

**Chanonry Sailing Club**  
**Minutes of Main Committee Meeting**  
**7.30pm the Clubhouse**  
**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

**Present**

Mike Wilson (MW), David Finlayson (DF), Helen Jenner (HJ), Richard Jenner (RJ), Steve Bramwell (SB) Hanako Cameron (HC), Diarmid Hogan (DH), Peter Illingworth (PI) Janet Witheridge (JW), Mairi MacLeod (MM), Donnie McLeod (DM)

**Apologies**

Alan Hardie, Tim Lloyd

**1 Minutes of the 23/04/15 Meeting** were approved without change

**2 Matters Arising**

- a. Dinghy park update- AH – to be left on agenda for next meeting
- b. Clubhouse Update- Report tabled prior to Meeting by DM.

The Committee agreed to go ahead with the replacement of the Clubhouse balcony support which is rotting from the base. **AH has been contracted to do the work.**

Further work to freshen external and internal paintwork of the Clubhouse also approved in principle- Action: DM to obtain estimates from 2 contractors and discuss further before or at the next meeting if possible.

HJ pointed out that some of the internal painting could be done by members on a voluntary basis to reduce costs.

**3 Reports from Sections- all sections had tabled reports before the meeting and these to be included in the Minutes. Discussion points arising from reports are documented below.**

**Treasurer (DF)**

**a** The Clubs financial position is healthy for this stage of the season despite the cost of repairs to RIBs/ sails etc incurred.

**b** There was general agreement that an alternative to Caley Marine should be sought to service and repair the RIBs and outboards. Caley are relatively expensive and not always readily available with high call out charges. **Action RJ agreed to explore alternatives.**

DF pointed out that in view of ongoing problems with Beaulieu RIB we are likely to be faced with the decision to purchase a new RIB sooner than expected.

There followed a discussion on the relative merits of refit vs replacement. RJ had thought this through and felt there was some merit in purchasing a third RIB to ensure two working RIBs are always available, particularly as the RIBs do not command good second hand prices and are still relatively "young" ( Ness 2007, Beaulieu 2010).

Other options include purchase of a Pioneer rigid workboat which can double as a safety boat ( DH), however there is no doubt that RIBs are superior. The possibility of a smaller RIB was also considered.

**Action RJ and DH to do option paper for RIB vs Workboat replacement/ addition for CSC.**

### Membership Secretary (HJ)

The pattern of new and leaving members is as expected and there are currently no concerns. A welcome addition is in the growing numbers of associate members joining for the Rowing and its hoped many of them will try sailing as well.

### Harbour Master (PI)

- a. All essential maintenance work ( delayed this season by adverse weather) has been completed.
- b. The Moorings Lease will need to be renewed for 2016 and PI has been discussing the legal position with the lawyer who drew up the current Mooring Lease.
- c. While most mooring fees are paid promptly, some members have not yet paid even on the run up to the crane out. The rules state that fees are due within one month of annual renewal notice and it was felt that this should apply without exception.
- d. Members who have not paid should be made aware that the use of the crane out facility is dependent on full payment of mooring fees and they will face having their boats towed into the harbour but not craned out otherwise. **Action PI- endorsed by Committee**
- e Oil Spillage Plan (DM)

Donnie informed us that the full Regulations on Oil Spillage do NOT apply to CSC/ Fortrose harbour, however it was agreed that as a responsible Club we should have a Contingency Plan and sufficient equipment to contain any of the minor spillages that could occur when people are working on fuel driven boats eg Cruisers/ RIBs.

This will involve the purchase of 40 m of Oil Spillage padding at around £100 cost as well as a basic prominently displayed permanent notice in the Clubhouse displaying action to be taken in the event of spillage and location of the equipment. **Purchase and plan approved by Committee- Action DM**

- f **Crane Out Dates are Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

### Sailing Subcommittee HC

Hanako outlined the situation regarding Club and Open events held during the Season to date. Surprisingly few races have had to be abandoned due to generally very poor weather, but while attendance at open and special events had been good, Club Racing and the Friday Social Sailing seemed to be attracting small numbers this year.

In common with other Clubs, getting people to volunteer for duties , particularly Race Officer, was an ongoing problem and one which the club had previously tried to address by offering free training sessions for interested parties. It is hoped that new members will agree to become involved in more essential activities within the Club, obtain training and put it into practice.

### **Safety in Club Sailing Activities**

MW had chaired a small Group meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August requested by HC in response to some on the water safety issues arising over the season.

