



Report 70/2006 to Harbour Committee 21 March 2006
Brixham Harbour Liaison Forum

Thursday 9th March 2006
14.00 at Brixham Yacht Club,
Overgang, Brixham.

Attended:	Capt. P Labistour	Capt. K Mowat (KM)	Mr D Bartlett (DB)
	Cllr J Davies (JD)	Cllr M Hytche (MH)	Mrs S Armstrong (SA)
	Mr K Bower (KB)	Mr K James (KJ)	Mr P Bartlett (PB)
	Mr J Carter (JC)	Mr R Williams (RW)	Capt R Curtis (RC)
	Mrs M Thompson (MT)	Mrs Y Twelves (YT)	

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr G Jennings, Mr N Wright, Mr R Perry, Mr R Smith, Mr C Bedford.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting. PB asked for it to be noted that he was extremely upset that there were no Councillors present.

MH arrived and gave his apologies for being late.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Distribution of Harbour Committee Minutes

PL distributed the Harbour Committee minutes from the December meeting. He explained that there had been an extraordinary meeting in January to deal with the planned capital expenditure at Brixham. The minutes of the January meeting will be approved at the next meeting and can only be distributed after approval therefore they will be given to the Liaison Forum members at the June meeting. PL highlighted the fact that the minutes of the liaison meetings are on the agenda of each Harbour Committee meeting. KM advised the Forum of the items on the agenda of the 21st March meeting.

JD arrived and gave his apologies for being late

(b) Volunteer Assistant Harbour Masters

PL explained that he had discussed this issue with colleagues and they all felt able to cope but would like to keep the idea under review. PL explained that he was keen to explore other ways of utilising volunteers for example the management of the Town Pontoon. PL introduced MT who has recently formed Pride of Brixham. PL explained that he would like to explore using the voluntary efforts of Pride of Brixham, where appropriate, to help with improvements around the harbour. e.g. painting the toilet block. PL said he would be passing information to the Council's legal section for consideration. SA explained that she had tried to do a similar thing in the past but was advised that she was unable to do it due to the Health and Safety implications.

ACTION: PL to take advice from the Legal section and act accordingly.

(c) Maintenance of Grids

DB explained that this work is still ongoing as it is tide dependant. The base has been concreted and the shuttering has been made up. The block will be bolted back on and steel straps will be attached to prevent them being pulled off. The work should be completed by the end of March. A discussion about the condition of the Outer Grid took place.

(d) Paving Around the Quay Edge

PL reported that this will now form part of the engineers surveying programme.

(e) Passenger Landing Steps

DB explained that temporary work will be carried out before the start of the season to make the steps safe. He then explained that the permanent repair would be carried out as part of the Eastern Arm works during the August to December period. SA & JC raised concerns about the timing of the works. SA said that the second set of steps is rarely available for use due to refuelling. PL agreed that the conflicting uses of the steps would make things difficult but he would plan the work to avoid the busy seasonal period.

(f) Parking on Kings Quay

SA explained that designated spaces are needed for people using the grids. PL explained that all the spaces are controlled by the car parks department and are all currently sold. SA asked if they are on harbour estate. PL confirmed that they are. SA asked for PL to request that two spaces be released back to the harbour. KM explained that there is a waiting list for the spaces and suggested that it would be appropriate to wait until two spaces are given up by their current holders instead of removing the spaces from existing users. PL asked SA to drop into the office to work on a proposal together.

ACTION: PL & SA to work on a proposal for the Car Parks department.

4. HARBOUR LIAISON FORUM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

KM explained that the Council had reviewed its appointment of Councillors to the Forum. The official representative was now Cllr Jennings with Cllr Lomas as the deputy. KM thanked JD for his attendance and input at the Liaison Forums during his time as an official representative. SA asked if the Councillors listed on the top of the Harbour Committee minutes from the December meeting were the Councillors that make up the Harbour Committee. KM explained that the Committee membership had been changing and this was not an ideal situation. KM then gave a list of the current membership of the Committee. SA asked about the set up of Harbour Boards. KM explained that the Municipal Ports Review was expected to be released around April, it is expected to promote a quasi-trust board system. KM said that as soon as the Review was released it would be taken to the following Harbour Committee. PB asked for the RYA and the Harbour Users to be taken into consideration as part of the constitution of any Harbour Revision Order. KM confirmed that if there was a need to investigate the likely make-up of a future Board he would look at existing local models. SA said that it is important that the Harbour Liaison Forums continue. RC said that it is also important that Councillors attend the Liaison Forum meetings.

5. TORBAY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

PL explained that the Council is consulting on the establishment of a Local Development Framework, a successor to the Torbay Local Plan, and this is an opportunity for Forum members to get involved. MH explained the background of it. KM said that he and PL would be promoting the relevant marine planning issues.

