

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON April 19th 2012**

Members

* Mr D Drought – Chairman	* Mr M Mears	* Mr P Gough
* Mr R Carter	@ Mrs R Watts	* Mr A Matthews
@ 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*

**30/12 MINUTES**

An amendment was made to the Matters Arising point 2, in the March minutes to read “he was given assurance that all sewerage treatment for Sherford will be dealt with using pumping stations to treatment works at Plympton Marsh Mills.”  
The minutes were then passed.

**31/12 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Quay – Thanks to Suzie Cooper we have now received an email giving us permission to repair Yealm steps quay. The question of future ownership of the quay still needs to be resolved.

**32/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ian Kennedy has written asking us to consider a partnership arrangement between himself and Adam Booth for his new boat Zest. The navy have posted him away during the week and it will enable better use of the boat. Both individuals are resident and it was felt that it was a genuine partnership and Andrew Matthews proposed and Rodney Carter seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

**33/12 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Profit and Loss report**

1. Berthing and Maintenance – it is interesting to note that despite offering two free nights on the quays if booked the revenue has increased quite substantially.
2. Bridgend Quay – In 2011 there was a total of 28 boats booked to go on the quay as opposed to 15 for this year. This has been affected partly by the Yacht Club no longer needing the six spaces that they have booked in previous years. We have already reduced the cost from last year but we have to bear in mind the quay is very tidal.
3. Harbour Launch – this is showing a credit balance as a result of the fuel rebate that has been reclaimed this year amounting to over £500.
4. Postage – this is significantly higher because we have bought extra stamps prior to the price rise.

### **Balance sheet**

The fixed assets now include the new main pontoons, which have now been paid for.

### **Cash flow**

1. The total expenditure for March was £52,966 as against the budgeted figure of £6946, the difference being the timing of payment of the rent and the new pontoon and installation.
2. Various members of the committee commented favourably on the new layout of the cash flow and it was agreed that this should now replace the old format.

## **34/12 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

1. The Harbour Master began his report by thanking Rodney Carter the outgoing Chairman for his help. He felt that without him his first year as Harbour Master would have been much harder and his depth of experience and background knowledge had been a great help to him.
2. Pontoons – The pontoons have now been partly paid for – £1500 has been retained pending satisfactory inspection by Walcon next winter. They have also agreed to extend their guarantee period to 5 years. New safety ladders have now been fitted to both ends of the visitor pontoons.
3. A new starboard hand buoy 'Office' has now been attached in the pool to give a clearer indication of the fairway.
4. Outhauls – have now all been tagged including the ones on the Wembury side. They are numbered up to 239 but we estimate there will be about 250 in total by the time individuals put out their outhauls for the summer and interim a's and b's are allocated.
5. UK Border Agencies – visited the office. Informed us that they may be renamed UK Border Force. They have a new general telephone number dial 101 and then ask for them. Should you need to ring them on a marine related crime they are able to issue crime numbers for insurance purposes and mention Project Kraken and it will be logged on a marine crime central database.
6. Bridgend relaunch went ahead as scheduled on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. All went smoothly with Shore store doing a great job as usual.
7. Fire Extinguisher – the annual inspection was carried out on the 28<sup>th</sup> March.
8. Harbour Guide – Lindsey Brown has once again produced the guide in a similar format to recent years.
9. Visitors – have started to arrive, we have had a fairly busy Easter weekend but it tailed off as the weather got colder and windier. Boat nights currently stand at 156 as opposed to 166 last year (which included some RNSA visitors) so we are very much on a par.
10. Mooring A7 and A79 - the Harbour Master made a request that A7 be made into a fourth visitor mooring, to give more space to the increasing size of visitor yachts, and that A79 be kept for use by visitors with small vessels and ribs. It was agreed that he could proceed with this.

### **35/12 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Wembury – with regard the Wembury steps, Dermot has been in further contact with John Hart who is going to suggest to Councillor Mumford that the repair work be carried out. The structural engineer that accompanied Dermot on a visit to the steps suggested that if the steps were encased in a metal frame and then concrete filled this would solve the problem. The issue of ownership is an ongoing one.

Brixton – nothing to report.

Newton & Noss – The increasing problem of canoes and paddleboards especially launching on mass at Noss Hard was raised. It was suggested that because it is a commercial venture we should charge a fee for launching to perhaps encourage them to launch elsewhere. It was felt that this would not resolve the problem in the long run and that individuals on the committee who knew the owners of the business should approach them and request that they show more consideration for other river users.

Yealmpton – Absent.

### **36/12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Nothing to add.

### **37/12 A.O.B.**

No other business.

### **38/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May** in the Harbour Office, Newton Ferrers at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**