Following discussion, the following recommendations had been made which relate to ALL Club races:

1 The Race Officer will conduct a Safety Briefing for Competitors and Safety Boat crew before going on the water.

2 The Safety Brief will include details of what to do if weather conditions deteriorate .The Brief will include the Safety Cover Area- particularly for non racers who may stray outwith the race area

3 It is the responsibility of the safety officer for the race to brief non competitors

4 RIBs will carry 2 working Radios, one of which will be equipped with a remote speaker to ensure that communications are audible above engine/ wind noise

5 In the event of abandonment due to any cause, all safety Boats will sound 3 long blasts on a whistle/ horn, this being the signal for ALL boats to return to shore. The signal to be repeated till all boats are aware and taking action.

6 Safety Boat Crews must read the RIB logs before taking either RIB out to ensure they are aware of any possible faults recorded and moreover must log any new faults detected in service.

7 Sailors should be asked to wear high visibility colours on the water particularly in strong winds where drab colours may be obscured by waves.

### **Actions**

1 2 more ICOM M73 Euro Radios with remote speakers to be purchased from GF-- **Action DF**

2 proceedings of the safety meeting to be incorporated into the operating procedures for races on the website and a mechanism for conveying the new rules to members devised—**Action MW**

3 High Vis Clothing Colours – recommend to members at next newsletter.

### **Training Report RJ**

There were no points for discussion relating to the detailed report tabled.

JW asked if CSC is involved in teaching Sailing to Fortrose Academy pupils as she understood that some sailing activity was on offer from alternative sources.

RJ stated this was not currently offered ( although there is a link via the Sea Scouts) but he would look into it. There are potential logistical challenges if large numbers of youngsters wish to try sailing as the club has limited capacity in a busy training schedule and is not set up for large numbers.

### **Cruisers DH**

There has been a poor turnout of local boats for the CSC regattas and its hoped that this will improve as the season draws to a close.

Crane out dates confirmed ( above)

### **Rowing Skiff MM**

There has been a steady and growing interest in rowing from both Club members and people from the surrounding communities following a successful Open Day event. Several new members have joined the rowing section and competitive and social rowing are increasing in popularity. The demand for rowing is starting to outstrip what we can offer with one boat( see below). The whole venture is proving successful.

At recent regattas it was clear that there are strong team building efforts encouraged within the Skiff community including paraphernalia such as team tents and flags and kit. The committee approved the purchase of a CSC flag and Mairi will approach the CSC clothing company to get the rowing logo onto club clothing for members to purchase.

DM confirmed that the kit had arrived for the second skiff and building is due to commence in October with a lot of interest for this as an activity over the winter. He expected that there would be fund raising activities over the winter.

### **Social and Catering JW**

The following points were discussed:

Closer communication between event organisers on the water and the catering team is desirable so that hot food can be available as people come off the water and to get a better idea of numbers to cater for.

The need for more volunteers to help with catering duties ( please contact Janet if you can help out.)

Proposal by JW to run Social events in the Clubhouse over the winter was supported by all and suggestions for themes would be welcome. This would include fundraising for the Skiff build.

### **Bar Licence**

JW stated that it has not proved viable to maintain a stock of alcoholic drinks in the bar as they often have to be sold off or used free when they go out of date. In addition the income from the bar was not covering the Licence cost. Committee agreed that unless a good income was predictable for any given event, no bar licence would be applied for and the default would be one of BYOB unless otherwise agreed.

### **AOB**

1 Richard Evans had requested the club **purchase more racing pennants** to replace the existing rather worn flags. **Action: SB requested Richard Evans to go ahead with purchase**

## **2 PVG Forms – deadline for submission of clearances to the RYA early October.**

MM emphasised need to get all paperwork complete and she and RJ agreed to meet with the relevant instructors at 1pm on 3/10/2015. **Action MM and RJ**

## **3 Phantom Bank**

PI proposed a permanent yellow coloured buoy be purchased and set to mark the increasingly large mussel bank to the north of the harbour entrance. The existing white one was not suitable as a hazard warning. Agreed **Action: PI to purchase and lay suitable buoy**

## **3 Additional Club House work.**

1 PI noted that the gable end loft access door is leaking and needs a waterproof solution/ replacement.

2 PI suggested that we install a suitable pulley arrangement to allow heavier items to be loaded to and from the loft space- **he would devise a suitable solution and discuss with DM**

3 Race Office redesign

It was agreed that the race office is a poor front room for the club- shabby and in need of redesign with additional storage space built in. A suitable task over the coming winter.

