

**East Haven Together
Inaugural Annual General Meeting
26 April 2016 Station Hotel Carnoustie**



24 Attendees and 8 Apologies
Minutes taken by Sandie Wright, Trustee

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1	<p>Welcome and Apologies Members and guests were welcomed to the inaugural meeting of East Haven Together. Apologies were recorded as noted above.</p>
2	<p>Report from Lead Trustee A report from Wendy Murray, Lead Trustee is appended to this meeting minute. An overview of the main activities and achievements of the charity since it's inception on 23 July was made by power point presentation.</p>
3	<p>Treasurer's Report Ethel Aberdein and Dareena Scott, Treasurers, provided an overview of the accounts.</p> <p>Account summary 1 relates to East Haven Residents Association and covers the period ending 31st January 2015. This set of accounts has been independently examined and signed off by Greg Davidson, Accountant. Account summary 2 relates to East Haven Residents Association and covers the period 01 February 2015 to 23 July 2015. A total of £5,137.04 was transferred into the opening account of East Haven Together on 24 July 2015.</p> <p>Account summary 3 is the first full set of accounts from East Haven Together and covers the period 24 July 2015 to 31 March 2016. At the end of the accounting period on 31 March 2016 the balance was £1,001.32. Accounts 2 and 3 will be independently examined by Greg Davidson in June 2016.</p> <p>A set of accounts was distributed to East Haven residents who were members of the former East Haven Residents Association. These accounts were approved by Ian Bancroft and seconded by Derek Wright.</p> <p>Accounts relating to East Haven Together were presented to members present. Members were invited to contact Ethel Aberdein or Dareena Scott if they would like to examine the accounts.</p>
4	<p>Election/Re-election of Trustees Current trustees, Wendy Murray, Ethel Aberdein, Dareena Scott, Ian Bancroft and Sandie Wright stood down. Charles Gist, offered a motion to re-elect the trustees. The motion was seconded by John Keen and Rod McLeod.</p>
5	<p>Anti-social behaviour and the response of Police Scotland The anti-social behaviour problem at our public toilets and the response by Police Scotland was discussed.</p> <p>East Haven Together is awaiting copies of Police Scotland policies, procedures and associated documentation following a Freedom of Information request relating to the anti-social behaviour problem.</p>

	<p>Members felt strongly that East Haven Together should pursue a resolution to the anti-social behavior and offered support to the trustees to take forward any action deemed necessary. The trustees will keep members informed of progress.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Future Events It was highlighted that many of our future events centre around conserving biodiversity and one of the main events discussed was the BioBlitz partnership event taking place on 26th and 27th August. All information including an events calendar is available on the www.easthavenangus.com website.</p> <p>The wildlife photographer for the event will be Stephanie Wilkie who has been taking photographs of birds in East Haven throughout the winter months. Stephanie has produced magnificent photographs that in turn provide a valuable source of information.</p> <p>Suggestions for future community events and improvements: Over the winter months a survey was carried out to gain the views of residents.</p> <p>There was community support for petanque and members were delighted to hear from John Keen that Landmark (a contractor at Barry Buddon) has very kindly offered to donate resources for this popular game along with assistance to build a suitable surface.</p> <p>A yearly get-together event similar to the afternoon Big Picnic held last year was another popular suggestion.</p> <p>Other events discussed: A Bee Walk on 1st May, planting Kidney Vetch on 6th May and training on how to spot the rare Small Blue Butterfly at Barry Buddon on 5th June. More details on this and other events available on the website.</p> <p>Continuation of weekly gardening every Thursday followed by refreshments in The Bothy (although coming along at any time is welcomed).</p> <p>Offers to help to stain Eric's Bridge and to repaint the boat.</p> <p>The East Haven Marquette depicting the declaration of Arbroath was discussed. More information about it's future will be made publically available following 17th May 2016.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>AOCB Missing pet: Austin, a black male cat with tiny white tips on a few of his toes, missing from Tankerville Cottages. Please call 07894041452 if there are any sightings of him.</p> <p>It was announced that Wendy Murray had won Community Woman of the Year in the Women Ahead Community Business Awards and also noted that she was named Carnoustie Citizen of the Year 2015. There was spontaneous loud applause in appreciation for all her dedicated work and continual effort in making East Haven a better place to live and visit.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 8.30pm</p>

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Report from Lead Trustee**

Following consultation with residents our new charity, East Haven Together was established on the 23 July 2015 and East Haven Residents' Association was dissolved. Our charitable aims are built upon East Haven's own sustainability strategy which was updated in January 2016. The charity was established by 3 trustees, Wendy Murray, Ethel Aberdein and Dareena Scott and Ian Bancroft and Sandie Wright were co-opted on to the Board of Trustees in March 2016.

