

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 September 2017 at 0900 hours

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

The Chairman welcomed Sarah Turvill, Commissioner and new member for Totland Parish Council, Cllr John Howe to the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of 12 July 2017 were approved.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

A member nominated Gill Kennett to continue as Vice-Chair, this was seconded by several other members. GK confirmed as Vice Chair for the coming year.

A member nominated David Fox to continue as Chair of YHAC. This was seconded by another member and all were in agreement. DF confirmed as Chair of the Committee for the coming year.

A. OPERATIONAL UPDATE

1. Matters Arising from 12 July 2017

There were none.

2. Boat Numbers – Summer Update

August	Overnight Visitors	Long Term Visitors	Sailing Schools	Short Stays	Total
%+/-	-6%	+4%	+21%	-6%	-4%

Year to date	Overnight Visitors	Long Term Visitors	Sailing Schools	Short Stays	Total
%+/-	-2%	+38%	-6%	-4%	+10%

3. Wightlink

The Wightlink representative on the Committee had sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting.

The CE/HM gave a brief outline of an incident that had taken place during the previous evening (12/13th September 2017) involving an engine fire on board one of the ferries. The RNLI, Coastguard and Island fire crews were in attendance at the scene and a member of the vessel's crew was injured during the incident. He was taken to hospital - extent of his injuries are at this stage unknown. The Marine Accident Investigation Board have been informed.

4. Port Marine Safety Code

On 28th Sept Vikoma will be carrying out a demonstration of their newly developed flood booms at the Harbour. This is to be followed by a presentation which all members of YHAC are welcome to attend if interested. YCDWG have also been invited as have members of the local Flood Committee and community.

There will be a three-yearly Oil Spill Exercise on 17 October 2017. All necessary agencies will be present for the exercise including YHC's Tier Two Responder Adler & Allen. The exercise will involve bringing in a crane to lift a boat out of the water into a fully bunded area, and the use of various booms and skimming equipment.

B. ADVISORY ISSUES

1. Matters Arising from 12 July 2017

- Slipway Contribution

Following stakeholder consultation the following charges are to be introduced from 1 January 2018:

<u>No Charge</u>			
Resident Mooring Holders launching their own vessel (non commercial & commercial)			
Vessels/tenders/PWC under 3 metres			
<u>Charge</u>			
Remote boatyards or other users			
Standard road trailer	£5 per launch or recovery	Season ticket £50	(Review 2019)
Heavy plant	£10 per launch or recovery	Season Ticket £100	(Review 2019)
All users to complete permit to launch request form			

Members of the Committee were pleased to see that the Commissioners had taken onboard their suggestion of the introduction of a 'Season Ticket' for regular users.

2. Pier Restoration

The timber that is going to be re-used from Portsmouth Harbour for pile replacement on the pier has now started to arrive and is being stored in the Dinghy Park. It appears that there will be sufficient supply to do the first round of pile restoration only at this stage. Tender documents have gone out for the capital works and are due to be handed in by next week. Works are scheduled to start at some point between Apr-June 2018. By delaying the work to the late spring there is less chance that the weather will hold back progress and so add to the cost of this renovation project.

There are lots of schools that have shown an interest in coming along whilst the works are underway in order to look at the engineering/science aspects of the project. It is hoped that there will be some information/display boards of some kind in the Round House on the end of the pier fairly soon so that people can see what is planned.

Bournemouth University have been onsite undertaking numerous surveys looking at 'The Pier Beneath' the types of creatures that are living under the pier. There is some fantastic footage of this on the Harbour's Facebook page. This amongst other information will also be put onto the new 'The Pier's Tale' website which is in the process of being put together as part of the project.

3. Harbour Works

YHC are currently carrying out some resurfacing works on the passenger ramp at the Ferry Terminal.

4. Environmental Matters

There was nothing to report.

5. Events

- Isle of Wight Day – 22-24 September 2017 – the Harbour and Yacht Club/Sailing Club are to put up bunting and will be holding races throughout the weekend.

6. Any Other Business

- A member asked about the possibility of some additional **safety ladders** to be placed by the bridge and/or around the Dinghy park pontoon. The CE/HM was in agreement that this was a good idea.
- **Pontoon improvement works** – The CE/HM showed the group some slides illustrating the proposed pontoon improvement works down on the Dinghy Park pontoon. The existing 'aqua dock' pontoon

will be replaced by a more permanent wooden pontoon. This new pontoon will also be extended slightly in order to create additional space for tenders down in the river and will also create some additional space for rib berthing.

It is also proposed that the aqua dock that has been removed from this area be placed under the bridge to create additional space for tenders here as it is a notoriously 'messy' area with tenders proving difficult to tie up and come ashore from. The CE/HM also explained that YHC were going to purchase some tenders of their own and place these at the end of the green pontoon so that people moored at the far end of this pontoon can walk along and jump into one of the tenders and row across to one of the walk ashore pontoons. This may relieve some of the pressure on the taxis during the busy months.

The Committee were in agreement that these proposed improvement works sounded like a good idea.

- **Annual Mooring Charges – 2018**

The CE/HM showed the Committee some slides providing details of the proposed increases for the coming year:



The Committee were in agreement that these appeared reasonable. Annual Mooring Invoices are due to be sent out in October/November of this year.

- **Informal meeting of the Commissioners** – Weds 27 Sep 2017 at 1700 at the Harbour Office. The Chair encouraged all members to attend if possible.

7. Date of next meetings

15 November 2017, 17 January 2018.

The meeting finished at 1020.