



Torquay/Paignton (Report 145/2006)
Harbour Liaison Forum

Monday 5th June 2006
10.30 at Torquay Harbour Office,
Beacon Quay, Torquay

Attended: Capt. K Mowat (KM) Capt. P Labistour (PL) Cllr D Browne (DB)
Ms S Vickers (SV) Mrs I Bolus (IB) Mr J Pascoe (JP)
Mrs Y Twelves (YT)

1. **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jennings, Mr J Carter, Mr K Foster, Mr J Turner, Mr M R Ould, & Mr R Cudmore. Capt. P Labistour & Mr M Ritchie sent apologies for expecting to be late.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

(a) Paignton Harbour Car Park

KM advised that a Paignton Harbour Working Party had been formed, with three harbour user representatives and that one meeting had taken place so far. He explained that the car park situation was progressing and that there was a possibility of arranging a joint launching and parking ticket. He also said that he was hoping to arrange an attractively priced harbour users pass as the car park is currently under used. KM said that he had postponed the idea of inviting a police representative to attend the Liaison Forum as nothing further had been raised which required police involvement.

(b) Paignton Harbour Proposed New Slipway - Update

KM said he is still waiting for the information form harbour users to take to the capital management team, however, the Working Party may have superseded the need for this.

(c) Flood Prevention & Pontoons at Paignton Harbour

KM reported that the summer pontoon had been in place for a few weeks and had been successful so far. He explained that it had a bridle attached to it to allow quick removal by a four-wheel drive vehicle in bad weather. KM reported that the Council engineers are evaluating the idea of a GRP stop log as a flood prevention system, over the heavier wooden option. He explained that weight is an issue at Paignton Harbour as there is no forklift facility.

(d) Olympics

KM advised that the RDA had appointed Guy Lavender as an Olympics lead officer for the South West area. Olympics to be dealt with later in the meeting when MR due to arrive.

4. **CAPITAL WORKS**

(a) Torquay Harbour Public Realm Phase III – Update

KM reported that the regular meetings with the Beacon Quay traders had now become fortnightly. He advised that the contract was now due to finish at the end of August/beginning of September and the last bit to be done would be the roadway. He advised that the submerged slipway work was going well and the slipway is due to be completed but may still be part of the contractor's site for some time after completion. KM explained that there were contractual issues related to handing the site area back

early and piecemeal. KM went on to explain that the car parking issues had been resolved in conjunction with the Council's car park department and that tenant's rents and rates were being put on hold. KM said that the maritime events would start this week with the Triangle Race, the pontoons would be alongside Haldon Pier for the event but they would not be open for visitors to use, as access was difficult. JP asked when the bridge and pontoon would be put back into action. KM said that he was working closely with Dean and Dyball and would try to arrange it as soon as he could. JP explained that the works were having a major effect on the Rowing Club in terms of losing members and equipment being left exposed to the elements. KM explained to SV that there had been an unforeseen difficulty with the paving outside Living Coasts caused by the entrance sign foundations. The area of bonded gravel will now extend out further. KM reassured everyone that the contractors are making every effort to keep to the revised schedule particularly as they will be liable to pay liquidated damages. KM advised that any payments of damages would be used appropriately. DB pointed out that the delay in starting the contract was caused in part by the late allocation of funds.

(b) Town Dock – Update

KM reported that he had written to all the Outer Harbour mooring holders and the people on the Town Dock waiting list regarding the proposed Town Dock. He explained that he would be taking a report to Harbour Committee on the 19th June and would be recommending that the project go ahead. KM distributed copies of some suggested layouts. PL asked if the discussions with the Marina had now been concluded. KM explained that an outline agreement had been reached so that the Town Dock was not in direct competition with the Marina. KM said that he was hoping for approval on the Town Dock by the 28th June and to be able to award the contract by September. If this happened the Town Dock could be ready for April 2007. The Town Dock will be self-funding and should pay for itself over its 20-year life. However, due to the easterly swell waves there will be higher than normal routine maintenance. KM said that he had been very pleased with the feedback so far. There were no comments from Forum members.

5. HARBOUR COMMITTEE

KM advised that the next Harbour Committee would be on the 19th June not the 20th June and gave a description of the items on the agenda. He also explained that there had been some changes to the Councillors on the Committee.

6. HARBOUR/MARITIME STRATEGY

KM explained that he had produced a harbour/maritime strategy document in conjunction with the TDA. KM said that Torbay Council had a policy framework but there had never been anything relating to harbours. A consultation letter will be sent out with a website link to the document but if anyone does not have access to the internet a hard copy can be sent out. KM explained that he would be asking for feedback via a set questionnaire.

7. OLYMPIC BID (MARSHALL RITCHIE)

KM explained that he believed it was unlikely that Torbay would become a preparation camp because there are not the same facilities as Weymouth but Torbay does have the potential to attract the Class championships, which would probably include Olympic sailors. MR arrived and explained the Mayor had asked John Kiddey to be the Torbay representative for the Olympic work. He explained that initially three people were on Mr Kiddey's team to attract Olympic business to the area but other people will be added to the team as necessary. MR reported that planning had started with the Clubs to get attention internationally but everyone needed to work together to provide a united front. KM agreed that a united approach was needed and asked if the plan was to attract all sports or just sailing. MR confirmed that they were hoping to attract a variety of sports. KM emphasised that the TDA are willing to support the initiative in any way that they can. KM asked if it had been confirmed that preparation camps would not come to Torbay. MR said that it would be wrong not to try to attract the camps and KM agreed.

KM said that he would like to see a meeting with Richard Morgan, MR and John Kiddey to discuss how the TDA can help.

8. USE OF EXTENDED QUAY (MARSHALL RITCHIE)

MR asked KM how he intended to use the extended quay area. KM said that the Below Decks patio area would be located on the extended quay and the Cadet fleet and the Scout fleet will also be relocated to this area. KM explained that there were no firm plans for the rest of the space but he would be resisting any ongoing commercial use. He also anticipated a flexible area being used for marquees etc, during maritime events but explained that he would like to spend time appraising the situation and the space required for launching, turning etc. MR supported this approach and asked about the use of Haldon Pier. KM explained that he was hoping to have trailer parking along the seawall but that he would discuss options with the Forum in the future. JP asked if commercial ships would still be allowed in the port. KM confirmed that the coasting trade is still welcome in Torquay and will be in the future.

ACTION: KM to discuss the use of Beacon Quay & Haldon Pier with the Forum.

MR asked if the final design of the Town Dock had been decided. KM explained that the contract would be a design and build but that it would be useful to have a special meeting of the Forum to discuss the design and have a presentation from the selected contractor on the proposed design. MR asked if the RTYC would be getting 50 spaces on the Town Dock. KM said that the Town Dock spaces would be allocated according to the waiting list.

ACTION: KM to arrange a special meeting of the Forum regarding the design of the Town Dock.

KM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

5th September 2006 10.30am
21st November 2006 10.30am

DATES OF HARBOUR COMMITTEE :

19th June 2006 4.30pm
TBC September 2006 4.30pm
4th December 2006 4.30pm
19th March 2006 4.30pm