

East Haven Together  
Annual General Meeting  
30th August 2023. Panbride Church Hall



**In Attendance**

Sheila and Alan Proctor,  
Isabelle and Jerry Forteath  
Misha Trojanova,  
William Reid,  
Nancy Don,  
Ruth and Guy Walker,  
Joyce Morrison,  
Lynne Fotheringham,  
Emma Forrester,

**In Attendance**

Audrey Ross  
Jacquie Riley  
Peter Reilly  
Elisabeth Martin  
Carole  
McFadden  
Dick Kelman  
Charles Gist  
Stan Beattie,

**In Attendance**

Anne & Ian Bancroft  
Grace Henderson  
Alasdair Murray  
Christina Lyall  
Craig Lyall  
Karen Andrew  
James Brown  
John & Nicola Keen.  
Wendy Murray

**Apologies**

Jack Reid  
Gary McFadden  
Stella and Andy Edward  
Lynzi Duncan  
Dareena and Jack  
Rochelle Neal  
Grieg Forrester

NO	ITEM
1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b> 31 people were warmly welcomed to the first AGM held indoors since the pandemic. Everybody introduced themselves which was good as we have several new members.</p>
2	<p><b>Minute of last AGM</b> The minute of the last AGM was approved by Nicola Keen and seconded by Christina Lyall.</p> <p><b>Matters arising from previous minute</b> 7.9 It was noted that East Haven had brought the Rosebowl to Angus for the first time in its history. 8. On a sadder note we had to remove Eric's Bridge following the decision made at the last AGM. The bridge was no longer safe or repairable. We will always remember the joy of building it and the fact that the late Eric Duncan opened it himself. A video of the bridge building is retained on the web-site.</p>
4	<p><b>Report of the Lead Trustee</b> Wendy Murray provided a brief report which can be seen at the end of this meeting minute. The report was brief because there was a long presentation later in the meeting highlighting the work of residents going right back to the 1990s.</p>
5	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b> The Trustees report was circulated prior to the meeting. Christina Lyall, Treasurer then gave a summary report which can be seen at the end of this meeting minute.</p>
6	<p><b>Election of Trustees</b> The six Trustees (full compliment) stood down as usual prior to the AGM. (Lynne Fotheringham, Emma Forrester, Jack Reid, Christina Lyall, Nicola Keen and Wendy Murray). As there were no objections or other nominations for Trustee roles they were subsequently elected to stand again. This was proposed by Charles Gist and seconded by James Brown.</p>

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7	<p><b>Presentation - East Haven 'Then and Now'</b>  A lengthy presentation was made with the aim of providing context and background to a lot of the activities which take place in East Haven in 2023. The presentation started in 1214 but quickly arrived at work which was carried out by both current and former residents in the 1990s and early 2000s. The first significant consultation with residents began in 1992 and it was interesting to note that many of the same priorities which existed then still exist today. Peter and Wendy represent East Haven on the Angus Communities Resilience Forum. The presentation was able to illustrate how the activities we undertake now have helped to make East Haven a good place to live and visit. Although 40 out of 49 possible households make some contribution we are very reliant on the support of the wider Angus community and on grant funding. EHT has brought in more than 1/4 million pounds since 2014.</p>
8	<p><b>AOCB</b>  <b>Next Beach Clean</b>  Lynne informed the meeting that the Great Angus Beach Clean has now evolved to become the Great East Coast Beach Clean. The East Haven beach clean will be held on Saturday 16th September at 10am at the Heritage point.</p> <p><b>Network Rail</b>  Stan reported that the Network Rail Maintenance Team have been round to look at the embankment at Long Row. New fencing is required. Residents on the seaward side are waiting for the publication of a report which has the potential to make crossing of the railway line easier</p> <p><b>Safe Path up to Scryne</b>  Those at the meeting thought it would be a good idea if we could try and do more to facilitate the building of a cycle/walkway up to Scryne. It was agreed that we would try and give this work some priority.</p> <p><b>Diary of Events</b>  It was thought that it would be helpful to have a diary of events posted somewhere so that people could check to make sure that they aren't missing anything. We used to have one on our old web-site and will set up a page on our new site shortly.</p> <p><b>The meeting closed at 8.30pm</b></p>

### **Report by the Lead Trustee - Wendy Murray**

I would like to extend a really warm welcome to everybody to the first AGM we have held indoors since before the pandemic. I would particularly like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new residents members and friends.

The past few years have been difficult for everybody but we have worked really hard as a charity to continue to carry out work in pursuit of our charitable aims which in summary are to; conserve and protect the environment, wildlife, heritage and meet the needs and interests of people that live in and around East Haven. Thats not always easy in a small village when there might be conflicting ideas about what those priorities should be which is why our Sustainability strategy is really important. It helps to guide all our work and ensure that everything we do meets not only local and national priorities but global sustainable goals.

In the last year we have undertaken multiple projects including completing on the refurbishment of the public toilets, installing solar powered lights, replacing the railings in the car park as well as caring for gardens and the marine environment. We are also representing Scotland in the coastal entry for Britain in Bloom and we will find out what we have achieved on 23 October.

Living in East Haven is a great privilege for all of us. It can be challenging too which is why we have our own resilience plan and are part of the Angus Community Resilience Forum. We share this beautiful place not just with our neighbours but with visitors and with wildlife. As we have a few new members and residents I am going to use the presentation to reflect on life in East Haven 30 years ago and the events which brought us to develop first a Residents Association and then a charity. Before we do that I want to thank the Trustees and members for all your support

throughout the year. Everybody brings different skills, interests and abilities and it is those differences which enables each person to make a positive difference. Every action counts!

The report was followed by an extensive presentation.

### **TREASURERS REPORT 2022-2023**

A copy of the Trustees report was circulated prior to the AGM.

With a difficult year due to the cost of living crisis I am able to report the following for 2022-2023.

Income            £29,960.17

Expenditure    £37,307.03

Leaving a total of £2,774.77 to take forward for the period 2023-2024.

We do have specific yearly costs which include....

Defibrillator and Vets reserves    £611.37

ATV Insurance 2024                    £400.00

Public Liability Insurance 2024    £260.00

Accountant                                £400.00

Even with the above expenses we are pleased that we are in a better financial position than at the start of 2022-2023 with a starting balance of £2347.75 moving forward.

We received specific grants totalling £26,960 covering the continued refurbishment of the toilets with replacement windows and floor coverings.

The replacement of the railings within the car park area and associated costs required for the maintenance of the gardens.

We also received total donations of £3368.00

It should also be noted that we do hold assets as a charity with most of this value being our All-Terrain-Vehicle.

We have also a number of items within our contingencies shed for major incidents i.e power outage, enabling a point of contact and equipment being available for all residents in East Haven.

Our accounts are independently examined by Accountant Greg Davidson and have also been submitted to OSCR. If anybody has any questions we will be pleased to answer them.

All the trustees are continually working together to enhance the area of East Haven and work hard in securing grants in order that essential works can be carried out. We can see from the amount secured that this was an exceptional achievement in these difficult times.