

**Watchet Harbour Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 14.00 – 16.00**

Present: Cllr P Murphy (PM), M Boobyer (MB – note taker), C Butler (CB), Cllr L Whetlor (LW), K Marks (KM), M Stephens (MS), R Freemantle (RF), C Hall (CH), J Richards (JR).

Agenda Item	Item Detail/Action	Owner
1. Apologies/ Introductions	S Yandel, J Burnell and Marc Lawrence sent apologies.	
2. Minutes/ review actions of last meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3. Updates	<p><b>Port Marine Safety Code - CB</b> CB gave an update on behalf of Marc Lawrence. The oil spill contingency plan was on-going, and he would update the members at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Harbour update - CB</b> Repairs and maintenance had taken place in Watchet Harbour. More repairs were being looked into including painting the railings.</p> <p>Dredging had continued in the Harbour and reports were positive.</p> <p>'No fishing' signs across the harbour entrance had stopped most of the anglers. There have been a few conversations with some people fishing about the danger to vessels using the Harbour.</p> <p><b>East Quay - KM</b> There was a lot of activity around the Harbour. Regular updates are being given with work expected to complete on time.</p> <p>MS advised that the fenders need replacing. <b>Action:</b> CB to organise removal and request a quote for a replacement.</p> <p><b>Marina Operator – CH</b></p>	CB

	<p>A brief update was given. SWT have an open and transparent relationship with the Marina operator and are working together in a positive way for the benefit of the Watchet Community.</p>	
4. AOB	<p>LW asked Somerset West and Taunton Council Officers to keep the two ward councillors up to date with progress. Marina Operators will send regular updates to councillors and keep the WHAC group updated.</p> <p>RF commented that boat owners are concerned about how to transport their boats in and out of the marina to carry out repairs during the East Quay Wall repair. KM advised that work will be carried out from a floating pontoon there will be noise disruption but unfortunately we cannot avoid this as this work is essential.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about parking in the vicinity of the harbour. The Chair was asked to write to the Onion Collective regarding the parking of contractors vehicles in Harbour Road car park.</p>	
5. Date of next meeting	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021, 14.00 – 16.00	