

THC Consultative Body Meeting
Thursday 25th May 2023



Opened at: 7:02pm

Closed at: 8:26pm

Present:

Harbour Users

Richard Frewin - ABP	Tom Mahon - Pike Ward
Giles Squirrel - TMS	Peter Stenner - TMS / TFWA
Amy Stenner - TMP	Mark Layton - Teign Dive Centre
Sue Cox - Seaports Southwest	Ricky Cox - Lyme Bay Baits
Mark Brookfield - BOAT	Steve Pocock - TCYC
Roger Bufton - Shaldon Sailing Club	Chris Clarence - Shaldon Regatta
Nick Clarence - Shaldon Sailing Club	Lisa Edworthy - Teignmouth Regatta
Tony Smith - Teignbridge Canoe Club	Nick Yabsley - Newton Abbot Town Council
Claire Stoye - Shaldon Parish Council	Graeme Smith - TEP / TDC
Paul Barczok - TFWA	James Brett - BOAT

Teignmouth Harbour Commissioners

Richard Perks	Sue Astbury
Vic Weston	Richard Ward
Jo Sparks	

Teignmouth Harbour Commission Employees

Toby Dean	
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Apologies

Bill Hook - Teign Salmon Fisheries	Karen Hook - Teignmouth/Shaldon ferry
Kevin Clifton - Pilotage & Marine T'mth	Keith Underhill - T'mth Chamber of Commerce
Charlie Woolnough - RNLI	Robert Phipps - Teignmouth Town Council
Humphrey Vince - Acting Harbour Master	Mark Fleming - Pilotage & Marine Tmth

<p>1.</p>	<p>Minutes of January Meeting.</p> <p>Roger Bufton noted a small correction - there had been confusion around how the Harbour Master had apportioned costs to leisure and moorings. This had been omitted. However, he recognised that it was dealt with later in the minutes with an action to re-analyse the data.</p> <p>Adoption of minutes: Proposed Giles Squirrel seconded Peter Stenner</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website has been updated. Matter closed • PNPF more details to follow regarding more monies required • Mooring fees Richard Perks produced some slides which were used in then sub committee meeting (see Attached) Peter Stenner agreed that they were a fair reflection of the meeting. • Harbour Revision Order, has been applied for to reserve the current fee, as they are due to increase significantly. THC will come back to Consultative body for a sub committee to review and advise on new order. • Drying moorings for larger boats, there is no demand. 	<p>Matter closed Action: THC</p> <p>Matter closed</p> <p>Action: THC</p> <p>Matter closed</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>Chair Nominations: Claire Stoye (pro. Chris Clarence 2nd Roger Bufton) Mark Brookfield (pro. Mark Layton 2nd James Brett)</p> <p>Vote for Chair (each represented group had one vote) 8 votes were received for each nominee. It was decided that the role would be shared and there would not be a need for a Vice Chair.</p> <p>Claire Stoye then took over the chair for the meeting</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Appointment of minutes Secretary</p> <p>Jo Sparks agreed to carry on taking the minutes.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Chairs Report.</p> <p>New Chair, so nothing to Report</p>	

5.	<p>HM/CEO Report. Toby's presentation is attached and questions are below.</p> <p>Channel Dredging. Nick Clarence: is the depth of the channel being increased? Toby Dean: the channel has silted up and ABP have been advised of draft limitations. The current dredging by Manin is aiming to return the channel depth to where it was 24 months ago. It will not go beyond where it was before.</p>	
	<p>Mooring Availability. Roger Bufton: is it possible to dig down to create more deep water moorings? Toby Dean: not something that has been considered, possibility of some near Salty. Not something that has ever been costed and there would be some lost moorings whilst works were carried out. He will report back.</p>	Action: Toby Dean
	<p>Chris Clarence: can we put moorings further up the river as there does not appear to be any salmon fishing taking place? Toby Dean: there may be an issue with safety margins, will find out what restrictions there are.</p>	Action: Toby Dean
	<p>Environmental Issues. Mark Layton: do abandoned boats become a THC problem once an abandonment notice has been served? Toby Dean: once a boat is abandoned, we don't know who owns it. It is hard to get some owners to take care of their boats on their moorings.</p> <p>Peter Stenner: has THC used licensed contractors to remove boats? Toby Dean: approved contractors are being used to remove all waste.</p> <p>Mark Layton: would it save THC the hassle if they moved all abandoned boats to the middle of Salty, make them safe, so they are not against quay or on trots? Toby Dean: it would be an eyesore Claire Stoye: it would be better to find a non tidal area for storage. Toby Dean: possibility of charging a deposit with mooring to pay for removal if abandoned.</p> <p>Mark Layton suggested that we contact Exeter University as they have a department looking into ways of disposal of fibreglass. This was agreed as a possible opportunity</p>	Action: Toby Dean

