

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 9 May 2018 at 0900 hours

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

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Sarah Turvill to the meeting.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of 21 March 2018 were approved.

A. **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

1. **Matters Arising from 21 March 2018**

- YBA Rep on YHAC – no one from the YBA was present at the meeting. This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting. **Action SJ.**
- Spring Festival flare Amnesty – Seasafe approached Ramoura on behalf of YHC regarding the possibility of them attending the Spring Festival to collect expired flares. Unfortunately, they were not available to attend on 5 May, but it was felt that the cost was prohibitive as it was in excess of £1500 for them to attend for a day.
- Date of the next Wightlink ‘Meet the Managers’ event – the Wightlink rep was not able to attend the meeting and therefore this item will be carried forward to the next meeting - **Action DG.**

- A member asked for the group to be provided with a list of recycling sites in West Wight that are going to be removed. The IWC Rep on YHAC had tendered his apologies for the meeting and this item will be carried forward to the next meeting – **Action SH**.
- A member had asked about YHC fuel prices. The CE/HM gave a presentation to the group as part of Any Other Business.
- A member enquired about the installation of a CCTV camera at the end of the commercial pontoon. The CE/HM confirmed that this was likely to be done towards the end of the month.

2. Boat Numbers

April	Overnight Visitors	Long Term Visitors	Sailing Schools	Short Stays
% +/-	-34%	Same level as previous year	+18%	-42%

3. Wightlink

The Wightlink Rep had tendered his apologies for the meeting and there was therefore no report for this item.

4. Port Marine Safety Code

The CE/HM had previously requested stakeholder input towards the new Risk Assessments that were being written for the Harbour. Several suggestions were made and incorporated and the revised Risk Assessments were now in use. The CE/HM thanked YHAC members for their input.

B. ADVISORY ISSUES

1. Matters Arising from 21 March 2018

- **Stakeholder Benefits**

The list of stakeholder benefits to be included in the Annual Report was previously circulated to members for amendment/updating. Several suggestions were received back – some of which were incorporated. These included the emphasis placed on the help provided by the harbour staff and also the use of the Slipway. The CE/HM thanked members for their contributions.

2. Walk Ashore Research

The CE/HM gave a presentation to the group on recent research that had been undertaken on both Visitors and Residents berthing preferences i.e. walk ashore versus non-walk ashore and the increasing requirement for dry sailing options. Members were shown video/diagrams of the ‘tetra Docks’ that are currently being trialled by the bridge. YHC also propose to trial a temporary tetra dock pontoon alongside Town Quay for the months of July and August. YHC’s annual survey illustrated that 80 % of respondents said they would prefer more walk ashore berths – 20 % said more non-walk ashore. There are currently 52 people on the AM waiting list and of those, 36 have requested a walk ashore berth. It is thought that many - even having accepted a non-walk ashore – will accept this in the first instance in order to get onto the transfer list for a walk ashore berth should one become available. Nearly ALL rally bookings also request walk ashore berths so the demand for more walk ashore berthing options is clearly there.

With this in mind, the harbour is considering options for introducing a further pontoon down by the Dinghy Park in the river from which you would be able to walk ashore. The CE/HM consulted with the group for feedback on this concept and on the use of tetra docks for dry sailing also. Several members provided useful feedback.

3. Pier Restoration

The project is progressing very well and piling at the end of the Pier is now complete. Portsmouth and Bournemouth University have been over to collect samples and their projects are on-going. Mackleys are currently on target date wise and are aiming to lift the exclusion zone in early June. There will still be a huge amount of work for the YHC workshop team to undertake between June and August when the pier will officially be opened. The Roundhouse will need to be put back together and will house an underwater camera as well as other interactive displays and it is hoped that this will bring people to the pier and that they will pay their toll which will help to subsidise the cost of maintaining it. There have already been various talks/interactive sessions with local schools and community groups and many more are booked in for the next few months. If anyone knows of a group that may like a talk/visit – they are encouraged to contact with Sue Hawley who is managing the project. There have also been many enquiries about the sponsorship of a plank on the pier and this is something that is still to be considered by YHC. The costs associated with not only engraving a plank for the first time but then the ongoing maintenance of it is still to be considered and a clear policy on how to proceed with this will be introduced. Members of YHAC were encouraged to visit the Piers Facebook page – ‘Yarmouth Pier: The Piers Tale’ to see the most up to date photos etc.

25 Community Groups have already booked in talks by the County Archaeologist and more than 600 School children have learnt about the engineering aspect of the project so far. Many schools have also booked in for site visits and Mackley’s - the contractor carrying out the work- have been very helpful and supportive of this community engagement.

The website is slightly delayed but should be live by the end of the week.

The CE/HM showed members some time lapse footage of the works.

4. Harbour Works

There were none to report.

5. Environmental Matters

There were none to report.

6. Events

- YHC Spring Festival – Sat 5 May 2018. The event was well attended with over 34 exhibitors there on the day. The weather was fantastic and both Yarmouth Sailing Club and the Royal Solent Yacht Club had successful open days with many new members signing up. The proposed date for next years event is Sat 4 May 2018.
- Old Gaffers Festival – 1-3 June 2018. DF to send an email to YHC outlining the schedule for the weekend. **Action DF.**
- Sea Shanty Event on the Green – 1-3 June 2018
- Taittinger Regatta – 21-22 July 2018

7. Any Other Business

- GW representing YSC announced that he would be standing down as Commodore of the Sailing Club and would therefore be replaced by his successor on YHAC.
- A member enquired about the ‘NO CYCLING’ signs – The CE/HM confirmed that these had been put up but were thought to be unsafe. New signs are currently being made and will be put up when they are done.

SH Left the meeting at 10.15.

- The CE/HM gave a presentation to the group on Fuel Prices. This illustrated that YHC 's prices have remained competitive and will continue to do so. He also confirmed that YHC could now offer a discounted price for customers who could bulk buy.
- The CE/HM gave members a brief overview of the organisation's disciplinary process.

8. Date of next meetings

11 July 2018, 12 September 2018.

The meeting finished at 1045.