

Meeting Title	Torquay & Paignton Harbour Liaison Forum
Venue	Torquay Harbour Office
Date	4 th March 2014 at 10:30

Present	Capt K Mowat (KM)	Mr J Bond (JB)	Ms C Rugg (CR)
	Mr J Turner (JT))	Mr M Ellis (ME)	Mr M Ritchie (MR)
	The Mayor (GO)	Cllr N Amil (NA)	Cllr J Faulkner (JF)
	Cllr B McPhail (BM)	Mr M Smith (MS)	Cllr J Richards (JR)
	Mr T Ekers (TE)	Mr C Clarke (CC)	Mr P Lloyd (PL)
	Mrs C Clayton (CC)	Mrs H Bruce (HB)	

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of the last meeting
 3. Matters arising from the last minutes
 - a) Marine Conservation Zone – update
 - b) Parking Enforcement – update
 - c) Paignton Harbour Development - proposal
 4. Capital Works
 - a) Haldon Pier - update
 - b) Princess Pier - update
 - c) Torquay inner harbour pontoon berths – update
 5. Tor Bay Harbour Business Plan 2014/2015
 6. Changes to Tor Bay Harbour Mooring Policy
 7. Maritime events 2014
 8. MDL Offices – Old Fish Quay Torquay
 9. Torquay Heritage Boat Attraction Proposal
 10. Harbour Committee
 - a) Upcoming agenda
- Date of the next meeting 9th June 2014 at 1030

1.	Apologies for Absence	Action
	Apologies were received from Cllr Hytche, Mr M Stewart and Ms H Meacock.	
2.	Minutes of the last meeting	Action
	It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting on the 3 rd December 2013, were a true and accurate record of that meeting.	

3.	Matters Arising	Action
a)	<p>Marine Conservation Zone – update</p> <p>KM made the Forum aware that he had recently attended a British Marine Federation conference where the subject of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) was discussed. His understanding was that management measures relating to fishing activity within the MCZ had already been introduced by the Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (IFCA). For example there would be no bottom trawling in the Bay but that mid water netting was not affected. The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is the lead authority on other management measures such as those that might impact on marine leisure activities. However, no information had been forthcoming on this matter and KM did not expect to see a rush towards new controlling bye-laws. Voluntary measures and Codes of Practices are expected to be the most likely outcomes in the short term. SeaTorbay were due to hold their AGM and a conference on the MCZ later in the month. KM agreed to keep the Forum informed of developments</p>	KM
b)	<p>Parking Enforcement - update</p> <p>KM stated that the new scheme was now operational at Paignton harbour and that it would be rolled out at Torquay harbour at some future point. He continued by saying that all users had been informed at Paignton and that so far it had only been necessary to issue a very small number of ‘tickets’. TE stated that all harbour users that attended a recent meeting were opposed to the scheme and he would be submitting some alternative proposals. KM said that he looked forward to receiving alternative workable solutions to this long standing problem. JT reminded the Forum of why the scheme had been introduced over the winter months which was in part due to changes in the parking arrangements on Roundham Road. CC asked the Mayor to consider removing the summer parking restrictions from Cliff Road and TE requested a users parking rate in the multi-storey car park. JT responded by saying that such a rate had been available for some years but the take up had been very small which was no doubt based on cost. KM agreed to raise a number of these issues with Patrick Carney.</p>	KM
c)	<p>Paignton Harbour Development – proposal</p> <p>KM informed the Forum that the Harbour Committee decided in December 2013 to authorise a feasibility study into the redevelopment of the Harbour Light Restaurant building. He went on to say that a report from the Torbay Development Agency would be presented to the Harbour Committee at their June meeting.</p>	KM & TDA

4.	Capital Works	Action
a)	<p>Haldon Pier – update</p> <p>KM reported that the Pier had survived the recent storms and that phase 2 of the remedial works on the inside wall was subject to a bid for funding from the Environment Agency.</p>	
b)	<p>Princess Pier – update</p> <p>KM reported that storm damage had occurred to the wall and railings and that power cables had also been exposed. The estimated repair cost being £60k. There was also significant pre-existing scour damage to the base of the Pier on both sides and this work was also subject to a bid for funding from the Environment Agency, as well as an internal capital scheme bid.</p> <p><u>NOTE</u></p> <p>KM announced that all eligible storm damage would be submitted for funding from the government’s Bellwin compensation scheme, including damage sustained on the Town Dock in Torquay.</p>	KM

c)	Torquay Inner Harbour Pontoon Berths KM informed the Forum that work had now commenced on this project but due to the unforeseen need to rock socket some piles the cost had increased by some £40k and the scheme would not now be completed until 1 st May. He informed the Forum that 80% of the berths had already been sold.	KM
5.	Tor Bay Harbour Business Plan 2014/15 KM stated that the draft Business Plan had been circulated for comment but that he had not received any comments to date. He emphasised that the financial data had not yet been updated to reflect the contribution of approximately £300k per annum, over the next 2 years, from the harbour accounts to the Council's general fund budget.	
6.	Changes to Tor Bay Harbour Moorings Policy KM made the Forum aware of the proposed changes to the Tor Bay Harbour Moorings Policy that would be submitted to the Harbour Committee for approval. There was no opposition or comment from the Forum.	
7.	Maritime Events 2014 KM stated that a full programme was in place for 2014 and the latest issue was available on the Harbour Authority's website. However, KM pointed out that this version needed to be amended to include an additional cruise ship visit and to reflect the fact that the Red Arrows were no longer attending.	Action KM
8.	MDL Offices – Old Fish Quay Torquay KM advised the Forum that the Marina operator (MDL) had submitted proposals to expand their Dockmaster's office on the Old Fish Quay at Torquay. MS & KM had already met with the local fishermen to discuss the implications of this plan. The final scheme would need planning consent but KM wanted to keep the Forum informed even though the idea was generally supported.	Action
9.	Torquay Heritage Boat Attraction Proposal KM announced that a heritage boat attraction wanted to transfer their operation to Torquay inner harbour. The proposal included vessels such as 2 nd World War MTBs (motor torpedo boats) which could be a significant tourist attraction. He suggested that subject to weight restrictions the plan was to berth 4 of these vessels on the inside of South Pier which would necessitate the removal of the 15 existing vessels to the new inner harbour pontoon scheme. KM circulated the publicity material and informed the Forum that the idea would be presented to the Harbour Committee on the 17 th March. He further stated that the presumption was that the current level of income from South Pier would be maintained. There was general enthusiasm for this additional attraction.	Action KM
10.	Harbour Committee Upcoming agenda KM informed the Forum of the items on the agenda for the next Harbour Committee meeting on 17 th March 2014 at the Berry Head Hotel in Brixham at 5.30pm.	Action

11.	AOB	
	KM reminded the Forum that John Turner would be retiring from his post as Paignton Harbour Master on 31 st March 2014 and on behalf of the Forum he thanked JT for his contribution over the years and for the prompt provision of the minutes.	

Next Meeting

Venue

Future meetings

9 th June 2014	10.30 am
Torquay Harbour Office	
9 th September 2014	10.30 am
1 st December 2014	10.30 am
10 th March 2015	10.30 am

**Dates of Harbour
Committee
Meetings**

17 th March 2014	5.30 pm (Brixham)
23 rd June 2014	5.30 pm (Torquay)
22 nd September 2014	5.30 pm (Brixham)
15 th December 2014	5.30 pm (Torquay)
23 rd March 2015	5.30 pm (Brixham)