

MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE BODY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, TEIGNMOUTH

Apologies: Rona Boyne, W Burton, David Bayliss, W Hook

Matters Arising: Minutes of the last meeting (09.09.2016) were read and amended to read mooring increases were RPI plus one percent. Following this amendment the Minutes approved and seconded.

Harbour Master's Report

- HM reported that on shipping trade Mole Valley Farmers (MVF) were handing sheds back to ABP by June 2017, new tenants and cargoes had been found. December 2016 was a good shipping month and prospects looking forward were good.
- Dredging: Exmouth docks are to be dredged and are using the dumpsite off Sprey Point. HM and Graeme Smith (TDC) are insisting on good sample analysis to show that the dumped material will not affect bathing water quality in Teignmouth.
- Boat Lift was carried out on Polly Steps, 13 boats were lifted. This was a privately organised operation.
- Devon Wildfowl renewed their licence and the program had been received by HM

Following the Harbour Master's report a number of issues were discussed. Martyn Harvey asked HM about the movement of dumped material and any concerns of that material coming back to deposit on the Teignmouth beaches. HM then gave a brief explanation of the sand movement cycle and confirmed that the Teignmouth THC dump licence was for 100,000 tonnes per annum and they usually dump approximately 40,000 tonnes per annum. (2016 75,000 tonnes see September 2016 Minutes) Exmouth docks plan to dump 10,000 tonnes.

Moorings & Waiting Lists

MH asked HM to consider complaints from mooring holders passing on dual ownership of moorings. HM said that THC was trying to stop the sale of boats to new owners and declaring co-ownership to prevent losing a mooring. MH asked HM if at onset of taking on a mooring that a declaration of who the interested parties were of the said vessel to help solve the problem. HM stated that if declarations of interest were clear when a mooring was taken over, that is noted, and taken account of, if there are subsequent changes. However, declaring an interest as a means of circumventing the moorings waiting list was not appropriate, and was unfair to those already on the waiting list.

Tim Biddlestone (Shaldon Parish Council) brought to the attention of the meeting that there were a lot of moorings (held by holiday owners) in Shaldon that were not used. There were several in sought after areas. If these were taken back and issued to people who would use them then the waiting list would be shortened.

A discussion ensued and HM informed the meeting that there were 140 maintained moorings with 80 plus people on the waiting list. Drying moorings are in approximate number of 400 and are available. MH asked HM of the existence of waiting lists as it had

been brought to the attention of MH as to where people were on that list. HM stated that the list is held in the harbour office and was available to view.

MH also brought to the attention of HM that various mooring holders had complained of problems with damage to boats due to the fact that many of the drying out moorings are now subject to rough ground causing damage to hulls, Roy Turner being one of those, he has now given up boating because of the problem, mud coverage seems to have disappeared. MH also stated that the renewal forms for this year in a separate letter informed mooring holders of their responsibility to clear ground around moorings. MH also put it to HM that the Harbour Commission had a Duty of Care, and moorings should be Fit for Purpose. Humphrey Vince suggested that the problem was caused by rubble coming from the shoreline. HM gave no further response.

MH also informed HM that Non Maintained mooring holders had asked why RPI increases affected them when the commission had no costs for the mooring maintenance. HM replied that other running cost increases had to be covered and also stated that was why Maintained Moorings were more expensive!

MH then quizzed HM on zone 3 mooring charges and pointed out that a dinghy on Polly Steps was to now pay a minimum 5 metre fee if swinging even though on Polly Steps these moorings only have approximately 2 hours of tide. HM was not prepared to move on the issue. P Hruza asked if the new trot lines could be moved closer to the water, HM said he would look into it.

AOB

Graeme Smith (TDC) said the Teign Estuary Forum annual meeting is in late February. Tickets were free but limited and should be applied for to him by email.

Pete Stenner asked the Harbour Master to look at involving the Consultative Body being included in the election of new commissioners. A discussion followed and the Harbour Master agreed.

MH asked HM to explain the Pilot deficit surcharge as the figures on published accounts needed to be clarified as they did not seem to balance. HM explained that the PPF accounting period is over a calendar year whereas THC period is over a different 12 months. MH took this on board but pointed out that the 2015 accounts and the 2016 accounts deficit payments did not tally on a number of pages.

The meeting closed at: 8.45 pm

The next meeting is planned for Friday 12th May 2017 at 7.15 pm at the Royal British Legion, Teignmouth

Signed

Approved

Date