

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON MAY 15TH 2014**

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*

Alan Winton talked to the meeting on behalf of Boatwatch. He asked if it was possible for the Insurance for Boatwatch to come under the Harbour Office policy. He also asked if we would take over administration of the security kits that boat watch have purchased. A member of the committee pointed out to Alan that they did not feel this would be appropriate in either case.

**30/14 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**31/14 MATTERS ARISING**

The question of liability for a defibrillator attached to the office wall was looked into, and our broker said that provided we did not own the machine or maintain it then there is no issue on the insurance. Further investigation needs to be done before it can be installed.

**32/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A thank you letter was received from Boatwatch for our contribution towards their insurance.
2. Newton Parish Council wrote requesting that we contribute towards the repairs to Pope's quay. It was agreed that we go halves on the costs.
3. A letter was received from Andrew Beveridge covering a number of different points in relation to Kitley moorings. He felt that Kitley mooring holders should be entitled to half the visitor fees from their moorings. Secondly that someone coming in and sub-letting a mooring off someone else for a limited period should be able to pay harbour dues and not visitor fees. He asked why the RNSA were treated differently, and that he felt the harbour was not run for the benefit of all the harbour users. In response to the first point regarding visitor fees Kitley mooring owners are treated the same as the Harbour authority mooring owners, both pay us Harbour dues and we have access to their moorings in their absence ( Kitley owners can opt out of this ) and it was not felt that this should change. It was agreed that in the case of a short term Kitley sublet annual Harbour Dues could be paid instead of visitor fees. The RNSA mooring has been established for a long time when there was a lot less pressure on moorings, and finally we try and be as fair as possible in our handling of all river users. A response will be sent to Mr Beveridge by the Chairman.

**33/14 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Profit and Loss report**

Sales – Bridgend quay Dinghy Park has currently brought in £750 against the budgeted figure of £800. Visitor fees are currently £2245.83.

Overheads – Our accounting bill from Franklins amounted to £2724. Repair and Maintenance total £2896. This includes £2400 for repairs to Yealm Quay, £96 for lifting boats on Bridgend quay after the storms and £400 for green rubbish bags.

**Balance sheet**

1. The balances to date are: Santander Current Account – £71,942, Santander Reserve account £9,576 and the Barclays 10 day notice account £86,351.

#### **Cash flow**

The income for May was slightly ahead of projection.

We still await various invoices for the launch's antifouling and the cost of repairs to the quay at Bridgend so an amount has been carried forward into May to cover this. The year-end closing balance is predicted to be down to £94,500 after taking into account unbudgeted repairs to Bridgend quay.

#### **34/14 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

- Quite a busy Easter weekend which included a rally from RWYC. BN's are 360 compared with 231 last year.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April work began at Bridgend quay.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April began concreting the slipway at Bridgend ran out of concrete twice which meant the job took a little longer than predicted.
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – Tarmac-ing Bridgend. Again ran out of materials and had to have second load delivered. Small patch not finished until about a week later.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April – YEMG meeting. Nigel Mortimer has been working on signage for Yealm quay and drafts have been prepared for our approval.
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – Natural England are carried out a survey by canoe and foot of the river looking for invasive species.
- May 3-4<sup>th</sup> – busy bank holiday weekend with westerly owners rally, River Dart YC race and River Dart YC rally.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – 3 or 4 boats dressed overall motored up to Bridgend and back as a memorial to Michael Verity.

#### **35/14 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Wembury – Have recently given the go ahead to install two defibrillators in their parish.

Brixton – Absent.

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report

Yealmpton – Nothing to report

#### **36/14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Nothing to add

#### **37/14 AOB**

None

#### **38/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**