



Torquay/Paignton  
Harbour Liaison Forum

Tuesday 5th September 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 Horne (RH)	Mr R Perry (RP)
	Ms S Vickers (SV)	Mrs I Bolus (IB)	Mrs Y Twelves (YT)

1. **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Cllr G Jennings, Cllr C Hurst, Mr T Ekers.

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) Use of Extended Quay, Torquay**

KM distributed a diagram showing the temporary use of the extended quay. KM explained that some areas will appear unused as they will be fluid areas for events etc. The exact location of the café patio area is yet to be finalised, although the size is dictated by the lease. KM said that he proposed to use an area the size of two concrete panels for boat parking, initially this would accommodate the scout and the cadet fleet. Later some of the people on the waiting list for boat park spaces would hopefully be accommodated. KM said that he had been approached by both Riviera Boats and Torbay Seaways and Stevedores to resume crane lifting on Haldon Pier. KM reminded members of the Forum that this had caused problems during the summer of 2005 but both operators have agreed to work in accordance with the rules set by the Harbour Authority. KM said that he was awaiting the results of the engineer's survey of Haldon Pier before he made any recommendations but he said that he may bring the issue back to the Liaison Forum for further guidance. RH said that he felt the open area created an ambience for the public to enjoy; he also said that the Albacores were very impressed. RH said that he was actively encouraging youth organisations to use the yacht club's facilities and work together. KM agreed that this would be a better use of the assets and space. RH asked about the traffic study, KM said that it was not linked to the project; it was just coincidental that it had taken place at the end of the Phase Three works.

**(b) Design of Town Dock**

KM explained that there had not been a special meeting yet but this would be covered later in the agenda.

4. **UPDATE ON PAIGNTON HARBOUR WORKING PARTY**

KM explained that the Paignton Harbour Working Party had met for the third time on the previous Wednesday at Paignton Sailing Club. It reached the conclusion that the changes that some of the businesses wanted to make were landlord and tenant issues and therefore the Members were comfortable for this to be dealt with at Officer level. The Working Party also unanimously decided to ask the TDA to look into the potential of the regeneration of Paignton Harbour. KM said that if the Harbour Committee agreed most of the issues had been concluded with the exception of access.

5. **CAPITAL WORKS**

**(a) Torquay Harbour Public Realm Phase III – Update**

KM said he was pleased to announce that Public Ream Phase III was complete. He explained that there would be an official opening on the 5<sup>th</sup> October where the elected Mayor will turn on the lights, cut a ribbon etc. The last piece of the public art to be installed is the ring, this will be brought to the site in pieces and welded together in a temporary workshop on the quayside. KM explained that there is a snagging period of four weeks, during which it is necessary for one porta-cabin to remain on site. KM said that he had ordered additional litter bins and some additional lifebelts would be necessary. KM also explained that the tender racks would be returning to the pontoon at the end of the bridge as they had caused some difficulties at the top of the slipway. KM said that he would be putting rings in the side of the slipway to enable the fishermen to land fish and for people to berth in an emergency but they would not be for general berthing. KM asked for comments on the work, all agreed that it was a vast improvement. KM said that now is the time to spread the word that the slipway is open. It was agreed that KM should put together a press release specifically aimed at the boating press.

**ACTION: KM to put together a press release for the boating press.**

**(b) Town Dock – Update**

KM confirmed that the Council had approved the project and the heads of terms had been agreed with MDL. KM explained that consent to proceed is now needed from the MDL board, assuming this is forthcoming there should be no delay. Consultants have been commissioned to work on the contract which will be sent out to a number of companies on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. The proposals will then be assessed on both quality and price, with the contract hopefully being awarded at the end of November. This would allow construction to commence at the beginning of January and be completed around April. The contract has been written in such a way that the onus is on the contractor to look after the current customers. KM explained that the special meeting mentioned earlier in the meeting can only take place once the contractor has been selected. MH asked what involvement the consultants had. KM explained that as the Council no longer has a large engineers department and the consultants act as the professionals who write and oversee the contract. KM said that this is the first e-procured contract for the Council. SV asked if there was likely to be much disruption. KM said that he did not think so. RP said that the pontoons are normally brought to the site prefabricated. KM explained that there would be a barge or jack-up rig and a couple of porta-cabins on the widened quay area. KM also explained that the piles will probably be socketed. RH asked for clarification of the construction time. KM said that he had spoken to a number of companies; some had said four months others had said longer. A discussion about the geology of the harbour and the difference between driven and socketed piles took place.

**6. HARBOUR COMMITTEE**

KM gave details of the agenda for the forthcoming Harbour Committee meeting. KM said that there would be a report on the Harbour and Maritime Strategy including the responses to the first draft. The next draft is planned to go out to for a short consultation prior to it being presented to full Council in November. KM said that the original date for response to the first draft had been the 11<sup>th</sup> August but he was still happy to accept responses. MH said that he would chase up more responses. KM said that there would be an announcement by the Chairman about the findings of the Paignton Harbour Working Party.

**7. HARBOUR/MARITIME STRATEGY**

KM said that he had received responses from a good cross section of people but that he would like more. RH offered to distribute some copies for comment. KM said he was pleased with the constructive advice he had received.

**8. MUNICIPAL PORTS WORKING PARTY**

KM said that the first meeting of the Municipal Ports Working Party would be taking place later in the day. The working party is charged with taking the Municipal Ports

Review forward and providing recommendations to the Harbour Committee. KM explained that the document talks about setting up a Board with a mix of Councillors and non-elected members who would have experience of working at boardroom level i.e. a strategic approach. The Review also talks about setting up agreements between the Council and the Harbour Management Committee (Board). KM said that the Working Party will look at the pros and cons and make recommendations to the Harbour Committee who can in turn make recommendations to the full Council. KM said that it is an opportunity to look at what we currently have and what other possibilities there are. The Working Party is made up of a political balance of Councillors and the three Harbour User Chairmen as representatives.

KM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time.

Meeting closed 11.35am

**DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**                      **21<sup>st</sup> November 2006 10.30am**

**DATES OF HARBOUR COMMITTEE :**            **13<sup>th</sup> September 2006 4.30pm**  
   **4<sup>th</sup> December 2006 4.30pm**  
   **19<sup>th</sup> March 2006 4.30pm**