

YHAC CONFIRMED MINUTES

Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners
Minutes of a Meeting of
The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee
held virtually via Zoom
on 16 March 2022 at 0900 hours

PRESENT	David Fox – Chair Jamie Allen – Vice-Chair Jamie Sheldon Louisa Mamakou Danny Arthur Katie Davies John Howe	Royal Yachting Association Yarmouth Town Council Country Landowners Association Marketing & Communications Officer/YHC Staff Rep Yarmouth Business Association Royal Solent Yacht Club Totland Parish Council
IN ATTENDANCE	Tim Adams Sarah Judd Brian Mitchell Scott Neill	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Minutes Commissioner Deputy Harbour Master
APOLOGIES	Bill Attree Martin Palmer Peter Spink Martin Gulliver Anne Bamford Sue Hawley	Commercial Fishermen’s Association Yarmouth Sailing Club Isle of Wight Council Wightlink Representative Freshwater Parish Council Estuaries Officer

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Brian Mitchell to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were tendered as noted above.

- 2. Approval of Minutes**
The Minutes of 19 January were approved.
The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 15 February were approved.

The Chairman asked the CE/HM about progress regarding the water lodge proposal. He confirmed that the Board had decided to proceed with it but had agreed to move the proposed location to north of the bridge. The project is currently on hold due to uncertainty regarding the supply chain and the potential knock-on effect of rising inflation/fuel prices on the leisure market.

- 3. Matters arising**
There were none.

4. **Yarmouth Harbour**

Safety

The Harbour will be running an oil spill and fire evacuation exercise next week for all staff.

Harbour Works

The damaged wooden posts surrounding the Green have been replaced with metal ones which will hopefully last longer. Some repair works are also required on the bridge at Sandhard and the Hailing Station and these will be completed in the near future. The outside showers are almost finished and it is hoped that these will be ready by Easter. The CE/HM apologised for the impact this work was currently having on harbour office car parking.

A member asked about rising fuel prices and the CE/HM confirmed that whatever the increase in price, the harbour's margin on it always remains the same.

Performance

LTV's are now at capacity. Sailing Schools have started to come back into the harbour which is good to see. Boat numbers for January and February combined were higher than expected which is encouraging.

5. **Wightlink**

There was no representative present at the meeting.

6. **Clubs**

RSYC – The Spring Series racing has started. All racing marks and trots are in the water ready for the season ahead. This was to be Katie Davies' last YHAC meeting and the chairman and the CE/HM thanked her for her contributions to the Committee over the past few years.

YSC – There was no representative at the meeting.

7. **Councils**

Freshwater PC – There was no representative present at the meeting.

Totland PC – The PC are currently having discussions about exactly where the safe swimming marker buoys are going to go in both Totland and Colwell Bay. They are aware of the importance of clearly marking the exit/entrance to the beach to ensure that the PWC's can launch/recover safely. Totland Pier has now been sold. Works to the restaurant at the end of the pier are still going ahead.

Yarmouth TC – The Town Council have just planted 75 trees on the Recreation Ground in Yarmouth.

8. **RYA Latest**

The introduction of the Southern Anchoring Zone by the MMO is going ahead. This will involve 100 eco friendly moorings being put in although there has been no information on who is going to pay for them to be maintained/policed etc. YHC are already trialling some similar moorings and it remains to be seen exactly how they will perform.

9. Boat Yards

There was nothing in particular to report other than this is a busy time of year with boats going back in the water ready for the season.

10. Events

- 16 April 2022 11am-2pm RSYC Open Day
- 16 April 2022 – Easter Duck Races
- 18 April 2022 – YSC Open Day
- 1-5 June 2022 Old Gaffers Rally to Yarmouth Harbour
- 2-5 June 2022 – Queens Jubilee Long Weekend

There will be various events going on over the Jubilee weekend – these include the lighting of beacons and street parties etc.

11. Any Other Business

On the second Saturday of Cowes Week there is to be a parade of sail gathering in Osbourne Bay.

Over 200 people have already signed up to receive the new Yarmouth Harbour Newsletter which is a good start. The new look Yarmouth Harbour website should go live at the end of the month. YHC have received lots of positive feedback recently via social media which is encouraging.

A member suggested that we consider recording future YHAC meetings to make Minute taking easier and in order to keep a record for referral purposes. It was noted that Minuting of the normal meetings seemed to work pretty well but this does become trickier in situations such as the Extraordinary Meeting that was held on 15 Feb. All agreed that it makes sense to record such meetings going forward.

A member enquired about whether YHC were involved in The Oyster Project. The CE/HM confirmed that they had tried to make contact with the project organisers on several occasions but had so far been unsuccessful. He confirmed that he would ask The Estuaries Officer to chase this again.

Date of next meeting: Weds 18 May 2022.

The meeting closed at 0940.