

Minutes of the Harbour Committee

13 September 2006

-: Present :-

Councillor Jennings (Chairman)

Councillors Browne, Faulkner (Mrs J) and Pentney

(Also in attendance Councillors Davies)

279. Apologies. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hodge and Hurst.

280. Committee Membership. It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Liberal Democrat Group, the membership of the Committee had been amended for this meeting by including Councillor Pentney instead of Councillor Lomas.

281. Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 June 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

282. Paignton Harbour Working Party. The Chairman updated members on the work undertaken by the Paignton Harbour Working Party and presented the Working Party's recommendations.

Resolved: (i) that the Chief Executive of the Torbay Development Agency be requested to investigate the regeneration potential of Paignton Harbour, but to include the retention of the character of Paignton Harbour. As part of the investigation the views of harbour users and local residents to be obtained; and

(ii) that the results be reported to the meeting of the Harbour Committee on 19 March 2007.

(Note: Prior to consideration of 282. Councillors Browne and Jennings declared a personal interest as members of the Board of Torbay Development Agency Ltd.)

283. Harbour and Maritime Strategy. The Committee received the first draft of the Harbour and Maritime Strategy and the results

of a consultation exercise on the proposed strategy (as set out in Report 241/2006). It was noted that the strategy identified the issues and opportunities facing the future of Tor Bay Harbour and the Bay's maritime environment and set out a plan to ensure the harbour operates effectively and appropriately.

The Director of Marine Services advised that it was intended to produce a second draft of the strategy to reflect the relevant comments received from the consultation exercise and this would be circulated for further consultation. It was anticipated that the strategy would be presented to the Council on 30 November 2006.

Resolved: (i) that the comments received on the Harbour and Maritime Strategy as detailed by the Director of Marine Services at the meeting, be noted; and

(ii) that the Director of Marine Services be requested to consult the Chairman of this Committee on any changes to the final draft of the strategy.

284. Harbour Liaison Forums. The Committee received the minutes of the Torquay/Paignton Harbour Liaison Forum held on 5 September 2006 and the Brixham Harbour Liaison Forum held on 7 September 2006 (as set out in Report 242/2006).

285. Marine Services Budget Monitoring 2006/07. The Committee considered Report 243/2006 which set out the projected income and expenditure for 2006/07 for Marine Services as compared to approved budgets.

The Director of Marine Services advised members that the Report highlighted a



projected surplus of £42,000 for the Torquay and Paignton harbour account which was mainly due to an increase in the forecast income from Torquay marina. It was noted that the Brixham harbour account projected a surplus of £2,000 due to a number of reasons which were detailed in the Report.

Resolved: (i) that the amended outturn positions of the two harbour accounts and the resulting change in reserve movements be noted;

(ii) that the Director of Marine Services' use of delegated powers to make decisions in relation to the budget allocated to Marine Services be noted; and

(iii) that the Director of Marine Services be requested to commence consultation on the proposed harbour charges for 2007/08.

Chairman
