

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN NOSS VILLAGE HALL,
20th APRIL 2023 AT 1800.**

Members and Officers in attendance:

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

Jez Spring – Harbour Master
Helen Phillips – Office Manager

Apologies for Absence

Debbie Rhead – Office Manager

Declarations of Interest

John Endicott declared an interest during the HM report.

39/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2023 were proposed by John Endicott to be a true record of what was discussed, seconded by Dermod Drought and agreed by all other members who had attended that meeting.

40/23 MATTERS ARISING

Covered in the meeting.

41/23 CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing

42/23 FINANCIAL REPORT

Profit and Loss

The total invoiced income for March was £5,293, from a combination of visitors, day launch and mooring allocations. The total expenditure was £22,814, which included the annual insurance premium, the quarterly rent, first aid training for the staff, PPE and repair and maintenance of the pontoons, along with the regular monthly outgoings.

Balance Sheet

Under current assets we have a number of debtors that we are chasing. It also shows our total bank account balances of £252,329.

Cashflow

The opening balances for March were £303,446, income received was £12,725 expenditure was £64,183 leaving the cash balance of £251, 987.

43/23 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

Visitor boat nights are very similar to this time last year. Kayak and paddleboard numbers are significantly down. There were two incidents to report.

The proposed new business venture that is being set up to inspect 'A' moorings has been asked to provide more information. Although it is felt that more competition is always healthy, a concern was voiced by one member over allocation of moorings for workboats.

A seaweed farming business has approached the authority to see if they can grow seaweed on Harbour assets out of season. The HM has asked for more information, before a formal response is provided.

The new pontoon section has been installed and is now operational.

RNLI Passage Race – Safety concerns were voiced after last year's event because of the speeds the faster dinghies came through the busy pool area to the finish line at the Yacht Club. The event organisers have agreed to provide three safety boats within the harbour limits and also to advise the HM of the number of fast boats and their ETA. It was agreed the HM should maintain close liaison with the YYC concerning likely weather conditions on the day of the race.

Staff Training: The Office Manager, Deputy HM, and four Assistant HMs attended a first aid training. Two potential additional Assistant HMs are being assessed by the HM.

44/23 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Newton & Noss Parish Council – It was reported that International Paints environmental consultant Marcus Ford is happy to meet with the parish and the Harbour Authority to discuss any actions that need to be taken once the court decision has been made over the pollution incident.

Wembury Parish reported that the swim buoys have now been put back in place off the fore shore to restrict speeds to 3 knots when boats are inside the buoys.

There were no items to report from Yealmpton or Brixton Parish Councils.

45/23 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman had no further comments.

46/23 MOORING APPLICATIONS & PROPOSED MOORING ALLOCATIONS & PARTNERSHIP REQUESTS

The mooring applications were considered by the Committee who were happy to proceed with all applications.

Since the last meeting 9 'A' moorings, 5 'B' moorings, 1 'C' mooring, and 1 'D' mooring have been issued.

47/23 AOB

Water quality in the Yealm was discussed and whether swimming should be advised. It was pointed out that as the Yealm is not a designated bathing area and therefore the water quality is not being tested, we cannot advise about sewage or any other pollutants. It is therefore up to the individual to decide whether it is safe to swim or not. It was proposed that the Harbour Authority display a sign informing people that this is not a designated bathing area and that swimmers do so at their own risk. This was agreed and the HM authorised to have the signage prepared.

Possible capital expenditure on the purchase and installation of Solar Panels at the harbour office – the sub-committee are still looking into this. They have currently obtained two quotations. If the sub-committee wish to recommend, a formal proposal will be presented to the authority – in all probability in the Autumn.

Action: Sub-committee to report back

48/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be the monthly meeting on Thursday 18th May 2023 at 6pm at the Harbour Office.

Chairman