

## YHAC CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of**  
**The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee**  
**held at the Harbour Office**  
**on 16 January 2019 at 0900 hours**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Liz Mead Phil Keen David Fox – Chair Ginny McKee Gill Kennett Nick Measor	Yarmouth Sailing Club Commercial Operators Representative Royal Yachting Association Yarmouth Harbour Staff Representative Freshwater Parish Council Royal Solent Yacht Club
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Tim Adams Sarah Judd Mike Cowan Scott Neill	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Admin Assistant Commissioner Deputy Harbour Master
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Bill Attree Stuart Hutchinson Jamie Allen Sue Hawley Jamie Sheldon Jenny Jackson Mike Wheeler John Howe Derek Graham	Commercial Fishermen’s Association Isle of Wight Council British Marine Federation Estuaries Officer Country Landowners Association Yarmouth Town Council Yarmouth Business Association Totland Parish Council Wightlink

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Mike Cowan to the meeting.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of 14 November 2018 were approved.

**A. OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

**1. Matters Arising from 14 November 2018**

There were none.

**2. Boat Numbers:**

**December 2018**

- Overnights - increase of **22%**
- Short Stays – increase of **15%**
- Long Term Visitors – increase of **8%**
- Sailing Schools – increase of **9%**

## **End of year 2018**

### **Overnights (year-end)**

Overnight visits for the year at 17,708 shows an increase on 2017 of 329 boats nights or 2%.

### **Short Stays (year-end)**

Lunchtime visits show an increase of 168 or 3% at 5,572

### **Long Term Visitors (LTVs year-end)**

LTV numbers show an increase of 3,352 nights or 17% at 22,771. This figure is the highest on record.

### **Sailing Schools (year-end)**

Sailing school visits increased by 16% at 1,222. This figure is the highest on record.

The sum of all visitors shows an increase of 3,857 or 9% at 46,051.

A member asked about the frequency of visits from boaters from the Poole area to the harbour. The CE/HM said that he would endeavour to find out in time for the next meeting in March.

#### **Action TA.**

A member asked if YHC currently record or have any way of knowing the number of people on board each visiting boat. The DHM said that this is not currently recorded but that he would investigate whether this is something that could be added – perhaps to the booking in process in Reception. **Action SN.**

### **3. Wightlink**

The Wightlink Representative had sent his apologies for the meeting and therefore no report was available.

### **4. Port Marine Safety Code**

A practical and desk top Oil Spill Exercise took place on Thurs 10 January 2019 in the Harbour. The booms were deployed and the crane was also in attendance. The exercise went very well.

The DHM asked members to provide consultation/feedback on the recently updated Risk Assessments. Members were asked to identify any further hazards that they perceived could present a problem by 30 Jan 2019.

## **B. ADVISORY ISSUES**

### **1. Matters Arising from 14 November 2018**

There were none.

### **2. Pier Project**

It is anticipated that the Discovery Centre located in the Round House will be open in time for Spring. There have so far been no reported incidences of vandalism. The entire pier is now monitored by 4 CCTV cameras that are clear enough to be able to identify individuals. There have been increasing requests for Fishing Permits. The demand for these is likely to step up around Easter time as people purchase 6 month permits to cover the summer period.

### **3. Harbour Works**

Fencing has been erected around the bin area over at the Ferry Terminal which has smartened up the area. This is important as it is one of the first things that visitors to the town see. Fencing has also been put up at the Dinghy Park.

Work has commenced on the installation of the new pontoon that runs from the Dinghy Park towards the Sailing Club. It is hoped that this will have been completed by the end of February.

New gates are in the process of being fabricated for the fisherman's pontoon.

The renovations in Reception to create a new Tourist Information Point are progressing well. This will include a new interactive touch screen tablet containing a map of West Weight and the location/details of many local attractions/businesses for visitors to discover.

### **4. Environmental Matters**

The Estuaries Officer had sent her apologies for the meeting.

### **5. Events**

- **YHC Spring Festival – 4 May 2019**

The DHM reported that work on organising this event was due to commence shortly. He is considering expanding the area used to include the rest of the YHC car park to the rear of the office and possibly the Green – although this would be weather dependent.

He reported that he intends to publicise the event more widely this year in an attempt to bring as many people over to the harbour and town as possible. The harbour is already full on the water in terms of booked Rallies for this weekend which is good news.

### **6. Any Other Business**

A member asked how the introduction of new YHC tender vessels and free harbour taxi for resident mooring holders was going down. The CE/HM and the DHM reported that this seems to have been very well received. They confirmed that at present the procedure is to go to Reception to sign for the oars in order to use the tenders. However, this may be reviewed in the future.

### **7. Date of next meetings**

13 March 2019, 8 May 2019.

The meeting finished at 0940.