

Minutes of the Harbour Committee

16 January 2006

-: Present :-

Councillor Jennings (Chairman)

Councillors Browne, Carter, Charwood, Hodge, Hurst, Lomas and Westwood

(Also in attendance Councillors Davis, Hytche and McPhail)

836. Apology. An apology for absence was received from Councillor Faulkner (Mrs J).

837. Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 December 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

838. Brixham Harbour Impressed Current Cathodic Protection (ICCP) System. The Committee considered Report 1/2006 which set out a review of the ICCP system installed at Brixham Harbour.

The Report highlighted that the ICCP system had been installed in 2001 following the identification of problems associated with low water corrosion of the harbour's steelwork. It was noted that an independent survey had been carried out by Corrosion Control Services Ltd. to review the ICCP system and the survey identified a number of failures with the system.

A representative from Corrosion Control Services Ltd. attended the meeting to respond to members' questions. The Committee considered alternative options for the future protection of the steelwork at the harbour.

Resolved: that the Council be recommended to:-

(i) note the various problems identified with the existing ICCP system at Brixham Harbour;

(ii) note the consideration of the Harbour Committee of the recommendations of the independent survey conducted by Corrosion Control Services Ltd. and Committee's comparison of the alternative costs of a replacement system;

(iii) approve the installation of a new sacrificial anode system at Brixham Harbour to be funded from the Brixham Harbour Reserve Fund. The system adopted for the new sacrificial anode to be based on a 10 year life, subject to consultation with the Brixham Harbour Liaison Forum (if agreement can not be reached on this lifespan the Director of Marine Services to report back to the Harbour Committee); and

(iv) vary the Capital Plan for 2006/2007 accordingly and the Director of Finance be requested to approve the use of the Brixham Harbour Reserve to fund these works.

839. Brixham Harbour – Capital Repair Works. Members received Report 2/2006 detailing capital maintenance works required at Brixham Harbour. The works related to subsidence and relaying of paving on the Eastern Arm, replacement and improvements to the supply of electricity to the fishing industry and improvements to the quayside fendering and vessel access arrangements.

Resolved: that the Council be recommended to:-

(i) vary the approved Capital Plan to include the harbour projects detailed in Report 2/2006 and that these be funded from the Brixham Harbour Reserve; and

(ii) delegate the decision to progress any of the schemes outlined in Report 2/2006 to the Director of Marine Services (in consultation with the Chairman of the Harbour Committee) following consideration of other demands on the Brixham Harbour Reserve and to request



the Director of Finance to approve the use of the Brixham Harbour Reserve for these purposes.

(Note: Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 840 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 7, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.)

840. Brixham Employment Space and Fish Market – Brixham Harbour. The Committee considered Report 3/2006 on the progress of the Brixham Regeneration project and the phase at Brixham Harbour for new employment space, renewal of the fish market and related infrastructure.

Resolved: that the Council be recommended to:-

(i) authorise the Chief Executive of the Torbay Development Agency (TDA) to move towards implementation of the Brixham Harbour phase of the regeneration project in accordance with the general programme approved by the Executive in November 2004 (Minute 341.3/11/04 refers) and as subsequently refined by the project development performed by the TDA. This phase of the Brixham project to comprise new employment space, a new fish market and renovation of the existing fish market, and associated infrastructure development;

(ii) approve the principle of prudential borrowing to a total of £5.3 million in support of this phase of the project with a repayment period of 40 years;

(iii) approve progress towards further private sector developments including housing and marina developments that will contribute funding to additional regeneration benefits for Brixham as well as providing revenue funding that can mitigate the risk to the Council of the prudential borrowing identified in (ii) above;

(iv) authorise the Chief Executive of the TDA (in consultation with the Mayor, Director of Law and Support and Director of Finance) to accept external funding offers in accordance with the funding structure proposed for the Brixham Harbour development, and once such funding is awarded be authorised to select a construction contractor in accordance with full competitive procurement procedures; and

(v) authorise the Chief Executive of the TDA, the Director of Law and Support and the Director of Finance (in consultation with the Mayor) to approve the terms of all necessary legal documentation for the regeneration project and associated borrowing and funding approved under (i) to (iii) above (including the granting of leases for the commercial premises created by this project, even where rental levels are in excess of £10,000 per unit).

(Note: During consideration of Minute 840 Councillors Browne, Hodge and Jennings declared a personal interest as members of the Board of Torbay Development Agency Ltd.)

Chairman
