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Dear Consultative Body Member,

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Teignmouth Harbour Commission (THC) Ongoing Consultation with Key Stakeholders

This letter is to confirm that the Teignmouth Harbour Commission Consultative Group meeting due in September will not now take place. It is likely that the next meeting will be delayed until January 2025. There are a number of reasons for this.

As you will know, Your Joint Chairpersons, Claire Stoye and Mark Brookfield have sent a formal complaint about Teignmouth Harbour Commission to the Department of Transport and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. This was sent on your behalf during July. The complaint details 11 specific issues. It would therefore seem reasonable to await a response from the above organisations.

In addition, THC have recently announced the appointment of a new Harbour Master/CEO, Mr. Rob Parsons. Rob has an excellent track record and will be joining us during November. Prior to coming to Teignmouth, he was Harbour Master/CEO of Newlyn Harbour for eight years, and for the last three years he has been Harbour Master and Divisional Director Maritime and Coastal Services for Torbay Council. It therefore seems prudent to await his arrival and to let him have a few weeks to get into his new role before the next Consultative Group meeting.

The Commissioners had planned to meet with your Joint Chairpersons, prior to September, in order to provide a response to your grievances and to discuss how the Consultative Group could move forward more collaboratively and inclusively in the future. Both the Commissioners and Joint Chairs carry out their duties on a voluntary basis and unfortunately it has not been possible for us to all get together during August, due to work, holiday and other commitments. THC still intend to go ahead with this meeting, when all concerned are available.

Some of you may be concerned at the gap between meetings, however it is worth noting that we have already met twice this year and are committed to holding regular meetings in the future. In the meantime the Commission will continue to keep users informed through its website and social media.

Thank you for your patience.

Yours Sincerely,

Richard Perks
Teignmouth Harbour Commissioner