Action : **suggestions to Donnie who will draw up a plan.**

## **4 Harbour History Display**

RJ requested permission to contact the original suppliers of the permanent outdoor posters on the Club house walls as these had disappointingly faded in a relatively short time since installation.

It was agreed that further information should be sought with a view to replacing these displays and querying the quality of the originals. **Action RJ**

## **5 RNLI/ Open Day**

HC Reminded the meeting that we should discuss the aims and format of the RNLI Day with a view to deciding what does and does not work. The secretary apologised for the omission of this as an Agenda item which he had meant to include and all agreed that formal discussion should be arranged.

DH pointed out that the arrangements for the Cruiser regatta had not worked well and felt that this event should not be held on the Open day next year.

It was agreed that a great deal of effort goes into organising this event and while we provide a venue for the RNLI ladies which seems to generate charitable funds, the activities we provide for the public and for our members are not fitting well with that.

One success this year was the number of people who tried out rowing in Chanonry Maid- resulting in an uplift in rowing members. RJ pointed out that taster sessions for sailing would be more challenging to organise and would need to be disconnected from full RYA training courses. Neither of these activities were particularly good at generating funds for the RNLI.

It was agreed that further discussion should be held at Main Committee after the AGM and that ideas and volunteers should be sought from club members about how to take our contribution to RNLI fundraising forward for 2016.

**6 Date of AGM Friday 27/11/15 7.30pm-** item for discussion at next committee meeting.

**DONM Wednesday 28/10/15 730pm**

## Treasurer's report September 2015

1. Membership:- membership subscriptions have continued to accrue and, while many have been at the reduced rate of associate membership plus rowing, the maintenance of new members across the age range is to be welcomed.
2. Open events:- both the Laser championships and Regatta generated modest surpluses from entry fees and catering. It is difficult to separate the real outturn due to inability to accurately determine things such as fuel costs and the fact that entry fees appear as cash in the caterign box and via cheques and PaypAL. In spite of lower regatta numbers than historic highs these events remain financially viable.
3. Exceptional items:- There have been several exceptional items requiring unplanned expenditure but these have all been dealt with at no significant detriment to the overall financial position.
  - a) Torn Tera sail. A Tera race sail was torn during capsized recovery. Although repairable, an executive decision was made to seek an insurance replacement. The council policy again showed its worth with claim settled within three weeks. It was also decided to repair the old sail as a spare but the delay in returning it made the replacement decision the correct one. The cost to the club was £100 excess plus £82.40 for the repair.
  - b) Hand held VHF:- continued problems with the "new" VHF's not holding charge led to a pre-regatta decision to buy three new iCom radios at a total cost of £503.96.
  - c) RIB repairs:- RIB maintenance seems up to date but there was a gearbox repair for £125.40 required on Ness and tube deflation may be an issue.
  - d) Grenville's Sail:- this event was held in the beach café in Rosemarkie at increased cost over Helen Robinson hosting it at home. It was therefore agreed to contribute £200 from club funds. Committee should consider the future support of this event before it is included in the sailing calendar.
4. Second rowing skiff: The kit for this has been purchased at a cost of £1441.20. There is already a donation of £1000 towards this and we have received a further donation of £100 towards the build. I assume that there will be a commitment to a further trailer but at present this activity poses no threat to club finances but seem likely to boost income via new memberships.
5. Moorings invoices for craning and maintenance are being paid more promptly than lift out fees and at present only three lift/maintenance fees are outstanding but there are still two overdue Crown estates fees pending from last year – these may be a write off.

The overall situation therefore is satisfactory with a balance of just over £40,000 in the bank.

David Finlayson  
Treasurer

## Membership report for CSC Main Committee Meeting 1 September 2015

Total membership numbers are up by about 12% compared to the situation at the start of this subscription year.

The increase is mostly due to new junior memberships for juniors who joined specifically to come to dinghy training. A good proportion of these have continued and attended Dolphins sessions. The other main cause of increase is the new category of Associate plus Rowing with 6 new individual members.

I have not listed individual names as joining dates are listed in Dutyman.

I am also taking and saving "snapshot" downloads of the Dutyman membership database and a running document of members who leave with the date as we are required under our constitution to maintain a record of members who joining and leave the Club with the relevant dates.

