

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE, NEWTON FERRERS ON  
THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**

Members

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| * Mr M J Oates– Chairman | * Mr D Southwood -Vice Chairman |                  |
| * Mr R Carter            | * Mr D Drought                  | * Mr J Endicott  |
| * Mr T Holway            | * Mr D Hussell                  | @ Mr J A Leonard |
| * Mr M Mears             | * Mr A Matthews                 | * Mr A A Tubb    |

\* Mr R Dearn – Harbour Master \* Mrs H Phillips

\* Mr R Read – Harbour Master

*\*Denotes attendance @ Denotes apology for absence*

**39/17 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed to be accepted by Dermot Drought, seconded by Rodney Carter and unanimously approved.

**40/17 MATTERS ARISING**

Byelaw 8 – The advert was placed in the Western Morning News on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. The deadline for objections was 09-06-2017. The cost of the advert was £177.

YYC – the posts for the YYC to use to put their advert on the pontoons are being adapted so that signage can be hung from them at a cost of about £80.

David Southwood sent a letter to Admiral Clink of FOSA, copy attached.

Yealm Steps – A meeting was held with Simon Friend the new owner of Yealm Hotel to discuss access. It was suggested that a subcommittee is formed to look into this. The following agreed: Dermot Drought, Rodney Carter, Tony Tubb and Andrew Matthews. It was suggested that the first step should be to approach an engineer to find out what options are available. Dermot Drought said that he would approach John Hart at County Hall to see if we could use their in-house engineer. It was suggested that if we could make it a disabled access we may be able to get funding. It was then agreed that we should contact Ros Davies and arrange a meeting with her to look at the ways forward. Martyn Oates to forward email address.

**41/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **42/17 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **Profit and Loss report**

**Sales** - The annual Harbour Dues are coming in as expected and are currently £42,961. The mooring license income is more or less as predicted. The visitor income is currently £2,149.

**Overheads** - The dues to the accountants have been paid this month a fee of £3204. There were a few other incidentals outgoing but nothing of significance.

### **Balance sheet**

Santander Current A/C £8,922  
Santander Reserve A/C £44,122  
Barclays 10 Day Notice A/C £36,850  
Allocated reserves £38,353 (£75,204 held in Barclays A/C)  
Nationwide Building Society £85,000 1 year .65% interest

### **Cash flow**

Cash flow – The VAT has been changed to an annual basis and a monthly standing order will be paid at a rate of £1,460 go out from July to December at £1,460. Any over payment will be refunded at the end of the year. The cash held at the end of the year is up on forecast to £180,922 but a bit early for any certainty.

## **43/17 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

Visitor figures to date are 351 compared to 327 last year, up 24.

24/04 – James Baldwin put a new fan in the public toilets and replaced part of the shower fuse board to meet current regulations.

27/04 – New safety ladder fitted to main pontoon.

16/05 – A refresher course was held in the office on the Defibrillator well attended by committee members, assistant HM's, staff and public. It was recommended an annual refresher.

The HM asked if the Authority would pay for some new oil skins to replace the ones he provided when he first started here. It was proposed by Andrew Matthews and seconded by Rodney Carter he should replace them on a like for like basis.

The HM finished by saying how much he had enjoyed his job as HM and hoped that his successor enjoyed it as much, and ended with some amusing experiences in his time here.

## **44/17 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Newton and Noss – a report has come in that the footpath at Cellars Beach has given way and should be reported to the relevant organisation. It was suggested that we approach Ros Davies who would be able to provide us with a definitive map detailing who is responsible for what.

Yealmpton – Nothing

Brixton – Nothing

Wembury – Nothing

#### **45/17 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

The Chairman thanked Bob Dearn the current Harbour Master for all his hard work over the years and wished him a happy retirement. To show their appreciation the committee felt that he should take two weeks paid leave and be available should the new HM need to ring to ask for help. He then welcomed Bob Read as the new HM.

#### **46/17 REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING**

A member of the public asked that we review our rules on mooring on the pontoon at Yealm steps so that all painters are at a minimum length. Although the authority could understand his concerns it was felt that this wasn't the solution. The main problem being too many dinghies and so it was agreed that no changes would be made.

The access route to the harbour at Yealm steps was raised again. This is something that the authority are currently looking into.

Car Parking on Yealm Rd is an ongoing issue. We have applied for an access protection grid to be painted at the top of the steps for emergency vehicles and to enable people to stop temporarily but not park and are waiting for this to be done by South Hams Council.

#### **47/17 AOB**

Nothing

#### **48/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017** in the Harbour Office, Newton Ferrers at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**