During the first three months of the charity being established the web-site was developed to ensure that as much information as possible is publicly accessible. For example, our constitution, various strategies and meeting minutes are all available for download. In addition, we have maintained a blog and Facebook page to keep people informed of our various week to week activities.

I hope that residents will agree that the transition from being a Residents' Association to a charity has been seamless and painless. All our activities and hard work have continued as normal but they are now carried out within a clear accountable framework which is recognised by outside agencies and funding bodies. Importantly, we are also inclusive of the many friends of East Haven who do not actually live in the village but spend a lot of time here supporting our aims and aspirations.

I would like to thank all members and charity trustees for their hard work and commitment to helping East Haven Together become established and achieve its charitable aims. I would also like to thank Greg Davidson, Accountant, for the work that he has carried out in support of our two Treasurers in what has been a very busy couple of years financially.

The following provides a summary of the main activities and achievements of the charity between July 2015 and March 2016.

- The charity was awarded Gold in the Beautiful Scotland Awards and the Best Coastal Village in category. Also the Jim Murdie Sustainability Award.
- At the end of the first year, managing and maintaining our public toilets we wrote an evaluation report. This was to enable learning not just for our own community but for other communities who might consider entering into a community partnership with their Local Authority to keep their public toilets open. A copy of this report can be down loaded from the 'wee gallery section of our web-site.
- Articles about the success of the wee gallery have appeared in national and local press and on BBC Radio Scotland. At the request of members, the toilets are now twinned with a latrine in Pakistan.
- During the later part of 2015 and early 2016 we were involved in Marine Spatial Planning workshops which looked at the needs of coastal communities and how marine planning impacts on them. In 2015 Scotland published its first Marine Plan and this provides new opportunities for communities such as ours to be involved in decisions which affect us. Two of our members made a presentation about the work carried out in East Haven to participants in Glasgow and also at Dundee

University.

- One of our members Alasdair Murray was successfully appointed to serve on Carnoustie Community Council. Alasdair is able to represent the views of East Haven as well as feed back information from the Community Council.
- We have delivered several presentations about the work carried out in East Haven to other interested community groups such as Rotary, Probus, Women's Guild, Friendship Circle and Embroiderers Guild.
- We have provided displays of our work at events such as the Beautiful Angus event and the Tay Estuary Forum. Members are travelling up to Aberdeen on 19th May to do a further display at the Beautiful Scotland event.
- Completion of the new cairn at the head of the cycle path in 2015 provided a secure base for donations to Mary's Meals. Last year Morag and Tom Tindal raised over £680 for the charity through provision of refreshments. Morag and Tom will be attending the Queen's Garden party in July in recognition of their work.
- Following up on work which we began in 2014 relating to the link between East Haven and Panmure Estate we have opened a new page on our web-site to provide more information about the important historical environment. East Haven Together has asked Angus Council to consider whether or not the estate can be considered for conservation status. We have made objections to the proposed Festival to be held in the grounds on the basis that it poses unacceptable risks to the historic heritage. Members visited the estate in February to walk view the various areas and see for themselves the wonderful monuments which were built by and for the Earls of Panmure.
- We have carried out beach cleans and undertook a major clean up operation in January following the floods. East Haven Together nominated Rod McLeod as the Keep Scotland Beautiful litter picking hero of the month. He was awarded this in February 2016. As a result of the wider work undertaken to improve the beach and general amenity we have applied for a Beach Award from Keep Scotland Beautiful.
- CatchmentTayLtd have donated four large hay rakes to assist us in our work on the SSSI.
- We have carried out a further consultation questionnaire with residents
- We have consulted with sea anglers about the problems we experience over the winter from irresponsible anglers. As a result we have written a leaflet incorporating solutions suggested by anglers themselves.
- Following our success growing herbs and vegetables last year we held two, Let's Cook and Taste events to help celebrate the Angus Food Festival in March 2016. These were very successful and we hope to hold further events during the winter.

In terms of looking forward in 2016 we will build on our bio-diversity and conservation work to inform future planning and environmental work. We are holding a number of small bio-diversity projects in the lead up to a Community BioBlitz on 26 and 27 August 2016. We are also participating in the Beautiful Scotland competition again

and helping celebrate their 50th anniversary celebrations. Other plans include the development of a community petanque course in addition to maintaining our gardens and carrying out further maintenance work on Eric's bridge and the boats.

Wendy Murray
Lead Trustee
East Haven Together