

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE WI HALL, NEWTON FERRERS ON APRIL 19th 2012**

Members

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| * Mr R Carter – Chairman | * Mr M Mears     | * Mr P Gough   |
| * Mr D Drought           | * Mr A Matthews  | @ R Watts      |
| @ 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 – Office Administrator  
\* Denotes attendance @ Denotes apology for absence

**01/12 MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 21st APRIL 2012**

The minutes of the last annual meeting were approved.

**02/11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I would like to thank the Harbour Master Robert Dearn and his assistants, and our office administrator Helen Phillips for all their hard work over the last year.

Mooring Waiting List – Bob and Helen have worked hard since September sorting out the waiting list. As a result 9 'A' moorings, 6 'Bs', 9 'Cs' and 7 'D' moorings have been allocated so far this season. A total of 31 moorings.

Pontoons – The new replacement visitor pontoon for the pool has now been completed and has been in use from the beginning of 2012 season.

Training - Helen has done a computer based training course in bookkeeping and has now passed her exams.

Visitors 2011 - The visitor season started OK in 2011, with fine weather but deteriorated in the middle. A fine end to the season meant that once again we were able to reach our budgeted boat night numbers.

Financial - Our Finances continue to be healthy, having paid for the new pontoon and maintaining our contingency fund of 50% of our annual turnover.

I would like to thank the committee for their support in the last four years as I now step down as chairman, and I wish all the best to the new chairman and my continued support.

**03/11 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011**

Richard Franklin presented the accounts for 2011 to the meeting. The returns were slightly up on the previous year mainly due to increased visitor income.

Although the new pontoons arrived on the river in this accounting period they were not installed and therefore tax allowances cannot be reclaimed until next year. As a result the corporation tax will be just over £12,000 for 2011. As from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 annual investment allowances will reduce from the current level of £100,000 to £25,000 and therefore any purchases from that date will receive relief more slowly.

The bookkeeping on Sage has improved after the initial teething problems of the new system. Helen also completed a course, which helped. The accounting charge as a result is down this year.

#### **04/11 OPEN FORUM**

1. Andrew Beveridge asked how much International Paints raises in revenue to the authority. It was pointed out that their bill is around £3,500 a year. He felt that it would be far more economic to replace their moorings with 'A' moorings charged at a commercial rate thus reducing the waiting time to get an A mooring on the river from the current 15 years. It was pointed out that due to the rocks beside the pontoon in the pool only one or maybe two 'A' moorings could be installed. It was also said that one cannot just remove existing businesses from the river just to increase moorings capacity for leisure users.

#### **05/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

John Leonard proposed that Dermot Drought become the new Chairman, this was seconded and unanimously agreed.

#### **06/11 ELECTION OF VICE – CHAIRMAN**

Suzie Cooper proposed that Martyn Oates become the new vice chairman, this was seconded and unanimously agreed.

#### **07/11 APPOINTMENT OF BANK**

It was proposed by Rodney Carter after consultation with the Harbour Master and Office administrator that we continue to use Santander Bank; this was seconded and unanimously agreed.

#### **08/11 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

John Leonard proposed that we continue to use Messrs Franklins Ltd as our accountants this was seconded by Martyn Oates and unanimously agreed.

#### **09/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

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**Chairman**