

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners
Minutes of a Special Meeting of
The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee
held at the Harbour Office,
on 22nd March 2010 at 1400 hours

PRESENT	Sylvia Mence, Chairman Ron Goodridge David Eccles Bill Attree Marigold Morphy Jon Matthews Malcolm Thorpe	Royal Yachting Association Yarmouth Town Council Totland Parish Council Commercial Fishermen's Association Yarmouth Sailing Club Wightlink Royal Solent Yacht Club
IN ATTENDANCE	Chris Lisher Phil Keen Richard Gribble	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Chairman of the Commissioners Project Manager
APOLOGIES	Sue Hawley Julia Bridgeman Stuart Dyer	

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1. The Chairman welcomed Phil Keen to this Special Meeting arranged so that YHAC members could see and discuss the revised development plan (Inner Harbour Reconfiguration). Two members of YHAC had been involved in discussions with the Chair & Vice Chair of YHC and CE/HM following the initial proposals.
 2. Phil Keen welcomed YHAC members and thanked them for their useful input into the public consultation feedback which had helped to reshape the proposals. He assured YHAC that all the Commissioners had read all the feedback forms. The revised development took account of the specific comments made.
 3. The CE/HM began his presentation by outlining the heavy financial requirements of the future and therefore the necessity to increase income. He outlined the 12 main issues raised by the public consultation and, in presenting the revised plan, he explained how these issues had been changed from the initial proposals in line with the feedback comments. Figures of estimated costs were given for both the initial and revised developments for the SW Corner and for the Inner Harbour. Estimated annual berthing

income for the original and revised schemes were given and showed a reduction in income as a result of the revision. In conclusion, he reported that the banks consulted were prepared to fund the revised plan, the Commissioners had listened to the feedback and made many amendments accordingly, and that work could commence on 1.10.10 subject to permissions and licences. He also stated that some existing licences and planning permissions with regard to the SW Corner and the area around the Training Groyne would require amendment, and that this process had already begun.

Details and a copy of the chart were given to members. Details relating to the presentation will be available on the website from 24 March.

4. The CE/HM reported that the Water Taxi operator had recently terminated his contract and the Commissioners will now operate this service.
5. Details for the plan had yet to be worked out and the fishermen were currently being consulted about the modified SW Corner plan. Negotiations with the national and local RNLI were ongoing.
6. In discussion a number of changes to the initial plan were commended by members, especially the improved navigation in the western area and in the access channel, the separation of resident and visitor berths, the improved appearance from Town and South Quays, retention of crane and slipway, load/unload provision. Concern was expressed about berthing likely to be offered to existing resident boats, especially the longer ones such as Old Gaffers, and the CE/HM assured YHAC that no current boats would be turned out of the harbour as a result of the proposed development.
7. Immediate timetable:
23 March: presentation and discussions with (i) local RNLI and (ii) Yarmouth Town Council
24 March: presentation and discussions with harbour staff.
The revised plan will be put on the harbour website
29 March: presentation and discussions at a public meeting at 1800 in Yarmouth Primary School.

The meeting ended at 1520.