

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 12 September 2018 at 0900 hours

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

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Brian Mitchell to the meeting along with Liz Mead who was attending for the first time as the new Commodore of Yarmouth Sailing Club.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of 11 July 2018 were approved.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair offered their services to the Committee to continue with their current roles. This proposal was unanimously approved. David Fox duly elected as Chair of YHAC for the next year and Gill Kennett elected as Vice Chair.

A. OPERATIONAL UPDATE

1. Matters Arising from 11 July 2018

- Date of the next Wightlink ‘Meet the Managers’ event – two events have taken place since the last meeting of YHAC – one in the Yarmouth Wightlink Terminal and the other at the Harbour Office. These were not very well attended by members of the public so a member suggested that this event

be advertised more widely. SJ to provide the Wightlink rep with the contact email address of all YHAC members so that the notice for the next meeting can be distributed to all local community groups. **Action SJ.**

2. Boat Numbers:

Summer Summary

May	+ 19%
June	+ 8%
July	+ 14%
August	+ 5%

3. Wightlink

The recent incident on Wight Sky in Lymington is currently being investigated by the Marine Accident Investigation Board and Volvo.

Wightlink have had 96% punctuality and 99% reliability over the past two months.

Vehicle & passenger numbers are up 5%.

The new ship Victoria has had a few teething problems but has successfully done a few runs now.

A member asked the WL rep to pass on his thanks to the ferry captains for their care and consideration during the Taittinger Regatta weekend.

4. Port Marine Safety Code

There was nothing to report.

B. ADVISORY ISSUES

1. Matters Arising from 11 July 2018

- Enquiry to Wightlink regarding the possibility of a covered walkway from the Yarmouth terminal to the ferry for foot passengers – the representative from Wightlink suggested that the member who made this enquiry bring it up with Wightlink at the next 'Meet the Managers' event.

2. Pier Restoration

The restoration of the pier's structure is complete. However – the installation of a new Discovery Centre within the Round House is still underway and this remains closed at this point. The centre will house new underwater cameras which will relay live underwater footage of below the pier head along with time lapse footage of the project itself. Many more talks to local schools and community groups are booked in. Anyone interested in such a talk should contact the Estuaries Officer. Fishing permits are once again being issued. The official opening is scheduled to take place on 24 September 2018 – the Estuaries Officer encouraged all YHAC members to please RSVP to their invitation ASAP. The subject of plank sponsorship/maintenance has yet to be discussed but will be looked at in the near future as many people have already enquired as to whether they are able to sponsor a plank and have been added to a waiting list.

3. Harbour Works

Consultation on the introduction of a new walk ashore pontoon south of the bridge has now finished. YHC are to discuss these plans with the MMO in the near future and hope to commence these works before the end of the year.

3. Environmental Matters

The Hampshire & IW Wildlife Trust are undertaking an intertidal Seagrass Survey from the Breakwater along to Norton Grange on 12-13 September 2018. This is on behalf of Natural England.

4. Events

- **Isle of Wight Day – 22 September 2018 – see www.isleofwightday.com**
This will involve amongst lots of different activities across the Island including a Beach Clean at Sconce Point and Fort Victoria.

5. Any Other Business

- A member highlighted the recent issues with the cash point in Yarmouth being out of order on several occasions and reported that there is a 3-day repair turnaround as the engineer has to come from the mainland. The CE/HM reminded the group that the Harbour Office now offer cashback so this is always an option for local residents/visitors if the cash point is out of order. It was suggested that this perhaps be publicised more widely.
- A member mentioned that the last bank in West Wight is looking at closing. This would leave only the mobile banking vans as an option for the area. The CE/HM offered land/space to accommodate such a vehicle in Yarmouth if required.
- The Chairman reminded members that there is an Informal Meeting of the Commissioners on Weds 26 September 2018 at 1700 at the Harbour Office and encouraged them to attend if possible.
- The CE/HM asked the Committee their views on the proposal that YHC make harbour taxi's free of charge to all annual and commercial mooring licence holders in order to try to alleviate the problem of run down/abandoned tenders in the harbour. Some members felt that this was a good idea – especially if YHC provided several tenders for the use of people on the non-walk ashore pontoons. These tenders would obviously be well maintained. Other members felt that people would still prefer the convenience of having their own tender to use at any time. A questionnaire/survey is to be undertaken in order to gauge people's feelings on this proposal.

6. Date of next meetings

14 November 2018, 16 Jan 2019.

The meeting finished at 1005.