

## 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 11 July 2018 at 0900 hours**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Geoff Witt Nick Measor David Fox – Chair Sue Hawley Nick Whittle Bill Attree Jamie Sheldon Gill Kennett Ginny McKee Jamie Allen John Howe Stuart Hutchinson	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 Totland Parish Council Isle of Wight Council
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Tim Adams Sarah Judd Sue Poston	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Admin Assistant Commissioner
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Mike Wheeler Liz Mead Jenny Jackson Jamie Sheldon Scott Neill Derek Graham Phil Keen	Yarmouth Business Association Yarmouth Sailing Club Yarmouth Town Council Country Landowners Association Deputy Harbour Master Wightlink Commercial Operators Representative

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Sue Poston to the meeting along with Nick Whittle (deputising for Phil Keen) and Geoff Witt (deputising for Liz Mead).

### 1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of 9 May 2018 were approved.

#### A. OPERATIONAL UPDATE

##### 1. Matters Arising from 9 May 2018

- Date of the next Wightlink ‘Meet the Managers’ event – the Wightlink rep was not at the meeting and therefore this 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:

- Members were sent a link to the list of recycling sites that are to be removed (along with the dates of removal) prior to the meeting. A member explained that there are some 61 public recycling sites on the island – many only used to 10% capacity. The decision has been taken to remove those that are utilised the least. Some sites have also encouraged fly tipping.

## **2. Boat Numbers**

### **June 2018**

Short stays or lunchtime visits were up by 121 boats or 16% compared to the previous year totalling 879 visits. Sailing school visits were up by 31%.

Overnight visits to the harbour show an increase on 2017 of 5% or 130 boats totalling 2872. This figure is the highest recorded for June, beating the record by 108 visits or 4%.

Long Term Visitor's (LTVs) were up by 9%, totalling 1738 nights. This figure is also the highest recorded.

### **Year to date up to the end of June 2018**

Total visitor boat numbers at 19,467 show an increase on 2017 figures of 1025 visits or 6%.

## **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**

There was nothing to report.

## **B. ADVISORY ISSUES**

### **1. Matters Arising from 9 May 2018**

- **Confirmation of the date for next year's Spring Festival** – confirmed as Saturday 4 May 2018

### **2. Pier Restoration**

Works are currently slightly behind schedule and therefore a date for the official opening has yet to be finalised. The current exclusion zone around the pier will be lifted once the contractors have removed the hi-ab which is currently working on the end of the structure. The Round House is due to be reconstructed and there is a fair amount of work involved in this including painting etc as well as the installation of the interactive display for inside. Some of the planks have now been re-engraved on the pier end. There are ongoing talks/presentations scheduled with both schools and local community groups.

The date of the removal of the exclusion zone is to be circulated to YHAC members once known.

**Action – TA/SH**

### **2. Harbour Works**

- The proposal for an additional walk ashore pontoon south of the bridge has been sent out for consultation to stakeholders. This includes users of the Dinghy Park, Annual Mooring holders, those on the Waiting List and the local Yacht and Sailing club. The consultation period ends in two days and so far the feedback received is that in excess of

80% of people are in favour of the proposal. The Sailing Club have raised some potential concerns and the HM intends to organise a meeting with the new Commodore Liz Mead and Graeme Bowen.

- CCTV – new cameras continue to be installed around the harbour as and when they arrive.
- The temporary pontoon for the Town Quay slipway area has arrived but will not be installed by the Maintenance Team until the Pier Restoration project has been completed later in the year.

### 3. Environmental Matters

There were none to report.

### 4. Events

- Fair on the Green – 9-22 July 2018. Any concerns raised by local residents (i.e. noise) should be directed to Nigel Hawkes who will liaise with the owners of the Fair.
- Taittinger Regatta - 21-22 July 2018 – Harbour full!
- Towers Firework Party – 21 July 2018
- Carnival Week – 11-18 August 2018 – fishing event proposed for Weds 15 August 2018 on the Pier 6.00 – 7.30 pm.
- RSYC Folkboat Week – 18-25 August 2018

### 5. Any Other Business

- A Fact Sheet for MCZ 23 (Cowes to Yarmouth area) has recently been published. This is available by clicking the link below:

[https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/consultation-on-the-third-tranche-of-marine-conser/supporting\\_documents/Yarmouth%20to%20Cowes%20Factsheet.pdf](https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/consultation-on-the-third-tranche-of-marine-conser/supporting_documents/Yarmouth%20to%20Cowes%20Factsheet.pdf)

A copy is also attached to these Minutes.

The boundaries of this MCZ have been moved to the East of Yarmouth Harbour – however there is some concern over the management measures that may be introduced in the future in the area in front of Bouldnor aimed at recreational boating. Yarmouth Town Council intend to put forward an objection regarding this to DEFRA highlighting these concerns.

A member pointed out to the group that the introduction of the MCZ should also be seen as a positive management tool as it is important to protect these marine habitats for future generations to enjoy.

- A member enquired as to the possibility of introducing a covered walkway from the Yarmouth ticket office all the way up to the entrance to the boat to protect passengers from the weather. The HM said that this would be passed to the Wightlink Representative to respond to at the next meeting. **Action – DG**
- A member thanked the DHM for his patient assistance in investigating a recent theft.
- A member thanked YHC for their support with the recent push in West Wight against the use of single use plastics.
- A member informed the group about the Coastal Clean Up that the Yacht and Sailing clubs will be asking their members to take part in for Isle of Wight Day on 22 September 2018.

- A member informed the group that at the most recent Wightlink 'Meet the Managers' event a ferry user had suggested they label the departure doors onboard the boats A & B and then make an announcement as to which door will be used to disembark (according to the tide). Wightlink staff thought that this was a good idea and indicated that they would take it onboard.

**6. Date of next meetings**

12 September, 7 November 2018.

The meeting finished at 1000.