

Meeting Title	Brixham Liaison Forum
Venue	Teams
Date	15 th November 2021

Present	Kevin Mowat (KM)	Cllr Nicole Amil (NA)	Robbie Richardson (RR)
	Karen Annis (KA)	Christine Carter (CC)	
	Steve Poulton (SP)	David Range (DR)	Apologies
	Sam Walker (SW)	David Saunders (DS)	Ray Longhurst (RL)
	Marie Angell (MA)	Mike Morey (MM)	
		Neil Murray (NM)	
		James O'Dwyer (JOD)	

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1.	Welcome	Action
	Kevin welcomed all to the meeting.	

2.	Updates	Action
	<p>In a previous meeting DS requested buoyage around Berry Head to discourage vessels entering Guillemot breeding areas, further to this last request, DS has asked for a contact number to alert authorities of disturbances. KM to discuss with the Police at their next meeting and confirm contact number.</p> <p><u>Brixham refurbishment update</u></p> <p>The small day boat pontoon has been removed and deconstructed as it is beyond repair.</p> <p>Discussion on sourcing replacements is taking place with SP and other Managers.</p>	KM

3.	The Economic Impact of the UK Leisure Marine Industry	Action
	<p>JO'D has raised concerns over the reasons why we were not successful in bidding for the land reclaimant. He believes that we did not read the criteria properly to meet the requirements as it appeared to be about Town Centre regeneration. KM expressed that he was confident that the bid was forwarded correctly. However, if this is the case and this is the reason for missing the target then we would want to know why.</p>	

4.	Harbour Finances including out turn figures	Action
	<p>The charges are set and agreed in December at the Harbour committee. KA and other managers are currently working very hard to produce the report. 2% 5% and 7% increases have been proposed and will be put forward at the budget monitoring working party meeting in November for agreement before consultation with the Harbour Committee in December.</p> <p>Harbour revenue 2022/23 accounts were displayed showing the £154K deficit, this is mainly due to the national utility increases in electricity, National Insurance Contribution increase recharging reduction and the general fund contribution.</p> <p>KM requested views from the boat owners in the meeting on the proposed charges. The forum were not unduly concerned about the increase in charges, however questions were raised as to whether there was an increased demand for moorings, to ensure that the moorings would be kept full if the prices increased.</p> <p>There was an observation that more boats are now coming back into England from Europe and can we investigate this as a way of improving the revenue. KM said that this is something that he will discuss with the new Harbour Master in the future.</p> <p>Concerns were raised as to why smaller moorings under 20f being taken out.</p> <p>The liaison forum was informed this is because after analysis it was calculated that it would take 15 years to make back the money that it cost to replace the ground chains and was therefore not viable. At present Tor Bay Harbour spends on average £90K a year for the mooring maintenance contract.</p> <p>DS requested to know what the waiting list numbers were for larger boats. KA to supply.</p> <p>KM is unable to attend the Torquay & Paignton Liaison meeting on Tuesday 23rd November. He has requested that Nick asks the same question to the boat owners. Request their opinion on proposed increase in harbour charges.</p> <p><u>Budget monitoring</u> There is a £63k deficit this year. We have had increase costs due to the work boat repairs.</p> <p>There has been a reduction in waste removal as Swisco are handling this directly with the tenants now.</p> <p><u>Reserve fund</u> £122K wind fall given to the harbour account from the central fund. £150K for the dredging works at Brixham Harbour.</p> <p>Fishing Industry has been informed that dredging works will not go ahead within the next couple of years unless there is an urgent requirement to do so.</p>	<p>KA</p>

5.	Safety Issues	Action
	<p>SW has said that there are no pressing safety issues. He asks that if anyone has any safety issues including those involving the Town pontoon and railings, please contact him.</p> <p>SP has requested any problems using the pontoon please contact him.</p> <p>DR mentioned the Walcon report. AP commissioned it. Kevin to call AP and find out status.</p> <p>KM asked what the status was on the Rockfish pedestrian walkway in particular the area at the fish counter.</p> <p>SW said that he is waiting on Highways to put yellow lines down.</p> <p>SW also stated that he is working with the auditors to confirm if we comply with the Port Marine Safety Code. There are no major concerns at present.</p> <p>DS mentioned that it would be valuable to have a pontoon at the break water slipway to off load passengers from his ferry service.</p> <p>KM agreed that this is something we need to investigate and possibly recycle old ones.</p>	KM

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	<p>KM informed the last meeting that the Pilotage service was being withdrawn. MTS has now purchased a Pilot boat and is staying in Brixham. We have given them a mooring in the Brixham Harbour. This enables local pilots to reach the ships. Teignmouth are keen to have a working party contract with us, this will be investigated.</p> <p>SP/MA to send the report on the condition of the town pontoon to all members before the next meeting.</p> <p>Rob Parsons has now been confirmed as the new Harbour Master as of the 20th of December 2021. Rob is currently the Harbour Master at Newlyn and has been for the last 8 years, prior to that he had a Royal Navy career.</p> <p>Rob will be chairing the next liaison meeting. If anyone who does not wish to attend in person a team's link will be sent.</p>

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