

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 15TH 2012**

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*

67/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

68/12 MATTERS ARISING

No Matters Arising.

69/12 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Verbal request. Mark Wilson has asked that ownership of mooring A69, where his mooring barge is moored, be transferred to ‘Yealm Moorings Ltd’. This company is owned and operated by Mark Wilson and Tom Longhurst. The transfer will ensure that as Mark takes more of a back seat operations can continue efficiently with Tom having use of the mooring. The request was approved with the proviso that should the company cease to exist or cease to operate under the ownership of Mark and/or Tom, ownership of the mooring would revert to Mark Wilson. In effect ‘Yealm Moorings Ltd’ cannot transfer ownership of mooring A69 to a third party, nor can it be sold to a third party without either transferring the mooring back to Mark or surrendering it.

70/12 BUDGET

1. Following the Budget Sub Committee meeting on 22nd October a draft budget was circulated to committee members. The budget was considered balanced and took a worst case view of potential liabilities on rating etc. Subsequent to the circulated draft budget we have learned that the expected increase in rent will not go ahead and the next rent review will be 1st January 2018. Approval of the budget was proposed by Tony Tubb, seconded by Martin Mears and passed unanimously.

71/12 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Profit and Loss report

The period column under Sales shows a few negative figures, these are refunds on moorings that were subsequently re-allocated and paid for by the new owner.
The visitor fees for the month were £2130.

Under the Overheads column the Repair and Maintenance figures were mainly the new Spit Buoy at £532 and South Hams rubbish collection at £454.

Balance sheet

1. The debtors figure of £1680 is mostly accounted for by 5 owners still to pay £1400 for Bridgend Winter Storage.
2. Santander reserve account – £5000 was transferred to the current account.

Cash flow

1. Pretty much as expected given poor visitor numbers in October.

72/12 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

1. Visitor numbers – Boat night numbers end the season at 3679 compared to 4539 last year.
2. Thefts - A Horseshoe Lifebelt and bracket was stolen from Kitley vessel 'Chantelle'.
3. Docking Solutions – 8th November David, Rodney, and Robert visited the new pontoons to inspect them. They have now been epoxy painted and some have been decked. The hardwood fendering is now fitted. Subsequent to the visit David suggested additional fendering for the hammerhead. This is now being costed.
4. Pump Out Facility – Talk of the pontoon led to a discussion about re-instatement of the pump out facility. It was decided that as it had not been used since installed seven years ago and due to the extremely limited demand (one request in the last year) we would not re-fit the pontoon equipment. However should demand be felt to increase reinstallation would be fairly straightforward as the pump is in place and improved pontoon equipment could be sourced.
5. Trust Ports – A meeting will be held in the RWYC on 29th November, Robert, Rodney and David will be attending.

73/12 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Nothing to report.

Brixton – Nothing to report.

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report.

Yealmpton – absent.

74/12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

It was mentioned in general discussion that Warren Point ferry landing repairs are fully funded so no input would be required by the RYHA.

75/12 A.O.B.

Canoes/ Kayaks/ Paddleboards – The consensus of opinion seems to be that although harbour users suffer a small inconvenience from individuals and small groups of paddlers it is large groups where some gentle regulation is required. It was suggested that large groups should contact the Harbour Office in advance of any planned trips so that clashes with other groups could be avoided. It was decided at this stage not to charge paddlers although this remains a possibility for the future. This subject is to be revisited in the future.

76/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday 17th January 2013** in the Harbour Office, Newton Ferrers at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman