

# Minutes of the Harbour Committee

19 March 2007

-: Present :-

Councillor Jennings (Chairman)

Councillors Browne, Faulkner (Mrs J), Lomas, Hurst and Turnbull

**646. Apology.** An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hodge.

**647. Minutes.** The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 22 January and 8 February 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**648. Urgent Item.** The Committee considered the item in Minute 649, and not included on the agenda, the Chairman being of the opinion that it was urgent by reason of special circumstances i.e. the matter having arisen since the agenda was prepared and it was unreasonable to delay a decision until the next meeting.

**649. Communications.** The Chairman referred to several issues that had recently been the subject of discussions with the Council that affected the harbour estate. He mentioned the new decision making Harbour Committee which would be established from 22 May 2007 and that all future decisions relating to the harbour estate would be considered by the new Committee.

The Chairman highlighted that this Committee had an excellent working relationship with its stakeholders through the Harbour Liaison Forums and thanked the Committee and the Forums for their work.

**650. Harbour Liaison Forum (Minute 451/12/06).** The Committee received the minutes of the Torquay/Paignton Harbour Liaison Forum held on 6 March 2007 and the Brixham Harbour Liaison Forum held on 8 March 2007 (as set out in Report 70/2007).

**651. Marine Services Budget Monitoring (Minute 452/12/06).** The Committee considered Report 68/2007 which set out the projected income and expenditure for 2006/07

for Marine Services as compared to approved budgets.

Members noted that, in the case of both harbour accounts, expenditure was likely to exceed the original budgets but that income was also likely to exceed the original budgets. It was anticipated that the Torquay and Paignton Account would have a deficit of £26,000 and the Brixham Account would have a surplus of £48,000.

**Resolved:** (i) that the projected out-turn positions of the two harbour accounts and the resulting changes in reserve movements be noted; and

(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.

**652. Brixham Harbourside Market (Minute 1017/3/06).** Members received Report 69/2007 setting out details of the weekly arts and crafts market which had been held at the Old Fish Market, at Brixham Harbour. The Report sought Members advice on a community proposal to continue staging an arts and crafts market at the Old Fish Market every Saturday during the season and on specific event days throughout the year.

Members noted that all monies received in connection with the arts and crafts market over the past year had been handled by the Harbour Office but that they had not received a management fee for carrying out this service.

**Resolved:** (i) that the proposal to continue holding a weekly arts and crafts market at the Old Fish Market, Brixham be supported;



(ii) that the Director of Marine Services be requested to exercise his delegated powers to allow a weekly market at the Old Fish Market, Brixham, to be held on Saturdays, until further notice. The Market to be run by the Brixham Chamber of Commerce with an appropriate amount of monies that they might earn being reserved for community based products;

(iii) that the Director of Marine Services be requested to negotiate a reasonable percentage of income being spent on community based products and a reasonable level for management and maintenance fees; and

(iv) that the Director of Marine Services be requested to exercise his delegated powers to confirm a contract between the Council and the Brixham Chamber of Commerce accordingly before more markets are held.

**653. Paignton Harbour Regeneration Potential.** The Committee considered Report 71/2007 on the results of an investigation by the Torbay Development Agency into the regeneration potential of Paignton Harbour. The report identified a number of possible options for the regeneration of Paignton Harbour all of which would require further

detailed investigation and consultation before they could be progressed. Members noted the importance of integrating any future regeneration of Paignton Harbour with the proposals for the town centre in the context of the outcome of the Mayoral vision.

**Resolved:** that the contents of Report 71/2007 be noted.

**654. Review of the MSC Napoli.** Members received Report OSB/7/07 on the immediate lessons learnt from the grounding of the MSC Napoli a mile off Branscombe, near Sidmouth on Saturday, 20 January 2007. The Committee thanked the Director of Marine Services for the measures that he had put in place to prevent the Council being financially liable as a result of the incident.

It was noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Board was confident that the Council had responded to the incident in accordance with the Major Emergency Plan for Torbay and that the Council should wait for the formal debrief before it considered amending any of its plans.

**Resolved:** that the recommendations set out in Report OSB/7/07 be endorsed.

Chairman

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