

14.00 at Brixham Yacht Club,
Thursday 8th June 2006
Overgang, Brixham.

Attended:	Capt. P Labistour(PL)	Capt. K Mowat (KM)	Mr I Todd (IT)
	Cllr J Davies (JD)	Cllr M Hytche (MH)	Mrs S Armstrong (SA)
	Mr K Bower (KB)	Cllr D Browne (Cl.B)	Mr D Bartlett (DB)
	Mr R Williams (RW)	Cllr C Charlwood (CC)	Mrs A Wilson (AW)
	Mr R Smith(RS)		

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Bob Curtis, Cllr Lomas, Pete Blanchard and Dave Hams

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These were agreed.

Action: PL to distribute Harbour Committee Minutes when available

2. MATTERS ARISING:

Volunteer Assistant Harbour Masters

PL showed a copy of the Pride in Brixham Voluntary Pack that had been distributed to the volunteers. He explained we have a team of volunteers doing a lot of work around the harbour and have proved to be a "fantastic asset" in the short period of time they have been working around the harbour.

Parking on Kings Quay

PL explained he was still in discussion with Richard Brown of Car Parks regards various proposals including putting a dingy rack at the top end of the inner harbour, having a fenced and sealed off area at the breakwater and car park space available for customers working on the grid.

KB enquired why the harbour did not receive the income from car parks

PL explained it had always been that way but that in the Act the area does belong to the harbours.

Action: PL KM to meet with Steve Hurley head of car parks to discuss further.

PL also explained that we were hoping to have a Parking Management strategy in place within all the harbours by the end of the year.

Cathodic Protection

PL said that this was now at the going out to tender stage.

SA wanted to know why it was necessary to replace all when it had been found to be 80% efficient and only 20% not efficient. She asked to have more information and further options. She also expressed concern that we had adequate legal back up in case this went wrong again.

KM said he would be happy to bring an expert in to explain the options to the Forum, as they had done for the Harbour Committee. He urged the Forum to have any question ready to ask the expert at the meeting, which will hopefully be arranged for July.

RS expressed concern that it was a lot to ask for a zinc anode to last for 20years.

KB suggested that there be a controlled experiment for 3 months in part of the harbour.

Action: PL to ask project manager to organise a 3 month controlled experiment.

SA would be happy if the work didn't start until after the end of the season.

Cllr Charlwood explained he was on the Harbour Committee, which agreed to go forward on this because of the advice of the expert. It was his understanding that it would cost as much if not more to convert the existing Impressed Current system.

Action: KM to set up a special meeting with Expert and successful tenderer and Liaison Forum.

Action: PL to ensure that the contract has adequate warranty arrangements.

Capital Repair Projects

PL explained that this was all up and running with the Council's engineers involved. The contract for resurfacing and replacing electrical boxes headed up by Tom Jones should go out to tender towards the end of the year intending to start in January.

KM explained that he and the Harbour Committee Chairman would monitor the impact of spending to ensure we don't empty the reserve fund, as some will be needed for the regeneration works and to cover any disaster that might arise.

Action: PL will bring Engineers to next meeting to discuss how these projects will pan out and the cost/timescale.

Forthcoming Events

PL distributed flyers of the Tall Ships Event and explained that they were looking for people who had been involved in the first event and asking them to get in touch. He explained that the race start would be about 5 miles off Torbay so it was unlikely that anyone would be able to view the start from around the Bay.

KM mentioned that Prince Philip would be attending to start the race. There would be 6 class A ships anchored in the Bay with a number of small vessels alongside. He also confirmed that the start date was 10th July at 3pm. He asked if any Forum members wanted to sponsor a young person to go in the race there were spaces on the Europa, so please let him know.

PL explained that the Trawler race would be held next Saturday and that he had sorted out the Risk Assessments with members of the Trawler Race Committee as their was a new Council Public Safety Committee who now require risk assessments for any event for over 1000 people.

Action: AW to send out events list to Forum members.

