

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 13 March 2019 at 0900 hours

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

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Don Tregear to the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of 16 January 2019 were approved.

A. OPERATIONAL UPDATE

1. Matters Arising from 16 January 2019

Number visitors from Poole – the CE/HM reported that during 2018 there were 1639 boats from Poole that visited Yarmouth Harbour.

Feedback/recommendations for YHC Risk Assessments. YHAC were asked to provide feedback on various Risk Assessments and the CE/HM thanked members for sharing their comments. **The DHM will report on this at the next meeting.**

**2. Boat Numbers:
January 2019**

- Overnight visits for the January show an increase of 28% at 99 visits.

- Short Stays or lunchtime visits totalled 151 an increase on the previous year of 81 visits or 115%. This figure is the highest on record for January and is an indication of good weather.
- Long Term Visitors totalled 2,369 nights an increase on last year of 463 nights or 24%. This figure is the highest on record.
- Sailing school traffic increased by 17% at 28 visits.
- Total visits to the harbour during January was 2,619, an increase on the previous year of 566 visits or 28%.

February Boat Numbers

- Overnight visits at 211 show an increase on 2018 of 42%.
- Short stays - Lunchtime visits show an increase of 84 or 95% at 172.
- LTV numbers show an increase of 392 nights or 24% at 2,016. This figure is the highest on record.
- Sailing School visits increased by 90% at 59. This figure is the highest on record.

Total Visitor Numbers

- The number of overnight, LTV, short stay and Sailing School visits combined for January and February 2019 shows an increase of 1,159 or 30% at 5,073.

3. Wightlink

The Wightlink rep joined the meeting at 0930. Prior to his arrival the CE/HM updated members on the works to the linkspan which are about to commence. Wightlink and YHC staff have been practicing with the barge which will operate from the slipway whilst works are underway. Articulated lorries and vehicles with trailers will not be able to travel on the Yarmouth-Lymington route during this time.

Reliability was 99.3% during February 2019. Now that the boats are able to make use of all 4 engines their sailing record during high winds should improve. There will soon be a relief boat in Lymington once it has undergone its refit in Plymouth so this will further help to improve the service on the Lymington to Yarmouth route.

There was recently a Wightlink Customer Forum held at the Harbour Office which was well attended. Members mentioned the possibility of Wightlink offering offers/discounts for Mylink card holders.

4. Port Marine Safety Code

There is an audit coming up in April. Nothing further to report.

B. ADVISORY ISSUES

1. Matters Arising from 16 January 2019

There were none.

2. Stakeholder Benefits (for Annual Report) to be considered by the Committee

Stakeholder Benefits will be reported on at the next meeting.

3. Pier Project

The Roundhouse will be open in time for Easter. Some of the underwater footage that has already been recorded and edited will be shown along with some time lapse photography of the construction works. There will be a workshop at CHOYD on 21 March from 10.30am which is

focusing on collecting historic images/information on the Pier – this is part of the archiving part of the project. There will be a pier related activity as part of the Spring Festival on 4 May 2019. Those people that had registered on the waiting list for the sponsorship of pier planks have now been contacted and offered the opportunity to proceed with it should they still so wish. Sponsorship is £150 and is for a five year period.

4. Harbour Works

Work to replace the main fuel supply pipe running from the shore to the fuel berth has now started. The new pipe will be a continuous pipe and will not require 'pits' which in the past have suffered problems with water contamination causing the failure of sensors. The volume of fuel that can be dispensed in one load will also increase from 100 litres to 300.

The refurbished Tourist Information Point in the Harbour Office Reception area is now finished. There is a new interactive touch screen that showcases local businesses in Yarmouth and the West Wight along with things for visitors to do whilst here. The CE/HM told members that any local businesses are welcome to have their details included – this service is free of charge.

5. Environmental Matters

There was nothing to report.

6. Events

- YHC Spring Festival – 4 May 2019 – plans for this are progressing well with plenty of exhibitors confirmed to attend. There are still boat jumble pitches available.

7. Any Other Business

A member asked the CE/HM to clarify the procedure for bridge openings in terms of the use of standby light. He said that he would look into this and report back.

8. Date of next meetings

8 May 2019, 10 July 2019.

The meeting finished at 0950.