

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR AUTHORITY
HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE AT 18.00 ON 16th JULY 2024**

Members and Officers in attendance:

Stephen Maltby – Vice Chair

Kevin Thomas

Ian Kennedy

Mark Steggles

Nicky Tewson 1

Peter Hinchliffe

Marty Oates

John Endicott

Jez Spring – Harbour Master

Debbie Rhead- Office Manager

Apologies for Absence

Dominic Crawley and John Stansell both sent their apologies.

Tom Edie was not present at the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

None

51/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2024 were proposed by John Endicott to be a true record of what was discussed, seconded by Ian Kennedy, and agreed by all other members who had attended that meeting.

52/24 MATTERS ARISING

As discussed under AOB (59/24) at the last meeting, the wording on the '*Application For or to Renew a Licence for a Mooring in the River Yealm Harbour*' has now been amended to include 'boat insurance documents' as a possible means to check permanent residency.

53/24 CORRESPONDENCE

None

54/24 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenses for May

Income invoiced was nearly £19,000, (£15,000 was for visiting vessels, £1,100 for KPC Licences and a few other incidentals). Direct expenses were just over £9,600 and overheads were just over £18,000 which includes £12,575 for our quarterly rent which was payable this month.

Comparison P & L YTD 2024 -v- 2023

As at the end of June, Income is showing a £4,500 increase on the previous year.

Balance Sheet

The debtors amount at the end of June is just over £1,800.

Cashflow for the month of

The opening balance was £278,975 and the closing balance £284,575.

55/24 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

Incidents: There were 4 recorded incidents since the last Authority meeting all of which have been documented and recorded.

Infrastructure: The footpath between the foot of the Doctor's Steps and Kiln Quay remains closed for up to 6 months however, numerous members of the public are ignoring the 'Path Closed' signs and barriers and continue to use the path at their own risk. Underpinning work continues at 'Point' with scaffolding erected on the foreshore. River Yealm Moorings have carried out further work on the securing chains at Yealm Steps pontoon.

Visitor Numbers: 644 KPC Season tickets and 47 Day KPC tickets issued to date. Poor weather meant that June Visiting Boat nights were only 976 (down on the last 3-year average of 1056). Current Visitor Numbers for the season are just over 2300.

Derelict Yacht at Bridgend: This was removed on 25th June along with a number of derelict tenders and assorted GRP items.

Lift Out Date: This has been booked for Tuesday 15th October 2020.

Boat Rallies: An RNSA Rally came in last weekend at short notice and as a result paid centrally. It was decided that we will adopt this routine for future rallies as it proved to be more time and cost efficient.

Environmental Briefing Document: A copy of a 20-page document produced for Ministers and local MPs has been forwarded to the office. It was decided that this will be circulated to all Authority members with the minutes from this meeting.

56/24 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Nothing to report.

Newton and Noss – Nothing to report.

Brixton – Nothing to report.

Yealmpton – Nothing to report.

57/24 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Vice Chairman informed the meeting that over the weekend it was noted that there are a number of B-Moorings that might need to be re-classified as A-Moorings. It was decided that at the end of the season, moorings will be looked at in order to check their depth and their classification adjusted if necessary.

A visiting boat skipper has questioned whether or not the use of our 2 showers should be included within the visitor fee. The Committee unanimously agreed that it should not be, given that we have limited shower facilities, the cost of water usage needs to be controlled and not all visiting boats make use of the showers. Additionally, most local ports only provide free showers in marinas.

58/24 MOORING APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSED MOORING ALLOCATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP REQUESTS

There were 6 new applicants requesting to join the moorings waiting list in June.
There were 4 moorings allocated in June: 1 x B Mooring and 3 x D Moorings.
There were no Partnership Arrangements requests this month.

59/24 AOB

Peter Hinchliffe informed the Authority that the MMO are still consulting over the Akzo Noble case and that the final document is due on 17th July 2024. He will update the Authority as soon as he has any updates.

OM informed the committee that we have changed over to a new Sum Up scheme that should be more cost effective over the summer months and we can then opt out through the winter and go back on the standard tariff. This will be monitored to ensure efficiency.

60/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 6pm at The Harbour Office.

Vice Chairman