

Watchet Harbour Advisory Committee Minutes

Monday 11th January 2021 14.00 – 16.00

Present: Cllr P Murphy (PM - Chair), M Boobyer (MB), J Brunell (JB), C Butler (CB), M Lawrence (ML), J Richards (JR), M Stevens (MS), Cllr L Whetlor (LW),

Apologies: C Hall (CH), D Mainwaring (DM), K Marks (KM).

Agenda Item	Item detail/ Action	Owner
1. Introductions	PM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Minutes/review of actions of last meeting	Previous meeting minutes unavailable due to IT issues. Action MB to send minutes once available	MB
3. Updates	<p>CB provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced the newly appointed Harbour Master Marc Lawrence to members, replacing Jerry Gilmour who left last year. • Regular Health & Safety checks have continued and any damages reported. Repairs on the Lighthouse are still outstanding, awaiting a start date from the contractor. This has been delayed due to bereavement. • Flood boards had been put in to prevent boats launching from the slipway during lockdown. Awaiting guidance from the Government on whether the boards need to remain in place. • Two reports received of fishermen casting across the Harbour entrance. This poses a serious health and safety risk and could cause serious damage. An engine had been damaged and the incident reported to the Council's Health & Safety team. Signage had been ordered prohibiting fishing across the Harbour entrance. ML asked for fishing to be prohibited from the railings which would allow better control to enforce. • The East Quay repair is nearly complete. The steps are in place they are finishing the handrails. The path and access to the beach will not be available until the 19th January until Kier have completed any 	

	<p>snagging issues and the site is fully clear. LW added that many enquiries were being received from residents about the path and access to beach. Regular updates are provided by Steve Hughes the Project Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiff Marina had removed 13,829 cubic meters of sediment from the outer harbour which far exceeded expectation. <p>MS suggested dismountable lamp posts could be installed on the West Pier which can be easily removed and repaired, helping prevent the constant vandalism. MS further suggested replacing handrails with more robust handrails, while more expensive to install they would be easier to maintain.</p> <p>ML is reviewing old documents, updating where necessary and also looking at the MCA report and closing down the outstanding items. ML will then look at changing some of the bylaws,.</p> <p>Action: MB to invite the marina manager to future WHAC meetings and send the minutes from today's meeting.</p> <p>Weekly reports to continue to CH regarding the Marina operator.</p> <p>Health and safety concerns were raised regarding the marina dredger. To be raised at the next Harbour Board meeting.</p>	MB
<p>4. AOB</p>	<p>MS relayed that there is interest with berth holders coming back to Watchet following the works being done by Somerset West and Taunton Council. Confidence is gaining that improvements are being made.</p> <p>MS had spoken to the contractor responsible for outer harbour dredging they are confident they can clear the mud in the inner harbour without much disruption to boat owners. They have a new vessel that can get into small harbours and can sweep under the boats.</p> <p>Plans to carry out a GPS survey to locate the nets have been put on hold.</p>	
<p>5. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting: Monday 22nd March 14.00 – 16.00</p>	