

YHAC CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners
Minutes of a Meeting of
The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee
(Hybrid Meeting)
on 19 July 2023 at 0900 hours**

PRESENT	David Fox – Chair Tom Symes Sue Hawley Steve Cowley Daniel James Jamie Sheldon John Howe Jamie Allen Vikki Miller	Royal Yachting Association Royal Solent Yacht Club Estuaries Officer Yarmouth Town Council Freshwater Parish Council Country Landowners Association Totland Parish Council Boat Yards YHC Staff Representative
IN ATTENDANCE	Tim Adams Sarah Judd Brian Mitchell	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Minutes Commissioner
APOLOGIES	Gillian Head Martin Gulliver Danny Arthur Peter Spink Martin Palmer Scott Neill	Yarmouth Town Council Wightlink Representative Yarmouth Business Association Isle of Wight Council Yarmouth Sailing Club Deputy Harbour Master

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Brian Mitchell to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies Absence**
Apologies were tendered as noted above.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
The Minutes of 17 May 2023 were approved.
- 3. Matters arising**

The recent survey on Sea Angling was fairly interesting. GH did this on behalf of YHAC.

Commercial Operators within the harbour have been advised to read the Minutes of meetings regularly in order to keep up to date on what goes on at YHAC.

There is an MSc student currently undertaking a survey on the local MCZ and YHAC have been approached to respond to this. The link will be circulated to members.

Yarmouth Conservation Document – this is now completed and is currently with the IW Council. It is hoped that the contents of this will be absorbed into future planning applications in the area.

The use of small canisters is definitely being phased out– but users are being given a window of time to still be able to use these prior to having to switch. Flogas can be used but a different regulator is required for this.

4. Updates with latest positions from:

Yarmouth Harbour

Safety – YHC are looking to install barriers/posts of some kind onto the slipways to stop people using them without permission/payment/safety advice. The DHM will explain more on this issue at the next meeting and will ask for the thoughts and views of members.

Harbour Works – painting the roundhouse and rails on the pier is currently underway. Work on the breakwater has started. RYB are kindly helping with storage of materials. The goal is to renew approx 8 bays per year to improve coastal defence in Yarmouth.

The toilets at the entrance to the pier are no longer being run by YHC. Gossips are interested in taking them over for Gossips customers to use during their operating hours.

Performance -

Jan-Jun

Overnight stays were average.

Short stays – 2954 which is record breaking.

Jan-May

LTV's slightly down due to works south of the bridge.

Waterlodges – 18 bookings so far. The lodges went live in June on Air Bnb.

5. **Wightlink**

There was no representative present at the meeting. The Chairman said that he now had the link to the recent Wightlink Forum meeting Minutes which would be circulated to members.

6. **Clubs**

YSC – There was no representative at the meeting.

RSYC –Taittinger Regatta went very well although the weather conditions were difficult. This stopped some people arriving. No sailing took place on Saturday – and only a few races went ahead on Sunday. Some of the racing and the activities ashore were filmed. Folk boat week is coming up.

7. **Parish Councils**

Freshwater – The issue with rats at the Causeway has now been referred to the local County Councillor. The Freshwater Flood Resilience Plan has been reviewed as it requires updating.

Totland – The member asked the CE/HM for advice/assistance/guidance on issues surrounding the use of jet ski's (personal watercraft). The HM confirmed that YHC would help in any way they could and advised the Parish Council to contact the Marine Police who are keen to assist with such issues. The

RYA Guidance on the use of jet ski's will be circulated to all members including the Clerk to Totland Parish Council. YHC currently display Posters on fuel berth in the harbour for jet ski users.

8. Yarmouth Town Council

The Town Council asked for a YHC representative to go to the next meeting if possible and the HM confirmed someone will do their best to attend.

The litter bins around Yarmouth are regularly overflowing. The Town Council will need to contact the IW Council if they are seeking additional empties.

School site – a recent survey was undertaken asking residents what they would like to see the site used for in the future and the majority favoured some kind of educational use/exhibition space or local housing. IWC have been very helpful – but the DfE will ultimately make the final decision.

The Town Council have offered to explain the various proposals in a little more detail to the Commissioners. The CE/HM agreed that this would be useful and said he would attend such a meeting and report back to the Commissioners at the next Board meeting.

9. RYA Latest

Nothing to report.

10. Boatyards

Car parking has on occasions been a bit of an issue at the harbour in terms of blocking the slipway which clearly hinders launching. The CE/HM confirmed that any offending vehicles will be issued with a series of warnings but if they are still parking incorrectly then their car park permit will be revoked.

11. Events

Carnival week – 5-11 Aug. Yarmouth Carnival now have a new website & year book. All are encouraged to get involved.

12. Any Other Business

No annual mooring licence holders have taken up the offer of berthing tuition in relation to the development south of the bridge. Visitors have not had any issues arriving or departing from the berths allocated to them in this area.

There have recently been problems with large gatherings along the banks of the river involving fishing, large bonfires and loud music on the weekends. All rubbish left has now been cleared and it would seem that this has come to an end during recent weeks which is good news.

The revised General Directions are now going out for formal consultation. They are available from the Harbour Reception in the form of a hard copy should anyone wish to look back through them. The amended Harbour Revision Order will also go out for public consultation at the same time.

13. Date of Next Meetings –Weds 13 Sept 2023, Weds 15 Nov 2023.

The meeting closed a 1000 .