

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN VILLAGE HALL, NOSS MAYO ON APRIL 16TH
2015**

Members

* Mr D Drought – Chairman	* Mr M Mears	@ Mr D Hussell
* Mr R Carter	* Mr A Matthews	* Mr D Southwood
* Mr A A Tubb	* Mr J A Leonard	@ Mrs S Cooper
* Mr P Fellows	* Mr M J Oates	

* Mr R Dearn – Harbour Master @ Mrs H Phillips

**Denotes attendance @ Denotes apology for absence*

32/15 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

33/15 MATTERS ARISING

1. **Insurance:** The premium for the commercial combined insurance reduced slightly as a result of a reduction in the cover for Bridgend Quay.

35/15 CORRESPONDENCE

1. A request has been made to put a 32' boat on the edge of the recreational area at the entrance to Noss Creek. It was felt that this is too big for the area and would have an impact on the Gigs and dinghy sailors.

36/15 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Profit and Loss report

Sales. We are approaching our budget figures on our Harbour dues and mooring license fees.

Overheads: - Repair and Maintenance for the month was £1220.28. This included a bill from Phil Carter for work carried out last year to chains at the Brook and various work at Bridgend and amounted to £919.80. Inspection of our Fire Extinguishers £110.44, purchase of tools £119.98 and a payment to SLR of £54 for moving a block at the Brook.

Sundry expenses were for hiring the hall for the meeting £20 and a contribution to the Regatta Fireworks of £25.

Balance sheet

1. The balances of the accounts to date are: Santander Current Account £86,368, Santander Reserve account £24,649 and the Barclays 10 day notice account £87,419. Concerns were voiced that we currently have over the protective limit in our Santander Account. It was suggested that we revisit this in June and see if it is necessary to set up another account.

Cash flow

The insurance premium has now been adjusted to £6963 and moved to be paid in April. The rent payment has had to be moved to May, as our cheque was returned by the bank. They were not able to tell us why this was and we are waiting for it to be returned to find out.

37/15 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

- 19/03 – Bridgend relaunch – all went well in ideal weather.
- 21/03 – Andrew Beveridge organised the harbour clean up – very low tides so plenty of rubbish collected.
- 01/04 – Started collecting the dues from the visitors. Boat nights currently 110 compared to 111 in 2014!
- 09/04 – YEMG meeting – a new Eelgrass project has begun between Looe and Weymouth with part of the funding coming from a Lottery grant of £474k, which was then match funded. They are looking at the Biodiversity of the area. Jules Florey from SWW provided data on consented discharge performance which was well under the limits.
- 14/04 – the BBC were filming in Noss Creek.
- 15/04 – SWRPA meeting – they reported that mooring waiting lists are falling in both Harbours and Marinas. Concerns were being voiced that the RNLI has been launching their boat without first liaising with the HM of the area. Some incidents were already being dealt with by the HM and all their staff are then called away for RNLI duty.
- 15/04 – Dave Spiller reported seeing a sewage slick near Axworthy steps at about 1630, so it would have come from upstream. This was reported to the Environment Agency, although no other reports have been received.

38/15 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Nothing

Brixton – the first phase of the Sherford development has begun with an initial build of 650-700 houses. All drainage is supposed to be going to Billacombe Creek, with a pumping station at Vinery Lane double rising to drains in Plympton. This should not therefore impact on the Yealm.

Newton & Noss – Nothing.

Yealmpton – Nothing.

39/15 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Nothing to add

40/15 AOB

1. RNLI lockers – these are now installed but just need the key rings sourcing before they can be used.
2. Risk Assessment – David Southwood asked what has happened about this. The HM explained that he has someone in mind to ask and will arrange as soon as possible.

41/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be held on **Thursday 21st May 2015** in the Harbour Office, Newton Ferrers at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman