



Report 70/2006 to Harbour Committee 21 March 2006

Torquay/Paignton
Harbour Liaison Forum

Tuesday 7th March 2006
10.30 at Torquay Harbour Office,
Beacon Quay, Torquay

Attended:	Capt. K Mowat (KM)	Capt. P Labistour (PL)	Cllr D Browne (DB)
	Cllr M Hytche (MH)	Mr R Perry (RP)	Mr R Gater (RG)
	Ms S Vickers (SV)	Mrs I Bolus (IB)	Mr M Ould (MO)
	Mr B Budd (BB)	Mr P Osbourne (PO)	Ms M Thompson (MT)
	Ms A Whitehead (AW)	Mrs Y Twelves (YT)	

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr Jennings, Cllr Hurst, Mr J Carter, Mr K Foster, Mr T Ekers, Mr R Cudmore and Mr A Stirland.

2. HARBOUR LIASION COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

KM explained that he had been notified that the officially appointed Councillor representatives on the Harbour Liaison Forum were Cllr Jennings and Cllr Charlwood. All councillors are welcome at the meeting and KM thanked those in attendance. KM asked for thanks to be noted to Cllr Davies for his input and attendance at previous meeting.

3. PUBLIC ART, BEACON QUAY (BOB BUDD)

KM introduced AW, the Torbay Council Arts Development Officer. AW introduced PO, BB the Artist and MT the Lead Artist. MT explained the project and her role as Lead Artist. PO explained the Waterfront Regeneration phases. BB gave a presentation of the planned public art. MH asked for a financial breakdown of the project. KM explained that the public art budget was made up of various elements, including part of the agreement for the RDA funding. None of the capital funding would be met by the harbour account. However, the ongoing maintenance liability had been discussed within the steering group and would be kept to a minimum. DB said that he was very impressed and congratulated the team. DB asked where the WW2 mine would be situated. KM confirmed that it would be at the southern end of the new walkway. PO advised that the flag pole will also be reinstated. A general discussion about the maintenance costs ensued. SV asked if there would be a translation of the Morse code, MT said that it would be left up to people to find out themselves. RG asked about the vehicular access, KM confirmed that it will be maintained and controlled by a barrier system.

(Note: AW, PO, BB & MT left the meeting after this item)

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting. With the exception of the date of the next meeting being the 6th June not the 5th June as stated.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Paignton Harbour Sign Posting

KM confirmed that the information that AS had produced had been passed to Patrick Carney. The Liaison Forum will be part of the Paignton Area Traffic Study consultation process when it starts.

(b) Paignton Harbour Car Park

KM advised that he had been unable to get a police officer to attend partly due to KF being off sick and partly because such matters would be better discussed at the local Ward Partnership meeting. KM explained that KF had been off sick for the whole of February and is now signed off for March. He explained that he had brought John Turner in to cover for KF during March.

KM urged the Liaison Forum members to get involved with the Ward Partnership group to build links with the Police and the rest of the community. KM agreed to defer the item until the next meeting. KM advised that at the December Harbour Committee meeting it was agreed that a Paignton Harbour Working Party should be set up to deal with such issues, KM agreed to ask if there could be three representatives on the group.

ACTION: KM to investigate the need for a Police Officer to attend the next meeting. KM to ask for there to be three harbour users on the Paignton Harbour Working Party.

(c) Paignton Harbour Proposed New Slipway - Update

KM agreed to ask JT to work on the current issue of slipway safety. He explained that JT is working with KM and the RNLI on a new slipway safety sign as part of a national pilot project. KM said that the proposed new slipway will be dealt with by the Paignton Harbour Working Party. KM advised that he is arranging for a tour of the Harbours for the Councillors in June.

ACTION: JT to work on the safety issues of the current slipway.

MH asked about the homeless/rough sleepers issue. KM advised that it is still a problem in both Torquay and Paignton Harbour. KM said that he was trying to arrange for a security grill system to be installed at the Beacon Quay ground floor car park to alleviate the problem but there is no easy solution.

(d) Flood Prevention & Pontoons at Paignton Harbour

KM advised that the engineers have surveyed the flood prevention area and are producing a surge barrier design. KM advised that two companies had been contacted about the pontoon idea but the pontoon would be too heavy for recovery on wheels. RG suggested that instead of recovering them they could be sunk. KM said that he would also look into the option of utilising the jet-float that is now surplus at Torquay.

ACTION: KM to look into other options for a pontoon.

(e) Paignton Harbour Maintenance Expenditure

KM distributed a breakdown of the expenditure to date. KM reminded everyone that the information was of a commercially sensitive nature. KM highlighted that pest control was a new area of expenditure this year as the problem had arisen. KM advised that a large expenditure in the 2006/07 financial year would be repairs and redecoration of the Harbour Lights Restaurant seaward wall.

(f) Update on Olympics

KM advised that he was aware of a meeting regarding Olympic Preparation Camps on the 11th May organised by Sue Cheriton but he had not heard anything more from Rob Horne or Marshall Ritchie on the subject. RG said that he would be attending a meeting later in the month regarding the use of Goodrington. A general discussion about the possibility of attracting Olympic teams took place. RG doubted that any teams would want to practice in Tor Bay when they are quite capable of using the actual Olympic Sailing venue at Weymouth. KM explained that he had passed a copy of a new publication from the Royal Yachting Association & the British Marine Federation to colleagues in the planning department as it related to the land use requirements in support of recreational boating and marine operations.

(g) Torquay Inner Harbour Pontoons

KM advised that water and power should be available on the pontoons for the start of the summer season. IB asked for the water and electric points on Princess Pier to be looked at. KM explained that this was already in hand.

6. CAPITAL WORKS

(a) Torquay Harbour Public Realm Phase III – Update

KM advised that despite the slow start the delays that had been incurred are now being caught up as plant and manpower have been increased. KM said that he had no reason to think that it would not be finished on time. KM explained that regular meetings are taking place between the contractors and the tenants. He also advised that those people with a ground floor parking space have been issued with a 6 month credit note in lieu of the disruption and inability to access the

car park at times. KM advised that the railings that have been taken down along Beacon Quay would be recycled around the harbour.

(b) Town Dock – Update

KM advised that discussions with MDL are going well and are more positive than they had previously been. KM said that he was still hoping to be able to deliver something in the spring of 2007.

7. HARBOUR COMMITTEE

KM distributed the minutes of the December meeting and advised that he could not distribute the minutes of the January meeting as they are not approved until the beginning of the next meeting. KM advised that there had been an unscheduled meeting in January mainly to address the issue of capital works at Brixham Harbour. KM invited everyone to attend the next Harbour Committee meeting on the 21st March at Torquay Town Hall. KM highlighted a letter that had been in the Herald Express from someone who had attended and had been very complimentary. PL reminded everyone that the minutes from the liaison meetings are taken to the Harbour Committee.

8. HARBOUR/MARITIME STRATEGY

KM explained that Tor Bay had never had a maritime strategy but work had now commenced on producing one. It will 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.

9. TORBAY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL CONSULTATION

KM explained that the planning system is changing and that he had been asked to pass the paperwork to the Liaison Forum members (sent with agendas). KM asked for comments to be sent directly to Jessica Madge (see sheet for contact details). KM advised that he would be responding on behalf of Marine Services. DB described how the system was changing.

KM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time.

Meeting closed 12.15pm

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:	6th June 2006	10.30am
	5th September 2006	10.30am
	21st November 2006	10.30am

DATES OF HARBOUR COMMITTEE :	20th June 2006	4.30pm
	26th September 2006	4.30pm
	5th December 2006	4.30pm