

<b>Meeting Title</b>
Venue
Date

Agenda Items

Torquay & Paignton Liaison Forum	
Microsoft Teams	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	

## **Present**

Tim Jones (TJ) Jessica Marles (JM) Jason Bond (JB) Simon Pinder (SPi) Sam Walker (SW)	Nick Ripley (NR) Vanessa Ripley (VR) Tim Allen (TA) Max Bingle (MB) Morgan Bingle (MB)	Peter Bingle (PB) Nigel Penney (NP) Christine Carter (CC) Alex Pedley (AP) Steven Poulton (SP) Andrew Strang (AS) Bob Penfold (BP)
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1. Welcome & Apologies	НМ
2. Minutes from the last meeting	нм
3. Actions from minutes	нм
4. Harbour Financial Update & Charges	НМ
5. Operational Update	HM/NB/SPo
6. Health & Safety	HM/SW
7. Staffing	NB/SP
8. Events	SPo
9. AOB	НМ

## 1. Welcome & Apologies (HM Introduction) TJ welcomes all to the meeting, JM advised of the below apologies Tim Morris Yvonne Twelves Mike Fox Action

2.	Minutes from the last meeting	Action
	Nothing raised. Events are currently not ready to be put on the website due to	
	conflicting events and ongoing applications, will be updated when possible.	

3.	Actions from minutes	Action
	BP confirmed he had a conversation with NB reference the dingy park space but will need to meet again. Provisional possible plan to reconfigure the dinghy space to minimise effects from cruise ships. This will only require one row of dinghies to be moved.	
	NP and AS confirmed accuracy of minutes.	

4.	Harbour Financial Updates & Charges	Action
	Financial situation is currently positive, although there is and overspend within the	
	R&M budget, this deficit could be covered by the increase in Fish Tolls. We should be on budget by the end of the year.	

5.	Operational update	Action
	TJ gave an overview of operation updates.	
	Department of Transport visited Torquay to discuss cruise ships, and we passed this as satisfactory. Discussion held over Brixham being a landing facility for passengers and confirmed this is not practical. Passengers wishing to visit Brixham will need to go via ferry or bus.	
	There is funding available for Princess Pier seating as it is in very poor condition, funding may also be available for the inner harbour railings.	
	Storm Darragh has highlighted the need for all vessels excluding Jet Skis and dinghies to have wreck recovery insurance from the 1 <sup>st</sup> April. This is due to the high cost for recovering wrecks and also it is a minimum of £5k to dispose of a recovered vessel. This has also highlighted the number of injurious vessels across the Harbours. PB asked why we have such a problem with these vessels, they should be paying harbour dues for being within the harbours, TJ confirmed we do not have their details as they are usually sold and/or abandoned, without notifying the harbour authority. An audit will be going ahead on all vessels within the Harbours.	
	Emergency plan and the Port Master Plan are currently being updated, TJ advised members that suggestions for the Master Plan can be made via the harbour authority Both plans can be found online.	
	Papa 4 is in the process of being refurbished, it will be based in Brixham permanently and will provide Tor Bay with two fast patrol vessels. It is planned to increase water patrols with these craft throughout the season.	
	The mussel farm (Offshore) will be moving slightly to the southeast no objections to this. BP confirmed he had not heard about this from Offshore.	
	SPi gave an update on proposed plans for the guillemots in the area of special protection next to Berry Head, which has been in place since 1988. The trust has been monitoring the area on AIS and people have been abusing the area and purposely disturbing the guillemots. The plan is to have buoys like 5knt marker buoys approximately 60m apart from new stone to berry head. The buoys will have QR codes for people to scan so users can find out more information about the buoys. They will be in place from the end of March through to the end of July. PB questioned the area and it is an area they put crab pots down and they have been doing this for years. SPi confirmed the zone has been in place since the 1988 and this is just to put forward to stakeholders the buoys being put in place, it should not affect harbour	SW

users. MB advised that there is a document from IFCA stating the area is a potting area and they will find the document and send it in. SP advised that he would also contact IFCA to confirm the designation. AP gave an operational update on issues within Torquay. A vessel on MDL Marina sunk a few months ago, this caused little pollution, but work involved a few different parties to recover it. All costs were met by the vessel's insurance. A hydraulic pipe burst on the bridge over the Christmas period, we are having issues with the reliability of the contractors that maintain the bridge and looking at a local company taking over servicing and repair. We recently had a refit on the work boat and it was taken out of the water, this was useful as issues were found that would not have been found if it were not lifted out. Fenders have been knocked off Haldon Pier and we will be working with divers to recover and re-install them. SP gave an operational update on issues within Paignton. Recent conversation with Paignton Pleasure cruises confirmed the lift in will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. A request will be put to Nick for the pontoon to be back in Paignton Harbour before this date. Enigma Signs have been contacted to re quote for signage around Paignton Harbour. SP has been advised there is no funding for festoon lighting, we do not currently have a price for this. SPi advised there is paperwork saved to confirm this funding. **Health and Safety** Action 6. SW gave an update on Health and Safety, confirming there has been no reportable incidents since the last Liaison Forum. The waste oil shelter on Haldon pier has been upgraded with the construction of concrete access steps. The rebuild to 10 Store in Torquay is now complete, It has been a big project to ensure the store is safe fort the storage of flammable materials. The project was managed by council engineers.

7.	Staffing	Action
	TJ advised operationally staffing is fine however the Administration side is suffering due resignation, retirement and maternity leave issues, which are all happening within the next few months. Recruitment planning has started and we are hopeful to be back up to full speed before the season starts.	

8.	Events	Action
	SP gave an update on the events situation, advising that the administration member who assists with the events will be moving into a new role to cover the recent leavers so he would be taking on more events work.	
	Discussion held over events happening across the bay and conversation had about the dates for the Cowes event, JB to send email to SP with dates they have given him. No paperwork has been submitted to the Harbour Authority about this event.	

1 1	BP confirmed there are two world championships in 2026 and 2027 so will ensure these events are submitted.	
	This year is one of the busiest years we have had for events.	

9.	AOB	Action
	JM confirmed invoice run to go ahead hopefully W/C 24th February.	