6. WORKBOAT

PL explained that the new workboat had been purchased, it is a 30ft steel motor vessel named "Orca". PL reported that it should be coded to Category 3 with a 20 mile safe haven and 24 hour restriction by mid March. PL reported that the boat would be used for a range of activities including the support of mooring maintenance work. PL described how "Orca" had helped to save a 12-tonne boat from sinking the previous week. RC asked if she would be used to tow trawlers. PL explained that the Pilot boat would still be used for this.

7. CATHODIC PROTECTION

PL explained that a report was taken to the Harbour Committee in January and the Committee had decided that a new sacrificial anode system should be procured subject to discussions with the Harbour Liaison Forum about the life of the anodes. PL explained the differences in cost between the 10 year anodes and the 20 year anodes. The cost of installation is the same for both types of anodes. SA asked if the current system which is 80% effective could be modified. PL said that the report which had been commissioned said that the current system could be modified but it would cost more than installing a new sacrificial anode system. KM explained that the Harbour Committee had made the decision to go with the sacrificial anode system following a lengthy debate and with information provided from an expert. A discussion took place regarding the installation of the current system and the breach in contractual issues. RC asked why the company was not taken to court. KM explained that advice had been sought from the Councils Legal Department who had recommended that such action was not worth pursuing. PB asked what would stop a similar situation occurring again. KM explained that the sacrificial anode system is a lot simpler and everyone understands how it works. SA asked if there was any way of testing the water. PL explained that this would be part of the design & build contract for a new sacrificial anode system. KM explained that the next stage is to appoint someone to draw up specifications. KM suggested that the specifications should include prices for 10 year anodes and 20 year anodes, and then an extraordinary meeting of the Liaison Forum could be held to debate the options further. All were in agreement. It was also suggested that the expert that had spoken to the Harbour Committee should attend the meeting to explain things in more detail.

ACTION: Contract specification to include prices for both 10 & 20 years, extraordinary meeting to be held, expert to attend.

8. CAPITAL REPAIR PROJECTS

PL suggested bringing the repairs projects to the Liaison Forum for discussion. PL pointed out that an extraordinary meeting may also be needed for this to happen. It was agreed that the engineers should start to put together the tender documents.

ACTION: Engineers to do tender documents, PL to consult with Forum on each project.

9. PARKING FOR HARBOUR USERS/PERMIT HOLDERS/TENANTS (IAN DEFRA)

PL explained that he was no longer sure if South West Water were putting a tank in Oxen Cove, it now seemed unlikely, the matter had yet to be resolved. SWW have been instructed to reduce their discharges and have identified Oxen Cove as a location to do so but this compromises the redevelopment. PL reported that he would continue to issue parking permits on a 6 monthly basis until the future was clearer. RC asked why the mussel farm could not be moved instead. KM said that the two matters were not really related, as he believed the EU Directive referred to water quality for the entire shellfish fishery. SA said that it should be noted that the officers involved had worked very hard on this and should be praised accordingly. MH suggested that the discharges could have an impact on the corrosion issues.

10. HARBOUR COMMITTEE BUSINESS

This item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

11. HARBOUR/MARINE STRATEGY

KM explained that Tor Bay had never had a maritime strategy but work had now commenced on producing one. He hoped it would be formally adopted in the autumn, after widespread consultation. KM advised that a working draft would go to the next Harbour Committee meeting to seek approval to consult with the stakeholders. KM advised that all Liaison Forum members will receive their own copy. KB asked if there were environmental considerations within the emerging strategy, KM confirmed that there were.

12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PL highlighted the following forthcoming events:

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| • 16 th April 2006 | Torbay Model Boat Race |
| • 27 th May – 3 rd June 2006 | Brixham Heritage Festival |
| • 6 th June 2006 | National Ski Championships |
| • 28 th June – 4 th July | Tall Ships 50 th Golden Jubilee Celebration Week |

A discussion about the events for 2006 took place. It was agreed that the current events list would be sent out with the minutes.

ACTION: Events list to be sent to Forum members.

KB suggested that Brixham should have a dedicated waste bin for gill net recycling, as seen at Plymouth harbour, PL advised that this was being progressed.

SA asked for an update on the fish quay security situation. PL advised that he was planning to employ three security officers/dockmasters on an experimental basis using a 1-year contract.

PL thanked everyone for their time. Meeting closed 16.05.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:	8th June 2006	2pm
	7th September 2006	2pm
	23rd November 2006	2pm

DATE OF HARBOUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS:	21st March 2006	4.30pm
	20th June 2006	4.30pm
	26th September	4.30pm
	5th December 2006	4.30pm
	20th March 2007	4.30pm