

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 17TH 2011**

Members

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| * Mr R Carter – Chairman | * Mr M Mears     | * Mr P Gough    |
| * Mr D Drought           | * 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*

**89/11 MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

**90/11 MATTERS ARISING**

1. The question over the ownership of Yealm Steps quay is still an issue. At the YEMG meeting Robin Toogood suggested that if we sent him details he would ensure that it was forwarded to the correct person. It was agreed that we should write him a letter, as the repairs are still outstanding. It was also suggested that we ask Suzie how she is progressing.
2. Martyn Oates's letter regarding environmental issues. The Chairman will discuss this with Martyn and it can then be discussed at the next meeting.
3. The blue plastic pontoon with a boat on it has been looked at by both the harbour master and the Chairman and is felt to be satisfactory.

**91/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from RYDA regarding a contribution to the river clean up. It was proposed by Tony Tubb that we pay £55, seconded by Dermod Drought and unanimously agreed.
2. An email from Simon Julien to Rosemary Watts in her role as the Royal yachting association in consultation with the Yealm Yacht club, was shown to the committee. It was agreed that the various issues would be addressed by one of the mooring representatives and that he would send a response from the committee as a whole. The various issues included the early election of mooring holder representative, the suggested secrecy of the Authority and the poorly attended elections all of which were felt to be unreasonable. In the discussion it was also mentioned that John Prosser had also written in on the subject of the mooring holder's election. Simon Julien also raised the issue that the minutes were not up to date on the website. This was as a result of a change in personnel and therefore needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

**92/11 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. The final boat night figure for usual financial reports were presented to the committee, which appeared all in order. No questions were raised.
2. The budget figures were presented to the committee. Initially it was considered that the figures should not change from last year as we are approaching our target of 50%

of annual turnover held in reserve. Having looked at this it was agreed that we should in fact reduce our annual harbour dues to reduce our bottom line by about £10,000. This was achieved by adopting the annual harbour dues from 2008. The budget suggestions were put to the committee and Tony Tubb proposed that we accept them and Rodney Carter seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.

3. The Harbour Master ran through the proposed five-year plan. Mention was made of ways of reducing the mud on the riverbed surface at Bridgend Quay, where boats lay alongside for maintenance work. One of the committee members was keen that we pursue this. It was suggested either digging the area out or having a layer of hard core put there on a regular basis, or wooden sleepers at regular intervals. It was suggested that both the Harbour Master and the Chairman look into what is required to do this and report back at the next meeting. A committee member asked if we could look at the bottom step down from the quay at the same time and see if there is anything we can do to reduce the gap.
4. The operation of the RNSA buoy needs to be looked into and a decision made as to how to proceed. This has been put back to the next meeting.

### **93/11 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

1. The boat nights so far this year are 4688 compared to 4649 last years.
2. The new pontoons have arrived in the river, but several have damaged floats, along with other defects such as loose nuts on floats, decking and loose cleats. Walcon are sending someone next Tuesday to access the situations and rectify the minor faults.
3. Bridgend Quay lift out had to be delayed for a few days due to weather and finally went ahead two days later on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. Shore Store was efficient as usual.
4. The process of putting yellow tags to identify each outhaul has been started from the Kitley end of the river up to the harbour office, identifying a total of 50 so far. We are also noting GPS positions of each one and they will then be put on Ozi Explorer.
5. Some new buoys with rings on top have been purchased for the chains at Bridgend. This will make using these maintenance berths much easier. At the same time a general clean up of the area was carried out.
6. One inflatable dinghy has gone from Kilpatrick steps; one pram dinghy has gone from the Brook and one outboard from an outhaul on the Wembury side.
7. The hydrographic office will be issuing a Notice to Mariners showing the lower beacon and transit on the Wembury Side.

### **94/11 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Wembury – Nothing to report

Brixton – Nothing to report

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report.

Yealmpton – Nothing to report.

### **95/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Nothing to add.

### **96/11 A.O.B.**

The question of non-use of boats was raised. It was generally felt that due to poor weather conditions it was difficult this year. One was mentioned and a letter will be being sent to him.

**97/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m. unless the December meeting needs to be called.

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**Chairman**