

Minutes of the Harbour Committee

26 September 2022

-: Present :-

Councillor Amil (Chairman)

Councillors Barrand, Brooks, Carter, Dudley (Vice-Chair), Ellery, O'Dwyer and Morey

10. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mills and Mark Day (non-voting external advisor).

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Independent Group, the membership of the Committee had been amended for this meeting by including Councillor Morey instead of Councillor Mills.

11. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Harbour Committee held on 8 June 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

12. Port Marine Safety Code

The Head of Tor Bay Harbour Authority & Services provided a verbal update on the latest safety activities that had taken place across the Harbour Authority's operational area. Members were updated on the dredging activity planned for Brixham which had been booked to start in early 2023, with the allocated budget of £150,000 to be utilised.

An update was also provided on Pilotage and Members noted that a new Pilotage system would be in place by April 2023.

13. Tor Bay Harbour Budget Monitoring

The Head of Tor Bay Harbour Authority & Services presented the submitted report on the overall budgetary position for Tor Bay Harbour Authority as at August 2022, compared against the budget approved on 6 December 2021. It was noted that the report gave an oversight and actions to contain expenditure to maintain the Harbour Reserve Fund at an appropriate level.

Members also noted:

1. the amended outturn projections and adjustments to the Reserve Fund as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report;
2. the low level of the Harbour Reserve Fund in 2022 (below the Committee's recommended level);
3. the Head of Tor Bay Harbour Authority & Services use of delegate powers to make decisions in relation to the Harbour budget; and
4. the Harbour Master's use of delegated powers to waive certain Harbour charges which to date amounts to £497.86.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet be requested to review the Harbour Reserve Fund to ensure that it is set at an appropriate minimum contingency level and make appropriate recommendations to the Council and the Director of Finance.

14. Torquay/Paignton and Brixham Harbour Liaison Forums

The Minutes of the Torquay and Paignton Liaison Forum, held on 23 June 2022, and the Brixham Harbour Liaison Forum, held on 20 June 2022, were noted.

Chairwoman