	<p>Erosion on back beach by lifeboat slip. Paul Barczok: in 1992 40 tonnes of scalping were used make lifeboat slip</p> <p>Peter Stenner: hard edges have caused the problem, remove the concrete. Main drain from bottom of lifeboat lane to Morgan’s Quay wall camera put down approximately 6 years ago showed it was broken.</p> <p>Giles Squirrel asked to get Manin to drop a load of sand there. Toby Dean: the sand being moved is not the right diameter.</p> <p>Mark Brookfield: is this a THC risk of stakeholders? Toby Dean: it is not a THC risk, it is a historic problem, will depend on who has funds to pay for repair etc. Paul Barczok: it is 50% the fault of the RNLI, it’s very dangerous and a slip risk Toby Dean: THC are moving this forward.</p>	<p>Action: Toby Dean</p>
	<p>Harbour Patrols. Claire Stoye: what do they do? Toby Dean: they are monitoring speeding, helping to educate river users. Plan to extend the hours next years to be on the river later in the day.</p> <p>Giles Squirrel: why are more staff required, do we not have enough? Toby Dean: we require 2 people in each boat for safety. Richard Perks: staff shortages have led to this decision.</p>	
	<p>Pilots National Pension Fund (PNPF). Roger Bufton: when must it be paid back by? Toby Dean: 2028, sooner if at all possible.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>River Users Updates. Peter Stenner: poor fishing season.</p> <p>James Brett: Vandalism at the Point.</p> <p>Rick Cox: Vandalism, drugs on the fishquay have informed police but no patrols have been sent.</p> <p>Mark Layton: Rowing club has regained its numbers since Covid there are 20 boats in the fleet, with 100+ rowers, always good for the town.</p> <p>River User Updates (cont.)</p>	

Richard Frewin: problems with youth on ABP quays they have CCTV which also covers Polly steps. Quiet year on tonnage slightly down on last year. Average ship bringing in 2500/3000 tonnes each.

Nick Clarence: Shaldon Regatta planning going well, no fireworks display this year. Junior rowing is going ahead as normal.

Lisa Edworthy: 250th Teignmouth Regatta this year, all planning going well.

Sue Cox: a slow start to the year, weather related. Ocean rower customers are increasing in number.

Roger Bufton: Shaldon Sailing celebrating 200 year anniversary 9/10/11th June celebration.

Chris Clarence: very hard to run regatta/sailing due to 2x ridges of rocks on the beach, this is due to dredging and the dumping ground needs to change, no Pole Sands forming, Teignmouth beach is denuded, it's very concerning.

Dan ?: the lack of sand is making it difficult to launch off the front beach.

Tom Mahon: very pleased to see the Manin dredging, they are circa 600 tonnes/ship of cargo down with the channel being so shallow, hoping the dredging is now kept on top of. Pike Ward are chasing every bit of cargo.

Graeme Smith: no changes after elections.

Roger Bufton: why has the tap been removed from Polly Steps. Much discussion followed, summarised below:

The community is unhappy it has been removed, seen as another Teignbridge downgrade of service, suggested that it was installed by ABP in exchange for the quay being extended therefore not for Teignbridge to remove. It is felt that the parking charges at Polly steps would easily cover the cost of the water.

Teignbridge removed the tap due to abuse of it (too much water being used) in order to have it reinstated an application to Teignbridge will have to be made.

James Brett did suggest there was access to water at B.O.A.T for a £35 per year fee.

Vic Weston: anti-social behaviour at Polly Steps.

7.	A.O.B. Giles Squirrel: Air show 1 st July 2023 Thanks, from many for a constructive meeting.	
8.	Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 19 th September (Possibly at the Rugby club)	