

# Minutes of the Harbour Committee

5 December 2005

-: Present :-

Councillor Jennings (Chairman)

Councillors Browne, Carter, Charlwood, Faulkner (Mrs J), Hodge, Hurst and McPhail.

(Also in attendance Councillor Davis)

**783. Apology.** An apology for absence was received from Councillor Turnbull.

**784. Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 October 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**785. Harbour Liaison Forums.** The Committee received the minutes of the Torquay/Paignton Harbour Liaison Forum held on 22 November 2005 and the Brixham Harbour Liaison Forum held on 24 November 2005 (as set out in Report 527/2005).

**Resolved:** (i) that a Paignton Harbour Working Party be established to address access issues at Paignton Harbour and submit an action plan to this Committee. The membership of the Working Party to comprise three members of the Liberal Democrat Group, one member of the Conservative Group and two harbour users; and

(ii) that the Director of Marine Services investigate possible solutions for addressing waste management issues at Brixham Harbour and report back to this Committee on 21 March 2006.

**786. Marine Services Budget and Harbour Charges 2006/07 (Minute 682/10/05).** The Committee considered Report 528/2005 on proposals for the Marine Services Budget and Harbour Charges for 2006/07. The Director of Marine Services reported the outcome of the consultation with the Harbour Liaison Forums and user groups on the proposed increase in harbour charges of 3% and 5%. It was noted that no direct correspondence had been received from harbour users on the proposals

to increase the harbour charges and that the Harbour Liaison Forums indicated a general acceptance of 3% as an increase in harbour charges.

**Recommended:** that the Council be recommended to:

(i) approve the Marine Services budget for 2006/07, based on a 3% increase in harbour charges (as set out in Appendix 2 to report 528/2005);

(ii) approve the Harbour Charges for 2006/07 as set out in Appendix 5 to Report 528/2005; and

(iii) note the provision for capital financing of £150,000 that has been included in the Marine Services budget for 2006/07 to fund future redevelopment works.

**787. Marine Services Budget Monitoring 2005/06 (Minute 682/10/05).** The Committee considered Report 529/2005 which set out the projected income and expenditure for 2005/06 for Marine Services as compared to approved budgets.

**Resolved:** that the projected outturn positions of the two harbour accounts and the resulting change in reserve movements be noted.

**788. Dry Dock Facilities in Brixham.** The Committee received Report 530/2005 setting out an update on the proposals for a floating dry dock facility at Brixham Harbour. It was noted that the proposals were not being pursued at this stage and that consideration would be given to the provision of a floating dry



dock once the Brixham Regeneration proposals had been developed.

**Resolved:** that Report 530/2005 be noted.

(**Note:** Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 789 the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.)

**789. Torquay Harbour – Town Dock (Minute 684/10/05).** The Committee received an update on the legal position in respect of

negotiations with Marina Developments Limited (MDL) for a town dock facility at Torquay Harbour.

**Resolved:** (i) that it be noted with approval that the Director of Marine Services on behalf of the Council proposed to grant an extension to the negotiation period with MDL to 28 February 2006; and

(ii) that the Director of Marine Services be requested to ensure that any proposals for a Torquay Town Dock be subject to consultation with harbour users and local people.

Chairman

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