

## YHAC CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of**  
**The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee**  
**held virtually via Zoom**  
**on 21 July 2021 at 0900 hours**

<b>PRESENT</b>	David Fox – Chair Anne Bamford Ginny McKee Sue Hawley Peter Spink Martin Palmer	Royal Yachting Association Freshwater Parish Council YHC Staff Representative Estuaries Officer Isle of Wight Council Yarmouth Sailing Club
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Tim Adams Sarah Judd Marc Giraudon Scott Neill	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Minutes Commissioner Deputy Harbour Master
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Bill Attree Martin Gulliver John Howe Lee Hall Jamie Allen Danny Arthur Katie Davies Jamie Sheldon	Commercial Fishermen’s Association Wightlink Representative Totland Parish Council Commercial Operators Representative Yarmouth Town Council Yarmouth Business Association Royal Solent Yacht Club Country Landowners Association

The Chairman welcomed new Commissioner Marc Giraudon to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were tendered as noted above.
2. **Approval of Minutes**  
The Minutes of 26 May 2021 were approved.
3. **Matters arising**  
There were none.
4. **Yarmouth Harbour**  
  
**Lockdown Restrictions**  
The harbour continues to encourage people to wear face coverings indoors and are also encouraging them to wear them on all harbour property although this is not being enforced. Harbour staff are advised to have a mask on them at all times so that they are able to wear them

should either a customer or colleague request that they do so. Both harbour staff and customers will also be encouraged to observe social distancing and will continue with hand sanitising for the foreseeable future. Customers will now be permitted to board one of the harbour taxi's without wearing a mask but this will be at the taxi driver's discretion.

### **Safety**

There were no safety issues to raise.

### **Harbour Works**

The harbour has recently had problems with both the visitor and residents Wi-Fi and as such have enlisted the help of a new supplier who have installed superior equipment which will hopefully lead to faster speeds for users.

The RNLI has been granted permission to construct a wooden building on the quayside by the lifeboat itself. This will free up space for use as a changing area.

The bridge suffered a failure a couple of days ago but is now operational again. The engineers think that this may have had something to do with the hot conditions although this has not been confirmed.

### **Harbour Development Concept**

The CE/HM reported that following the two recent stakeholder drop-in sessions there has been 29 positive responses, 3 responses where people felt unsure and 3 negative responses. These were mainly focused on concerns regarding cross tides and turning circles. There is one more drop-in session scheduled for this week after which time YHC will widen its consultation. The CE/HM confirmed that he would be happy to do a presentation on the proposals to both Freshwater and Totland Parish Council and Yarmouth Town Council should they so wish.

### **Performance**

The number of overnight boat visits for June was the second highest ever on record totalling 2819. The number of short stays was the highest ever recorded reaching 1077 boats. The number of LTV's is now pretty much at capacity totalling 2602.

## **5. Wightlink**

The Wightlink representative was not present at the meeting.

## **6. Clubs**

YSC – masks wearing at the club is now left to personal choice. There is an open day on 30 July and the club hope to be able to welcome some new members.

RSYC – Taittinger Regatta went very well although racing was called off on the Sunday due to the lack of wind. It was attended by close to 140 boats. The Club wished to pass on their thanks to all of the team at the harbour for all of their hard work during the weekend.

The Club are still restricting numbers that are permitted inside in order to allow social distancing to continue where possible.

## **7. Councils**

Freshwater PC – Beach Safety – so far 10 swimming buoys have been put out at Colwell Bay in order to create a safe swimming area. So far this seems to be working fairly well although they

are going to be relocated slightly. The Parish Council will continue to monitor this. The CE/HM said that he will be more than happy to offer any help/assistance/advice should the Parish Council require it.

The Parish Council member thanked him for this and said that they would be in touch at some point. She also thanked the CE/HM for offering to do a presentation to the Council on the proposed harbour development south of the bridge. This will form part of the Harbour's wider stakeholder consultation.

Totland PC – The rep did not attend the meeting. The CE/HM offered to give a presentation on the proposed harbour development to Totland PC members.

Yarmouth TC – The rep was not at the meeting. The CE/HM offered to give a presentation on the proposed harbour development to Town Council members.

#### **8. RYA Latest**

The RYA are currently looking at replacing some of the buoys in Newtown Creek. YHC are currently testing some new more environmentally friendly moorings and the CE/HM offered to share information relating to this should it be of help.

#### **9. Boat Yards**

There were not any boat yard representatives present at the meeting.

#### **10. Events**

- Vectis Historic Vehicle Club display – 8 August 2021
- Sea Shanty Event on the Green – 3-5 September 2021
- Ice rink in the Square – December 2021

Date of next meeting: 15 September 2021

*The meeting closed at 0945.*