

**East Haven Together
Inaugural Annual General Meeting
03 April 2017 Station Hotel Carnoustie**



Present

There were 26 people present and 6 people sent their apologies.
A full list of attendees is available on file.

No	AGENDA ITEM
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies A welcome was extended to the second AGM of East Haven Together. Apologies were recorded as noted above.</p>
2	<p>Minute of the last AGM One omission from the attendee list was noted and the minutes proposed as an accurate record by Sandie Wright and seconded by Karen Brown</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Minute We are pleased to record that we have been very impressed by the work of two Angus Police Officers in response to our complaint. Inspector Steve Main and Sergeant Colin Echevarria have produced a policy based on learning arising out of the East Haven experience and which is now available to other areas of Scotland experiencing similar problems.</p>
4	<p>Trustees Report July 2015 – 31 March 2016 The first EHT Trustees report has been accepted by OSCR and was circulated at the meeting. It is also available for download on the East Haven website. Ethel Aberdein, Treasurer provided feedback on the report and thanks were recorded to Greg Davidson, accountant.</p>
3	<p>Lead Trustee Report Wendy Murray delivered a report which is appended to this minute</p>
4	<p>Election of Trustees The EHT constitution allows for six trustees and there are currently five; Wendy Murray, Ethel Aberdein, Dareena Scott, Ian Bancroft and Sandie Wright. Sandie Wright and Ethel Aberdein did not stand for re-election. The three vacancies were filled by; Christina Lyall; proposed by Alasdair Murray and seconded by Dareena Scott Nicola Keen; proposed by Sandie Wright and seconded by Stan Beattie Karen Brown; proposed by J Brown and seconded by Lynne Fotheringham.</p> <p>Wendy Murray thanked Ethel Aberdein for the many years she has served as Treasurer maintaining meticulous financial accounts. Ethel will continue for a period to assist in the transition and completion of last years accounts. Sandie was also thanked for her many contributions to EHT and her contribution to helping establish the charity and enabling it to grow into the successful organization it is today.</p>
5	<p>Defibrillator We are delighted that our recent crowdfunding appeal has raised an incredible £1,845. We will now apply for a grant to fund the remainder which will enable the community to access the VETS scheme.</p>
6	<p>Future Events A presentation was made highlighting the activities we have planned for the remainder of the year. Most of these are highlighted in the diary of events which is available on the web-site.</p>

1. Street Lighting. We were unaware that a committee paper was approved by Angus Council in November 2015 agreeing that the Council will no longer replace street lamps in need of major repair on unadopted or private roads. As a result, communities such as East Haven could eventually be plunged into darkness. There was no consultation on this issue and no consideration given to the communities that would be most impacted. This affects many communities in Angus in addition to some new housing areas. Action to include;

- Lobbying of new prospective Councillors on the issue with a view to taking a new paper to committee after the elections in May.
- Making all Community Councils in Angus aware of the issue.
- Asking the following question of the Council who now have a duty to empower communities and help make them more resilient – **How do we go about lighting our own streets?**
- We will support the work Stan Beattie is undertaking at the east pend to try and create some form of lighting. We can afford to spend up to a couple of hundred pounds out of funds but anything over that would require grant funding. The work Stan is undertaking will serve as a test as to how this issue might be resolved not only in this locality but elsewhere in the village.

2. Lifting of grass cuttings in-front of Torrie Park

People have asked if the Council could collect grass cuttings in-front of Torrie Park on a more regular basis. The Council have recently informed us that the cost of this service would be £35.56 per cut. It was agreed that this is excessive and not a cost the charity EHT can justify. We will ask if the grasses can be lifted prior to the BS judges visiting and rake it up ourselves on other occasions.

3. Airedale Terrier WW1 Memorial

The Airedale Terrier Club of Scotland are continuing to fundraise for the memorial which will be sited in our picnic area. Residents will go into Woodlands Primary School to involve the children with the project early next year. The Airedale Terrier Club will also hold it's BBQ in East Haven on 28th May which will be an opportunity to see many of the dogs and their owners.

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- We have submitted a grant to the Police charity, 'A Force for Good' to purchase an electric lawnmower and more litter picking equipment.
- The rota for grass cutting is now in place for the forthcoming season.
- We will hopefully hold a village barbecue in the summer months
- It was agreed to review the issue of access over the field for emergency vehicles. The animal feeding troughs have been placed so close to the gate that it has created difficulties for vehicles crossing.
- Christmas lights - Karen has agreed to run a cable from her house to enable the trees in Torrie Park to be lit with soft white LEDs. We will raise funds when we can to support the initiative this year. Health and Safety was raised re the cable. The risk is low but we will look at a system to protect/highlight the cable and seek support from neighbours.
- Ian asked for help to repair and paint the boats. Rod, Jimmy and Alasdair all offered assistance

The meeting was closed at 9pm

East Haven Together - Report from Lead Trustee

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Once again, East Haven has had another busy year taking forward initiatives to meet the aims of our charity East Haven Together. During the year April 2016 to March 2017, 39 out of 54 households (72%) and 21 volunteers from out-with the village made a contribution. As I have said before, people contribute in many different ways and it is this sharing of skills, talents, knowledge and time which really enables the charity to achieve so much whilst at the same time, bind the community together. Examples of the kind of contributions people have made include, delivering newsletters, gardening, fence staining, road repairs, stewarding, painting, DIY jobs, report reading and writing, maintaining the toilets and the dog stations, protecting and recording wildlife, managing the SSSI, boat repairs, beach cleaning, financial support/donations, cooking, baking, raising money for Mary's Meals, representing East Haven on the Community Council and generally taking pride in maintaining the village.

As a result of everybody's efforts, East Haven was awarded a 'Gold' in the Beautiful Scotland Awards, the Best Coastal Village Trophy and the Garden for Life Biodiversity Award. East Haven was also awarded the first community led beach award on mainland Scotland.

Other less known activities in which we have been involved over the period include responding to planning developments and public consultations such as the Anaerobic Digester plant, the Angus Shoreline Management Plan and Local Landscapes Consultation. We have also delivered a number of presentations about East Haven to other organisations and provided support and information to other communities. Our Facebook page remains popular with over 1,200 followers and we have over 3,200,000 hits on our web-site.

This wide range of activities gives testimony to the expression that the total is greater than the sum of the parts; in other words, no one individual or even small group of individuals could possibly achieve all of the above but by drawing on the contribution from those who support East Haven Together, not only do we enhance the village but we help to foster a great sense of community.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to all members, volunteers and charity trustees for their hard work and commitment during the year. In addition, I would also like to record our thanks to the individuals and organisations who made financial and/or volunteer contributions. These include the Angus Environmental Trust, CatchmentTay Ltd, Landmarc Services Barry Buddon and Scottish Water. Thanks also to Greg Davidson, Accountant for the work he has carried out in support of East Haven together and ensuring that we met the requirements of OSCR in the delivery of our first financial report.

Finally, I look forward to another exciting year in East Haven when we hope to further consolidate on our many activities. We have a few new initiatives and challenges facing us and we will discuss some of these in my presentation later.

Thank you for your continued support

Wendy Murray
Lead Trustee, East Haven Together