Harbour Committee Business

KM explained that the next meeting would be on 19th June and the agenda was to include a report on the Municipal Ports Review which was recommending to local authorities that their harbours could be run by a quasi-trust board, called a Harbour Management Committee, which would work to a memorandum of understanding with the Council.

SA requested that the accounts be made available to Liaison Forum members.

KM replied he was quite happy for them to be available after the 19th June when the Harbour Committee had seen them.

Action: AW to distribute the 2005/06 Out-turn Report to Forum members after 19th June

New Fish Market/Oxen Cove Development Update

It was explained that those Councillors present, who sat on the Planning Committee, would make no comments on this matter.

PL updated the group with the news that the SWRDA and the Government Office for South West had agreed their funding and that Torbay Council had agreed the level of Prudential Borrowing required by the harbour, but were still awaiting confirmation from the Marine Fisheries Agency from whom we are looking for £2 million. It was pointed out that without MFA funding the development could still go ahead be it in a reduced size.

SA mentioned that during the Easter period there was a public consultation which received 1200 visitors of which only 2 objections arose.

KM assured the Forum that he would do his best to ensure that planning restrictions did not undermine the future viability of the port. He felt that port operations should not be compromised.

Harbour/Maritime Strategy

KM explained he had been asked by Richard Morgan of the TDA to come up with a Maritime Strategy, which he had done and which has gone to the Overview & Scrutiny Board for feedback. After a full and thorough consultation exercise this should then be adopted by full Council in September as part of the Policy Framework. The draft strategy will be posted on the web site.

Action: KM to include link to website in Strategy consultation letter to Forum members.

3. Any Other Business

Action: PL to ensure that Forum members have the opportunity to add to the agenda prior to the meeting.

Diesel in Harbour

PL apologised to RW for not replying to his letter and not informing him of any action, which had been taken to counter oil pollution in the harbour.

PL explained that it was his perception that the diesel/pollution was not as bad over the last winter period but agreed it had increased once again in line with start of the summer season as there were more harbour users. He admitted that he was struggling to find a solution as it was nearly impossible to prosecute without actual catching someone in the act or taking oil samples that were expensive to analyse.

RS reiterated that he and PL had been constantly trying to solve this problem with the fishing fleet.

RW said that Neil Salter from MDL was also of the opinion that more could be done.

PL Apologised again to RW for not “keeping him in the loop” but reiterated he and other colleagues were trying hard to solve this problem. He explained that road tanker deliveries were no longer allowed on site direct to vessels. He also said that someone had been interviewed under caution last summer and that someone else was interviewed only last week and this was an ongoing case. He said all spills are reported to the MCA and that the harbour has an Oil Spill Contingency plan in place with highly trained staff who were capable of Tier I oil spill cleaning and that the port has a Tier II contractor. He also explained that the new security/dockmasters had been briefed to oversee trawlers whilst they were refuelling, and that he was having continuing discussions with BTA and MDL about this problem.

Cllr Charlwood said that it was a continuing problem that a lot of things were being done but not actually recorded thereby giving the impression that nothing was being done.

PL explained that every spill and every action taken was recorded on a spreadsheet.

KM said it was more of an issue to try and prevent the pollution before it gets into the water, which is still being worked on.

RS said he wanted people to be fined.

PL explained, as above that it was really difficult to prove against a not guilty plea.

KM said that the Council had had successful prosecution on people who had confessed but agreed it was difficult to prove if they didn't confess.

Action: PL to write letter to customers regard emptying bilge water into the harbour.

Action: PL to invite MCA to next Liaison Forum meeting.

KB requested that Any Other Business be kept as an Agenda item.

PL explained it would be more helpful if people could let us know of any additional items they wanted to discuss so that appropriate research could be done. This also avoided people saving up issues for the Forum or thinking of issues on the spur of the moment.

KB explained that a project for composting shellfish waste on a local farm was still ongoing.

PL thanked Councillor Charlwood and his Council colleagues for attending.

Meeting closed 16.00.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

7th September 2006 2pm
23rd November 2006 2pm

DATE OF HARBOUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

19 th June 2006	4.30pm
26 th September	4.30pm
5 th December 2006	4.30pm
20 th March 2007	4.30pm