

WATCHET HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 2nd March 2 – 4pm

Attendees: Peter Murphy (PM), M Boobyer (MS), James Burnell (JB), Craig Butler (CB), Matt Driscoll (MD), Rob Freemantle (RF), Steve Hughes (SH), David Mainwaring (DM), Chris Odling –Smee (COS), John Richards (JR), Jonathan Stevens (JS), Martin Stevens (MS), Steve Yeandle (SY).

Agenda Item	Item detail/ Action	Owner
1. Apologies	Apologies: Katie Marks (KM)	
2. Minutes of last meeting held	<p>Minutes & actions of last meeting on Monday 3rd December 2021 agreed as correct.</p> <p>Previous actions: LW had been notified by a member of public of a gap in the Marina gates which may cause a H&S issue. Action: This related to the Marina gates (by the flagpole) owned by The Marine Group and is resolved.</p> <p>The old dredger on the slipway was causing some concern. COS confirmed he would be speaking to the owner shortly to arrange removal of both old dredgers from the Marina. Action: Dredgers to be removed next week, date to be confirmed.</p> <p>MS updated that since Midas had removed the gates, traffic was driving and parking by Splash Point, a concern also shared by LW. Action: SH is aware and still exploring different options and would update at the next WHAC meeting.</p>	<p>COS</p> <p>COS</p> <p>SH</p>
3. Harbour Matters	<p>CB, Assistant Harbour Master, provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety checks had continued, reporting any repairs and maintenance. • There was recently a small oil spill on the East Quay. it was cordoned off and cleaned up quickly, which avoided any contamination. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storm boards were put in place in readiness for Storm Eunice, which caused only slight damage to the West Pier wall near the slipway, some grouting has fallen away. CB would arrange the repair. • CB had asked for quotes for the fendering on the ladder and landing stage at West Pier. <p>DM advised the new gate on the West Pier was in the wrong position and was causing manoeuvrability problems and needed to be reviewed. SH requested that we monitor it as it might need some rubber fendering.</p> <p>MS expressed concern about the condition of the wall at West Pier, especially near the slipway and requested an in-depth inspection/survey to be carried out in the next financial year. Action: CB to organise an inspection of the wall.</p> <p>JR expressed concern about individuals fishing off the pier. Action: CB to speak to the individuals.</p> <p>JR asked for an update on the removal of the remaining generator in the boatyard. SH provided an update and detailed that a smaller generator would be installed until a decision is made on a permanent solution.</p> <p>Parking along East Quay was a concern. The Chamber of Trade planned to install benches and flower planters. SH advised that benches and planters would need permission from Somerset West and Taunton Council. SH has requested the exact location so he can arrange a licence from the Assets Team. Action: JR to send SH the location.</p> <p>SH updated that there was some water pooling on East Quay. The contractor would be returning to rectify the problem.</p> <p>SH added that there was some damage to the top of the lighthouse and West Pier lighting during storm Eunice. CB would arrange repair.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>JR</p>
<p>4. Marina Matters</p>	<p>RF provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiff Marina Ltd had issued notices to the 3 large vessels in the Marina informing them that mooring licences from April 2022 would not be renewed. • The dredging which was postponed due to poor weather would resume in 1-5 weeks times. The dredging so far had gone well. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a hydraulic problem with the large Marina entrance gates. Quotes had been requested from three vendors. • Pontoons: The hammerhead on B section would be replaced and small sections of pontoons would be repaired. Once the three vessels had been removed, the pontoons would be rearranged to allow better access and increase moorings. <p>COS provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dredger 'Innovation' is capable of maintaining the Watchet Mariner and would be in phases from March. • The Marine Group was looking at the sediment and the possibility of running some bubble barriers for a few hours a day to determine if it could elongate between dredges. Data would be brought back and shared with the group to determine cost effectiveness. • Hammerheads would be upgraded to give more capacity in D leg. • Both old dredgers would be removed by the end of next week. 	
<p>5. Matters raised by other members/AOB</p>	<p>MD asked who was responsible for the flag poles in Watchet. SH would enquire with SWT Assets Team and let MD Know.</p> <p>CB made the request to put the Ukraine flag up on the poles. Action: SH to contact the relevant department about protocol for SWT flags poles.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p>6. Date of the next Harbour Board meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 5th July 2022, 10.00 – 12.00</p>	
<p>7. Date, time and venue of next meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 21st June 2022, 14.00 - 16.00</p>	