Helen Jenner  
Membership Secretary

## **Harbour and moorings report for CSC Main Committee Meeting Sept 2015**

### **Moorings**

Throughout the season there have been enquiries as to availability of moorings and of space for winter storage. Some boats have left due to sale or relocation we have also seen an uptake of moorings by new members.

Due to poor weather and contact difficulties etc. all essential works on the moorings and ongoing maintenance have been dealt with but there remains some diver work required and the diver to be paid (£500.00) for his works.

Under the terms of the Mooring Holders Lease liftout should fall after Sept 30th. However, with a view to the unsettled weather this year I am looking to arrange this towards the end of September and am sending out emails to mooring holders seeking their approval. This will also enable me to start diver works while seabed conditions remain workable. The Spring inspection of the lower moorings risers, while replacing the inner trot upper chain risers, indicated that works maybe necessary this winter.

I have had a meeting with the solicitor who drew up the moorings lease (Joe Duncan) in which we reviewed the existing lease and discussed possible arrangements for the continuation of mooring agreements; the current leases expire on 1st Nov 2016.

### **Harbour**

Throughout the season the green wheelie bin has frequently been overflowing. I will ask the council to install/supply an additional one.

An ongoing leak on the harbour tap and underground toby has required a new underground stopcock and tap to be fitted however the ground around the tap remains very wet due to several hosepipe splits near the tap fitting and many users do so without a hose attached. Some form of adequate drainage will need to be installed.

Both slipways have had considerable weed growth this year. Next year I will look into using a spray specifically intended for keeping slipways clear in addition to physically scrapping them.

A number of people have commented on the group of kids who 'hang out' at the end of the harbour during the summer. On occasion some have tried to throw club equipment into the harbour, they also leave a lot of litter. There seems little we can do about this except install a litter bin at that end.

Donnie Macleod has looked into oil spillage containment and we now have a clear view as to what we should have in place.

**Matters to raise**

Liftout dates

Harbour mooring

Oil spillage containment

# **Sailing Report September 2015**

## **1. Club Series Races**

Despite the windy and wet weather, club racing was attended regularly. Some races on Wednesday nights were more likely cancelled due to the weather and the poor participations.

Sunday afternoon races were popular and regularly participated. There was a new feed from Champs (junior training) which now takes place in Sunday mornings. Many thanks to both new & old race coaches.

## **2. Friday Social Sailing**

Friday Social Sailing (7 sessions from 3rd July to 14th August) was participated by regular members and the average number of participants was 3. Due to lack of participants, 3 out of 7 sessions were cancelled.

## **3. Sailing Events**

Following events were successfully completed. Many thanks to all the volunteers and the SSC members who organised the events for the club:

-21 June: Club Championship with 12 participants (6 participants in 2014);

-4 July: Nessie Trophy with 6 participants (10 participants in 2014);

-5 July: Ness Cup with 12 participants (17 participants in 2014);

-18-19 July: Scottish Laser Championship with 25 participants including 10 club members: 12 x standard rig, 12 x Radial rig, 1 x 4.7 rig;

-25 July: Grenville's sail (a lot of participants); and

-1-2 August: Chanonry Dinghy Regatta with 26 participants including 14 club members: 4 x fast handicap, 7 x slow handicap, 15x handicap (20 participants in 2014).

## **4. Duties**

Our club has a chronic shortage of duty officers: especially both Race Officers for the club racing and Principal Race Officers for open events. In order to tackle with this trend which is said very common in any sailing clubs, regular support or training for duty officers (ROs and SOs) is strongly recommended.

## **5. Safety in the club sailing activities**

A meeting is scheduled on Monday 31 August. The SSC members and some of the committee members were invited. Safety in the club sailing activities will be reviewed.

This report was prepared by Sailing Secretary, Hanako Cameron on behalf of Sailing Sub Committee.



## TRAINING REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETING 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

There are **no training items requiring a committee decision.**

The training season is firmly behind us with just Sunday morning 'Champs' scheduled for a few weekends although there is scope to run some more power boat training should there be demand.

It's been a busy summer and despite the 'all or nothing' weather, we've lost remarkably few days off the programme. I've listed what we have done below for the record but before that **I'd like to highlight 4 areas where we could have done better.**

**First**, it's proven impossible to meet all the **demands for adult dinghy training.** This is partly because the various adults enquiring couldn't make the programmed dates nor extra dates that were offered in August and partly because I wasn't available for the 2 weekends in June that were suitable for some adults and could only find a SI to cover one weekend. As a result we offered Level 1 only. Since the course we've offered extra time on a Saturday and a couple of evenings which has advanced the adults to almost Level 2.

