

Minutes of the Harbour Committee

8 June 2022

-: Present :-

Councillor Amil (Chairman)

Councillors Barrand, Brooks, Carter, Ellery, O'Dwyer and Mills

External Advisors: Mr Young

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dudley and External Advisor Mr Day.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Harbour Committee held on 21 March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

3. Terms of Reference of the Harbour Committee

The Committee noted the current Terms of Reference for the Harbour Committee.

4. Harbour Asset Review Working Party

This item was deferred until the Harbour Committee on 26 September 2022.

5. Harbour Budget Review Working Party

This item was deferred until the Harbour Committee on 26 September 2022.

6. Pilotage Review Working Party

This item was deferred until the Harbour Committee on 26 September 2022.

7. Port Marine Safety Code

The Tor Bay Harbour Master provided details of the response to the yacht fire, that occurred on 28 May 2022, in Torquay Marina. Members were advised that the Police investigation was ongoing, and insurers had been engaged.

Members were made aware that several years ago the Fire Authority had been requested to consider a fire boat for Torbay, a request that was not fulfilled which

was a concern given the size of the fleet at Brixham and the increase in maritime leisure activities. Members also expressed their gratitude to the Harbour Master and the whole Harbour Team for their efforts in dealing with the incident whilst also managing the preparations for the English Riviera Airshow.

8. Harbour Improvements - Developing Commercial Fishing Capacity at Brixham Harbour

The Harbour Committee considered the submitted report that sought expansion of port infrastructure to develop commercial fishing capacity at Brixham Harbour via a bid into the Levelling Up Round 2 fund.

The Torbay Harbour Master advised that learning from Round 1 stakeholders had been engaged and a revised option (Option B) had been developed. Members were also informed the Option B enabled modular improvements that would also ensure Brixham Harbour is able to future proof as capacity becomes an issue.

Resolved:

1. That the Harbour Committee approve plans to develop commercial fishing capacity at Brixham Harbour, as set out in Appendix 2 (Plan B), in line with the strategic vision set out in the 'Tor Bay Harbour Port Masterplan'.
2. That the Harbour Committee recommends to Cabinet the expansion of port infrastructure to develop commercial fishing capacity at Brixham Harbour, as set out in Appendix 2 (Plan B), and that the Council submit a bid into the Levelling Up Round 2 fund, in support of this outcome.

9. Budget Outturn for Financial Year ending March 2022

The Harbour Committee considered a report that provided Members with the details of the Tor Bay Harbour Authority final expenditure and income figures against budget targets for 2021/22.

Resolved:

That

1. the final outturn as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be noted; and
2. the Harbour Master's use of delegated powers to waive certain harbour charges during 2021/22 which amounts to £1,893.19 be noted.

Chairwoman