

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN NEWTON AND NOSS VILLAGE HALL, NOSS  
MAYO ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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*

**30/17 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of 16<sup>TH</sup> March 2017 were proposed to be accepted by David Southwood, seconded by Dermod Drought and unanimously approved.

**31/17 MATTERS ARISING**

An amendment to the Bylaws to enable us to increase the mooring fees if necessary after the rent review in 2018 has now been given the go ahead. Andrew Matthews proposed that we apply the Authority Seal to the amendment, it was seconded by Tony Tubb and unanimously agreed. Copies will be forwarded to the Department of Trade and then an advert will be placed in the Notices section of the Western Morning News.

The Yealm Yacht Club have asked if they can put signs on the visitor pontoons welcoming visitors to the club. Two stainless steel posts have been sourced which the Authority will ask for a contribution from the Yacht Club to erect and they will pay for their sign to be made.

Royal Marines – after the incident at the end of the meeting last month, Rear Admiral Clink, Flag Officer Sea Training, has written a letter of apology, copy attached. Andrew Matthews proposed that we acknowledge this letter and say apology accepted. David Southwood agreed to do this.

**32/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

John Leonard as a mooring holder representative has been approached by a mooring holder in Noss Creek to complain about kayaks hitting his boat moored there. Although the Authority understand his concern this has already been addressed and we can find no way forward. It was also suggested that a lot of

these kayaks will be being used by children and we do not want to be seen to discourage that.

### **33/17 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **Profit and Loss report**

**Sales** - Income from Harbour Dues and mooring licences in line with expectation. No visitors yet as only up to the end of March.

**Overheads** - The payroll has now had a new line added to include the new Harbour Master. Outgoings included the quarterly rent, annual insurance and a few sundry items.

#### **Balance sheet**

Santander Current A/C £13,609  
Santander Reserve A/C £54,117  
Barclays 10 Day Notice A/C £39,701  
Allocated reserves £35,503 (£75, 204 held in Barclays A/C)  
Nationwide Building Society £85,000 1 year .65% interest

#### **Cash flow**

Cashflow – General expenses were slightly up on projection mainly due to a new internet router. Invoices are outstanding from Yealm Moorings for work done on the river. The bottom line at present is up on predicted to £189,276.

### **34/17 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

The HM welcomed Bob Read as the new HM who joined us from Sutton Harbour on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. This should have been Bridgend Relaunch day but it had to be postponed. They are currently working through the various elements of the job both afloat and in the office. We are very lucky to have him on board and the HM hopes that he enjoys the job as much as he has.

Visitor fee collections began on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, and with 121 BN we are already 25% up on last year.

The new Harbour guide has now arrived, prepared by Lyndsey Brown of Signpost Magazine as usual.

10/04 – Lift in went well in good weather.

19/04 – YEMG meeting. Attended by several of the committee members. Discussed the problem of Pacific Oysters and their efforts to contain their spread. Also discussed the Bio-Security plan, driven by Nigel Mortimer. The only practical input that the Harbour Office may have appears to be a reporting point for suspected invasive species, then to be passed onto someone else. There is to be a training workshop in June to help in the identification of Non Native Species.

Devon and Severn IFCA reported some success with the prosecution of Shane Barton who is serving a 15 month sentence. They are currently working through their Bylaws, having just finished the netting Bylaw, moving onto leisure fisherman and hand collection.

**Their HOTLINE number is 07740 175479.**

The Dye Testing was again delayed and is now scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

There will be a refresher course on the use of the defibrillator at the Harbour Office on the 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10am for anyone interested.

### **35/17 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

None

### **36/17 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

None

### **37/17 AOB**

A member of the public asked if the sand bar had changed shape over the winter. The HM thinks not and has photographs in the office should anyone want to look.

### **38/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be held in the Harbour Office on Thursday **18<sup>th</sup> May 2017** in Noss Village Hall, Newton Ferrers at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**