**Secondly**, the club **uptake for powerboat training has been poor.** We've only issued 3 CSC members with PBL2 and we only had 2 members on each of the safety boat skills refreshers and no requests for more of these.

**Thirdly**, the **uptake for the 2 evenings of RO training** (the evenings were stand alone and both or either could be taken – each covered different aspects) **was disappointing** with only 5 attending each evening including Hanako who was there more to help than participate.

**Fourthly**, Richard Evans could not manage Thursday evenings this season for coaching (normally Champs) and by popular demand, Champs displaced Race Team on Sunday mornings and I understand that Kevin Holiday agreed to run Race Team on some Thursday evenings but as far as I'm aware this has not happened.

The **delivered training programme since our last meeting has been** (NB I think one of the Champs sessions was cancelled and we lost one Dolphins to the weather):

Date	Activity
<b>April</b>	
24/25/26	HMS Open Race Training with Adam Bowers
28	Dolphins #1
<b>May</b>	
3	Champs #1
12	Dolphins #2
17	Champs #2
19	Race Officer Course Module #1
21	Race Officer Course Module #2
26	Dolphins#3
29	Taster session for 11 <sup>th</sup> Ross-shire (1 <sup>st</sup> Chanonry) Scouts
30/31	Robin Paris coach the coaches
31	Champs #3
<b>June</b>	
9	Dolphins#4
13/14	Adult Dinghy L1
14	Champs #4
23	Dolphins#5
27	Topaz conversion for Adult L1
28	Champs #5
<b>July</b>	
7	Dolphins#6
9	Evening Topaz instruction for adults
11/12	Safety Boat Course
13 – 16	Junior Stage 1
21	Dolphins#7
26	Champs #6
27 – 31	Junior Stages 1/2/3
<b>August</b>	
9	Champs #7
11	Dolphins#8
11/12	RCL2
23	Champs # 8
25	Dolphins# 9- last

We have issued the following **certificates** this year:

## Dinghy

Number	Name	Date	Certificate
1	Joe Hince	14 June	Stage 1
2	Andrew Hince	14 June	Level 1
3	Michael Blackburn	14 June	Level 1
4	Marvin Fullerton	14 June	Level 1
5	Katherine Waters	14 June	Level 1
6	Evie Rowlands	15 July	Stage 1
7	Emily Rowlands	15 July	Stage 1
8	Lucy Rowlands	15 July	Stage 1
9	Jamie Martin	15 July	Stage 1
10	Rosie Martin	15 July	Stage 1
11	Ben Martin	15 July	Stage 1
12	Astrid Fraser	28 July	Stage 1
13	Gabby Fraser	28 July	Stage 1
14	Anna Campbell	28 July	Stage 1
15	Alex Campbell	28 July	Stage 1
16	Alexander MacLeman	28 July	Stage 1
17	Jamie Martin	29 July	Stage 2
18	Rosie Martin	29 July	Stage 2
19	Ben Martin	29 July	Stage 2
20	Fin Davidson	29 July	Stage 2
21	Finlay Jack	30 July	Stage 2
22	Finn Mantle	30 July	Stage 2
23	Jamie Martin	31 July	Stage 3
24	Rosie Martin	31 July	Stage 3
25	Fin Davidson	31 July	Stage 3
26	Oliver Bull	31 July	Stage 3
27	Finn Mantle	25 Aug	Stage 3

Plus 31 taster certificates issued to Chanonry Scouts 29 May

## Powerboat

### PBL2

Number	Name
1	Cathy Higginson (Loch Broom SC)
2	David Maxwell (Loch Broom SC)
3	Michael Connor(Loch Broom SC)
4	Michael Blackburn (Chanonry SC)
5	Oliver Lloyd (Chanonry SC)
6	Phil Dagnan (Chanonry SC)
7	Anika Watkins (Nairn SC)
8	Matthew Scott (Nairn SC)

## Safety Boat

Number	Name
1	Thomas Hardie
2	Natalie Dunton
3	Magnus Henry

**The RYA Inspection is still outstanding.** The inspector has been in touch recently after a long silence and we are trying to agree a date although in my opinion an inspection after the training season is nugatory.

