

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE NEWTON FERRERS ON JUNE 20th  
2013**

Members

* Mr D Drought – Chairman	* Mr M Mears	@ Mr P Gough
* 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*

**30/13 MINUTES**

The Minutes for April were agreed.

**31/13 MATTERS ARISING**

1. The First Aid Kits have now been purchased, one for the launch and one for the office.
2. The changes to the Byelaws have been advertised in the Western Morning News. Provided no objections are received to the changes, we should hear from the DfT in about 3 weeks.
3. A request was sent to Santander bank for a view only online banking service, we have not heard back from them yet.
4. The meeting with the IFA to discuss our pension requirements has been put off until the autumn when it will be quieter in the office.

**32/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Peter Hall has sent in a letter saying that they have found access to funds for local projects and could we suggest any. It was suggested that we write back thanking him but saying that we have no projects in mind at the moment.
2. The Harbour Master has been in correspondence with BT, Western Power and Trinity House with regard removing the markings showing their cable crossings. Most have not existed for many years, which has reflected badly on us with Trinity House's inspections. Due to the positioning of the cables in a no anchoring area and the fact that they have never caused a navigational incident the Harbour Master was asking if anyone had any objections to him trying to have them removed from Trinity House inspection list. Yealm Yacht Club and the parish who have no objections. It was agreed by the committee that he should try and get this done.

**33/13 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Profit and Loss report**

1. Nothing of note under sales.
2. The account for IT has been amended to read Training and IT, and the £300 cost of the First Aid training was then added to it. Under repair and maintenance £400 is for the rubbish bags and £30 for the cost of the repair to Yealm steps lights. Under advertising the Bylaws advert was £303.88.

### **Balance sheet**

1. Under Fixed Assets the final payment for the retained monies to Walcon for the Visitor Pontoon has now been paid of £1232.
2. An amount of £30,000 has now been transferred to the Santander reserve account.

### **Cash flow**

Income: the figure for June has now been reduced by around £2k to reflect the suspected reduced visitor numbers.

Expenditure: We have assumed that we will have to pay back the refunded business rates and entered the amount in the August figures but there is a possibility that we will not have to.

Despite income figures being down the cost of our overheads are also down so our closing bank balance is not far from projected.

### **34/13 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

- Visitor numbers - Boat nights are currently 891 down from 1026 last year.
- 27/05 Sewage leak was reported between Voss and the Brook. The next day Tony reported that the EA have investigated and that they felt that it was a joint problem. SWW were going to investigate with jets and a camera.
- 24/05- visit from the police asking if we had any information on the alleged assault on the owner of a small motorboat moored up to Pope's Quay on the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> May. Two youths apparently left the pub and assaulted the individual.
- 25/05 – Lorna Sherriff from the National Trust did a litter pick via kayak accompanied by five or six kayaks and a rib.
- 29/05 Boat Watch:- Will Mumford contacted us to report that he had seen 3 nets on Newton side from last house to just above Shallowford creek.
- 3/06 – New Top mark- Philip Carter and Robert Dearn, the harbour master, erected the replacement marks over Cellars Bay.
- 5/06 Man lost overboard in Wembury Bay. He had fallen from the Yacht 'Sylphida'. Female on board set off red flare. It was later confirmed that a local man, Jo Uleweicz had found the body near the Mewstone and he was later confirmed dead.
- 6/06 Trinity House visit – for our annual inspection and the possibility of having various marks disestablished was discussed – see earlier.
- 7/8/9/06 Yawl Nationals – this event went off without a hitch in some very fresh winds.
- 10/06 Illegal netters – these were spotted by Duncan McPherson on Boat watch. He reported that there was a net strung across the mouth of Newton Creek from the Yealm steps pontoon out into the creek. He notified the police of a registration number of a car that he felt was suspicious. An outboard was also stolen from a boat on Bridgend quay.
- VAT – Franklins have written back to HM Revenue querying their figures.
- Rates – It looks like a rateable value £13,750 at 05/07/2013 has been settled on. With 0.462p in the pound payable, it means annual rates of £6,348, compared to £3684 in 2011. It does not look at the moment like they are going to backdate this. Vickery Holman has asked for an interim payment of £750 plus VAT.
- Byelaws - The advert went into the Western Morning News on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. They then have to be available for inspection until 24<sup>th</sup> June. Any objections must be in by the end of

June. Assuming that there are no objections we should receive signed Bylaws in 3-4 weeks. The DfT suggests that we should allow six months for any future changes.

- Walcon – The 5% retainer for the faulty visitor pontoon has now been paid. The usual 1year guarantee has now been extended to 5 years and 7 years for the concrete deck.

### **35/13 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Wembury – Nothing to report

Brixton – Nothing to report

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report

Yealmpton – Nothing to report

### **36/13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Nothing to add

### **37/13 A.O.B.**

1. Tommy Taylor, on behalf of the yacht club, asked if we could give a free night for French visitors for the Treburden race. It was agreed that they should be given free berthing for the length of their visit, and that they should give us a list of the names of the yachts.
2. Paddle boarding – John Leonard asked if the question of paddle boarding and canoes be put on the agenda for September to discuss what can be done about them. It was suggested that we ask other harbours what their approach is.

### **38/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**