

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE, NEWTON FERRERS 16TH JUNE
2022 AT 1800.**

Members and Officers in attendance:

Dominic Crawley – Chairman
Rodney Carter – Vice Chairman
John Endicott
Nicky Tewson
Dermod Drought
Mark Steggle
Peter Hinchliffe
Stephen Maltby
Martyn Oates
Andrew Matthews

Mark Beighton – Harbour Master
Helen Phillips – Office Manager

Apologies for Absence

None

62/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th May 2022 were proposed by Stephen Maltby to be a true record of what was discussed, seconded by Peter Hinchliffe, and agreed by all other members who had attended the meeting.

63/22 MATTERS ARISING

1. Pontoons at Yealm Steps: new pontoon: Walcon designer has been to check drawings, dimensions and connectivity requirements. Repairs to the old pontoon: the sub-committee is due to meet on the 17th June to discuss quotations.
2. CCTV – the extension to the system is in hand and will be completed as soon as possible.
3. Railings at Yealm Steps have now been installed.
4. YCET – license has been agreed and signed.

64/22 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Pension Regulator have written to confirm that the Authority are compliant for another three years.
2. RYDA – have written thanking us for the contribution towards the insurance cover for the harbour clean-up.
3. A mooring holder has written in to confirm her residency in the village.

65/22 FINANCIAL REPORT

The OM ran through the income and outgoings for the month. The current total in all the bank accounts at the end of May was £285,896. The expenditure for the month was run through in detail and the cashflow has been updated to reflect the monthly standing order for VAT and the increased water charges for the year.

66/22 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

1. There is significant shoring up work being carried out on Mossgara, a property that suffered a landslide on the Noss side. Two complaints have been received about disruption caused by the spoil removal. The HM visited the site to clear up any misunderstanding about where the spoil should go. River Yealm Construction are helping with the removal.
2. Having sought permission from the landowner the leading marks above Cellars Beach have been cleared. A member of the authority felt that more needed to be done to clear the top mark. The HM agreed to look into this.
3. There have been five incidents on the river since the last meeting. Three collisions, one pick-up line cut and one entanglement with a fishing net.
4. The charging post for the electric ferry has now been installed. It was suggested that a cover should be put over it.
5. A member of the public asked if the Authority could get involved with an initiative for the primary school children. It was felt that this was outside of the remit of the authority.
6. The exposed BT cable in Noss Creek has been looked at by BT and will be repaired in due course but BT assess it is not dangerous at present.
7. Passage race – there were a number of incidents in the river which took place in very strong winds. It was agreed that a discussion with the YYC would need to take place before the event next year.

67/22 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Nothing to report

68/22 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that recent communication about the Yealm Community Energy suggested that grants were available to individuals which is not the case.

69/22 MOORING ALLOCATIONS, PARTNERSHIP REQUESTS AND WAITING LIST APPLICATIONS

Nothing to report this month.

70/22 AOB

Some strong candidates have applied for the Office Managers job and short listing should take place shortly.

The HM let the Authority know that he intends this to be his last season. A discussion took place as to how a replacement for him should proceed.

A member of the committee has been asked if it would be possible to install outboard lockers at Yealm Steps. It was felt that there isn't enough space at Yealm Steps, security would be an issue, as would the storing of fuel.

Martyn Oates mentioned a pontoon construction firm that he has encountered and recommended that they be considered in future. They have just changed names to Gale Force. The pros and cons of their grounding design was discussed but it was felt that currently its short life span would be an issue.

71/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be on Thursday 21st July at 6pm at the Harbour Office.

Chairman