

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD USING ZOOM ON 15th JUNE 2021 AT 1800.**

Members and Officers in attendance:

Dominic Crawley – Chairman
Mark Beighton – Harbour Master
Rodney Carter – Vice Chairman
Helen Phillips – Office Manager
John Endicott
Martyn Oates
Mark Steggle
Steve Maltby
Andrew Matthews
Nicky Tewson
Dermod Drought

Apologies for Absence

Peter Hinchliffe

61/21 MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting from the 20th May 2021 were proposed by Rodney Carter to be a true reflection of what was discussed, seconded by Andrew Matthews and unanimously agreed.

62/21 MATTERS ARISING

A response was sent to the individual who complained about having their outhaul taken away.

Harbour Clean-up – amount paid to them as agreed.

Regatta Fireworks – contribution made.

YCE Meeting – sub-committee made up of Peter Hinchliffe, Mark Beighton, and Rodney Carter to meet with Paul Darlow, date and time agreed.

Bridgend disabled access – the parish rep. has had a meeting with Dan Thomas the County and District Councillor. He has arranged for Peter Guy to have a look and report back.

Action: Rodney Carter to contact Arthur Peters who wrote in with the request to update.

63/21 CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing of note this month.

64/21 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The OM ran through the figures for the month. Visitor income and kayaks and paddleboards have continued to be the main source of income along with a small

amount from producing the Harbour Guide in house. Expenditure coming in under budget has resulted in there being a small increase in cash held at the bank at the end of the year.

65/21 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

1. Visitor boat nights are 30 short of our record year in 2009.
2. Kayaks and Paddle boarding continues to be very busy with 920 stickers issued to date.
3. Aggressive Behaviour – there have been four incidents to report this month.
4. On the water there have been two collisions and one boat becoming entangled in a residence mooring.
5. A meeting was held with Sam Milne manager of The Yealm to discuss arrangements for owners tying boats to the quay. Further discussions are to be held.
6. A cordoned swimming area has been set up off the end of Pope's Quay.
7. The Deputy HM has settled in well and is helping with the smooth day to day running of the river.
8. Lunch time visitors in boats using moorings or pontoons will be charged for visits in July and August. This will be at half the night rate.

66/21 POLICY REVIEW

Regulation 17. The proposed new wording was put to the committee. A member expressed reservations about the point that an existing mooring holder who had been there for a number of years could be asked to leave the river. He also felt it was important to note that this change would not absolve the Harbour Authority from liability should an incident occur.

After considerable deliberation, Rodney Carter proposed that we add the following addition to the existing regulation 17:

*"17.2 Owners and/or users of vessels using the Harbour are responsible for the security, maintenance and seaworthiness of the vessels in their charge. They are also responsible for the safety of everyone on board a vessel in their charge.
17.3 The Harbour Master may advise on the suitability of a particular mooring for a vessel. However, the moorings in the Harbour are largely swinging moorings. In certain tidal and/or weather conditions moored vessels may touch and cause damage to one another. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or user to monitor their vessel on its mooring and report any problem immediately to the Harbour Master. In such circumstances it may be necessary to require a vessel to relocate to a different mooring either temporarily or permanently, require the mooring holder to move the mooring or to require a vessel to leave the Harbour until a solution is found. "*

Steve Maltby seconded the proposal. Martyn Oates voted against the proposal. All other members voted in favour, so the proposed revisions to Regulation 17 were approved.

67/21 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury: buoys laid off the beach to protect swimmers.

Newton and Noss – drew our attention to loose stonework on the steps below mean high water at Kilpatrick steps.

Action: Mark Stegges agreed to repair this and invoice the Harbour Office.

Nothing to report from other two parishes.

68/21 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Nothing to report this month.

69/21 AOB

The OM reported that she is still struggling to keep up with the volume of paperwork in the office.

Martyn Oates asked that the register of interests be added to the website, as had previously been agreed.

Action: HM to update website with information.

70/21 MOORING WAITING LIST VERIFICATION

A member has written a protocol and process to follow for new applicants to the waiting list. A sub-committee has been established to consider new waiting list applications in situations where evidence of residency qualifications is unclear. It was agreed that membership of the committee should be rotated over time.

71/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be on **Thursday 15th July 2021 at 1800.**

Chairman