance. Consultation has been undertaken with VETS Volunteers who are of the view that this would not be an appropriate or sustainable extension of the VETS service.</p>	Named Drivers VETS co-ordinators
7d	<p>Winches Project</p> <p>Supported by Co-op funding, work has been undertaken to restore the winches area near the boat yard. Mike of MWT Fabrications has made a great job of restoring the old winch on the dunes. Also a winch in the boat yard which has been donated by the Lyall family. This winch will be placed out on the dunes near its original position in late August.</p>	Trustees
7e	<p>RNLI Assessment - Water Rescue Equipment</p> <p>The last RNLI risk assessment in East Haven took place in 2015 when the need for water rescue equipment was deemed unnecessary. However, during 2020 there was a huge increase in people wild swimming and using the sea for various leisure activities. As a result, EHT purchased some water rescue equipment in May 2021, namely a lifebuoy and B rope from Co-op funding. The decision to site the equipment on the railings at the Heritage Point was made following consideration of several different issues. However, questions are now being asked about whether this is the most appropriate place to site it. EHT has taken advice and as a result the RNLI have agreed to update their assessment and decide on the best place for the equipment to be located.</p>	Trustees RNLI
7f	<p>Beautiful Scotland</p> <p>Beautiful Scotland will visit on Friday to see first hand the work everybody has undertaken over the last year. Maintaining the environment and amenity to the best condition we can as a community was one of the key actions identified in our Visitor Management Strategy for 2021. EHT has received many direct and indirect messages of thanks from people explaining how important East Haven has been to them during the pandemic. A copy of East Haven's Beautiful Scotland portfolio 2021 can be downloaded from the East Haven website.</p>	All
8	<p>AOCB</p> <p>a) Fencing Long Row</p> <p>Stan has been liaising with Network Rail who have committed to replacing the fencing which runs along the banking at the bottom of everybody's gardens.</p> <p>Network Rail have also committed to inspecting the line to assess the impact of rabbits and decide whether they require to take any action.</p>	Stan Peter

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8	<p>b) WWTP Concern was raised about a strong odour which appears to be emanating from the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) at Hatton. This occurs periodically and it has been noted to often occur at night and at weekends. The smell is so strong on occasions it causes some residents to feel nauseous. It was agreed that we would keep a record of any such incidents and these should be sent directly to Ian Bancroft.</p> <p>c) We now realise that a slurry spill which occurred on the cycle path on 21 July was actually leakage from some of the large slurry tanks at the Biodogester and is an incident which should have been investigated by SEPA. A valve was left open causing the toxic sileage to leak down through the fields and onto the path.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 8.45pm and Anne Bancroft gave a vote of thanks to the chair</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Records to be sent directly to Ian Bancroft</p> <p>Wendy</p>

East Haven Together AGM 4th August 2021. Report from Lead Trustee

This AGM marks a significant moment in these unprecedented times. Due to the massive efforts of residents and friends of East Haven the village has been restored once again after all the challenges of 2020. The last year has probably been one of the most difficult we have ever faced as a community and as a result 2020/2021 has probably been our busiest year. Without wishing to remind anybody of difficult times I think it is important to record some of the incidents which have occurred and the resilient response of the community.

Flooding from excess rainfall between August 2020 and April 2021 burst field drains, closed the cycle path and flooded properties. Residents pumped out water, undertook exploratory digging to expose old drains and brought together key stakeholders to investigate. This work remains ongoing though the cause of the flooding has been established.

A new gas pipe was laid in June 2020 which resulted in wide spread chaos across the village. Contractors cut off the mains water supply on two occasions, damaged the sewage pipe to the public toilets and decimated both wild and landscaped areas. SGN donated £500 to East Haven Together by way of apology for the impact of the works. Almost all the issues are now resolved and areas restored. However, Worton Utilities have still to return to repair the sewage pipe which remains partly collapsed.

The Sisters boat suffered excess wear and tear due to high visitor numbers and required extensive restoration in 2021. This was completed for the new season and looks beautiful in the community gardens once again. The small boat on the traffic island began to rot in 2020 and holes appeared in the sides. It was replaced with a fibreglass boat in November 2020. All the plants and bulbs were salvaged and re-established providing a colourful welcome to the village.