**Lastly**, the training fleet has held-up fairly well with just some minor breakages apart from damage to a Tera Pro sail that occurred during club racing. The junior involved became separated from his boat in windy conditions with significant waves and the boat inverted. The junior was recovered promptly to the safety boat which then recovered the inverted dinghy and prop damage to the sail was evident; the crew believe this occurred when the boat was inverted and the boom was moving under water. The Treasurer's report details the costs involved in replacing & repairing but I've issued revised guidance that except when directed by a SI or coach, it's a condition of use that mast head buoyancy is fitted to the club Teras or club/sea scout Topaz.

Richard Jenner  
Training Principal



## **Cruiser Report – 1 September 2015**

### **The season thus far**

In a word DISAPPOINTING.

Meteorologically the wind has seemed to be either full on or full off. However for those with a mind to get out there on the water there has been some reasonable sailing to be had.

On the competition front participation by Chanonry boats in organised racing has been minimal. Our annual regatta on 4 July attracted only 3 club entries and whilst we did comprise 50% of entrants on the day the lack of interest is disappointing. Hopefully attendance in the BICC on 12 September will surprise me!

Levels of cruiser participation across all the local club events (regattas and MYA series) has been mixed ranging from a low of 6 at CSC regatta up to 13 at CBC regatta.

### **Items for meeting**

- Confirmation of crane out dates
- Plans for leasing/renting of trot moorings when current leases expire in 2016.

Diarmid Hogan  
**Cruiser Liaison**

## **Rowing Report**

Rowing is becoming increasingly popular in the club and I am now running two sessions a week on Thursday and Friday nights. Club members have also been organising day trips to Avoch and Rosemarkie throughout the summer and the Maid joined the fleet for a very enjoyable Grenville's sail/row. During the summer we attended both Ullapool and Shialdaig regattas and a great time was had by both new and established club members. We will be holding a gathering of rowing skiffs on Rosemarkie beach with Avoch and Helmsdale on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September and members of the public are invited to come and have a go. I am also planning an event to mark a year since the Maid was launched on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

At the moment, our rowers are mainly senior ladies who want to row for pleasure and exercise. We do not have access to a large pool of very committed rowers like Avoch so competitive racing is not a priority at the moment. Hopefully this will change as more locals get involved. For now, I am happy that the club is gaining more members through rowing and it is encouraging more people to get out and have fun on the water. Our new rowers are enjoying it immensely and always express their thanks at the end of each session and leave with smiles on their faces.

Successful rowing groups such as Avoch are run by a team of committed people with various roles and responsibilities – not by one individual alone. With this in mind I am going to start asking for volunteers to share the load e.g. dealing with publicity, organising regatta trips, updating the calendar etc. We already have some very enthusiastic beginners who have expressed great interest in the new build and are willing to lend a hand.



## Social and Catering Report for the Committee Meeting 01/09/2015

It has been a busy first season for me!

Events where catering was provided since the last meeting are as follows:

- HMS Sail Training - 24 / 25 / 26 April;
- Club Championships - 21st June ;
- Cruiser Regatta / Ness Cup - 4th / 5th July;
- Scottish Laser Championship - 18th / 19th July;
- Dinghy Regatta - 1st / 2nd August;

Still to come:

- BICC - 12th Sept

Problems encountered include:

- finding volunteers to help or cater - I have a small but efficient team of volunteers but would like more people to draw on. Is there any way to involve the parents of the younger sailors even if they are not members?
- knowing how many to cater for and finding out rough timings. Some of this will be inexperience but I would welcome closer contact with event organisers.

So far all catering has been for sailing events. I would like to branch out into some social events. I have discussed the idea of themed buffet evenings with Gillian. Would the Committee support this / have other ideas / suggestion of dates that might work.

We have a new cleaner who seems to be doing well.

I would like to discuss the bar as I have failed to make sufficient profit to cover the licence fees to date. I expect this has been raised in the past. Perhaps it should be seen as a service to members rather than a profit making opportunity.

Options are to:

- not apply for a licence and allow people to bring their own;
- have a licence and put the prices up dramatically; or
- have a licence and accept that there is likely to be a loss.

#### Clubhouse report

The central support to the clubhouse balcony is showing signs of significant rot therefore we have instructed Alan Hardie to replace as soon as possible.

While carrying out inspections of the building I think that it is beginning to look just a wee bit shabby. I would seek the committees guidance on this matter. My own view is that we should seek an estimate to carry out painter work to the windows, balcony and internal doors.

#### New skiff update

The new kit has been delivered to Avoch community centre and it is intended to start construction at the end of September/ early October. It is intended that we try and raise funds for the build to reduce the effect on the clubs finances.

Donnie McLeod

30 August 2015