

The Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
The Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners
held at Yarmouth Primary School
on Monday 26 April 2010 at 1800 hours

PRESENT	Mr P Keen (Chairman) Mr M Collinson (Vice Chairman) Mr J Howe	Mr C Lisher (Chief Executive/Harbour Master) Mrs B Walters Dr T Francis
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs P McCoy	Mrs T Cooper
APOLOGIES	Mr H Fair Mrs C Raymond	Prof D Farnham
PERSONS PRESENT	J White, County Press S Beare, Yarmouth Sailing Club V Gwynn, HIWWLT S Mence, YHAC P Dawson R C Campbell, Hayles Boatyard G Kennett, YHAC B Turner, RNLI P Scott	R K Goodridge, Yarmouth Town Council J A Mence, Royal Solent Yacht Club M Morphy, Yarmouth Sailing Club S Dyer, Isle of Wight Council D W Griffith, Yarmouth Sailing Club D Lemonius, Needles Pleasure Cruises P Lemonius, Needles Pleasure Cruises M P Thorpe, Royal Solent Yacht Club C Marsh, Royal Solent Yacht Club

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CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

251/10 The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed and thanked members of the public for attending. He introduced the Commissioners and explained that Mr Fair and Mr Collinson would be remaining as Commissioners for a further three years, and that Mrs Raymond would be stepping down as a Commissioner at the end of May. A replacement for her has yet to be made. Mr Collinson will remain as Vice-Chair for a further 12 months. The Chairman then outlined the format of the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

252/10 Apologies for absence were tendered from Mr Fair, Mrs Raymond and Prof Farnham.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

253/10 As per the Register. Nothing further to declare.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2009

254/10 The contents of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 2009 were noted.

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2009

255/10 The Chairman introduced the presentation of the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2009, which was given by the Chief Executive/Harbour Master, Mr Lisher.

PRESENTATION BY DR TIM FRANCIS

256/10 Dr Francis gave a presentation to the meeting on the history and prediction of sea level rise, with particular focus on Yarmouth. Following his presentation Dr Francis took questions from the floor.

Dr Francis went on to say that a public consultation process on the island's Shore Management Plan 2 will take place between July and September this year, with an exhibition being held in Yarmouth.

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

257/10 The Chairman thanked Mr Lisher and Dr Francis for their presentations, and went on to elaborate on a number of matters mentioned in the Chief Executive's presentation.

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

258/10 A member of the public had submitted a query about what information the Commissioners issue via e-mail. This is being examined in an effort to try and improve communication with stakeholders, remaining ever mindful of not overburdening people's in-boxes.

259/10 The Chairman said YHC is going to explore ways of reducing its reliance on paper documentation, and invited anyone present with any ideas to forward details to the Harbour Office.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business, the Chairman asked if anyone present had any questions for the Commissioners.

260/10 A question was raised about whether an incentive arrangement was in place to encourage employees to grow income and profit given the current economic difficulties? The Chief Executive explained that following the introduction of an appraisal system a bonus arrangement was in place and linked profit/surplus, income and the individual's performance, but was heavily weighted towards profit.

261/10 A request was made for YHAC to be issued with electronic copies of the main financial slides in the Chief Executive's presentation, prior to the next YHAC meeting. This was agreed to.

262/10 A question was raised about the lifespan and thickness of the sheet piling in the harbour and on the training groyne following a structural report in 2002. The Chief Executive said the assets of the harbour have been surveyed every three years since the initial report in 2002, which shows that this steelwork has got at least another 10 years of life left. However, the Chief Executive explained that some accelerated low water corrosion damage has been identified in the harbour which is caused by a steelwork bug and although it is not as bad as first thought the Commissioners are keeping a close eye on the situation with regular inspections.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked members of the public for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 1900 hours.

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