Residents have uplifted more than 3.4 tonnes of marine litter between Carnoustie and Arbroath since January 2021. We obtained funding from the Angus Community Prevention of Litter and Fly-tipping fund to contract with Geddes in Arbroath to remove a particularly heavy pile of ghost fishing gear from West Haven.

An inexperienced Council contractor created a hazardous situation with poorly cut grass verges on approach to the village. Residents therefore went out and cut the verges themselves improving safety for cyclists and other road users.

There were also five incidents of ordnance between April 2000 and January 2021.

The Emergency Services made good use of the ATV to assist in transporting equipment and personnel to the site. In July 2021 the Village Emergency Telephone number (VETS) was called twice in one week. Firstly by the coastguard and secondly to support a resident waiting for an ambulance

A huge increase in visitor numbers occurred in 2020 when lockdown was eased resulting in a number of negative impacts. As a result, residents worked tirelessly to try and manage problems and incidents as they occurred. Beach cleaning and litter picking was undertaken by several residents on an almost daily basis. As a result, EHT worked with a range of stakeholders and other communities to develop a Visitor Management Strategy for 2021. Angus Council installed a 20mph speed limit on approach to the village and double yellow lines to protect access. Funding for infrastructure improvements was obtained from NatureScot's, Green Recovery, Better Places fund. We opened the Wee Gallery much earlier in 2021 due to the huge lack of access to public toilets right along the coast. EHT has provided a highly valued public service not only to visitors but to delivery drivers, bus drivers and a range of workers out on the road. The Community Gardens and the Beach have been beautifully maintained bringing great pleasure to both residents and visitors throughout the pandemic. EHT has received messages and visits from people to thank us directly for the way in which we have provided such a welcoming environment during the hardest of times. A new East Haven web-site highlights what we do as a community and what we expect from others. New QR codes on our heritage boards link to the new website. We are both pleased and grateful that all our efforts appear to be paying off in 2021 as we have seen huge improvement across all areas. Our Beautiful Scotland brochure for 2021 provides not just a record of all our achievements but also a historical record of life in East Haven during the pandemic. Since September 2020 residents and friends have committed a minimum of 2136 volunteer hours with an economic value of £33,626. Every contribution and every action however small is valued and makes East Haven a more sustainable community and a good place to live and visit. I would like to thank everybody who has played their part over the last year in whatever role and all the Trustees who work so hard to achieve on the priorities of identified in our various consultations.

East Haven Together AGM 4th August 2020: Treasurers Report

The accounts for period April 2019 to 31 March 2020 were approved by Greg Davidson accountant on 03 November 2020. A tax return was also submitted at the request of HMRC but the charity was not liable for any payment. A full copy of the Trustees report can be downloaded from the charity page on www.easthavenangus.com

The accounting period was the pre-pandemic year and saw East Haven Together generate £25,059 through grants and donations. This included a grant from Angus LEADER and East Haven Land Consortium towards the ATV, a grant from Carnoustie Golf Links for the ATV storage shed, a grant from Sustrans for the Fisherman's Wood Carving and a grant from Angus Environmental Trust for removal of invasive species from the SSSI. The charity paid out a total of £24,963 in payment towards these grant awarded projects and other miscellaneous costs.

For a number of reasons, the financial position in 2020/21 is much more fragile. Donations in the public toilets have been reduced because people are not carrying money, John and Nicola have not been able to hold the Pop up Cafe as often due to restrictions. At the same time, we have had increased expense in terms of managing the public toilets so less money to spend on day to day running costs. This has placed the charity in a financially tight position in that we currently have no surplus funds whatsoever. We have been fortunate enough to become one of the Co-ops community groups in 2021 but this award will be made on the basis that it is spent on coastal projects. We need as many people as possible to become members of the Co-op and vote for East Haven Together as their community group. Finally, it should be noted that we have recently developed a QR code linked to a PayPal account which enables people to make donations electronically which might help to generate more income. We will also apply for further grant funding if opportunities become available.

The accounts for April 2020 to March 2021 will be inspected over the next few months and a report submitted to OSCR.