

Minutes of the Harbour Committee

21 March 2022

-: Present :-

Councillor Amil (Chairman)

Councillors Brooks, Carter, Dudley (Vice-Chair) and Ellery

136. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was opened with a minute's silence for a serving member of staff, Amanda Coote, who had sadly passed away.

137. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barrand, Mills and O'Dwyer and External Advisor Barry Young.

138. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 December 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

139. Urgent items

The Committee considered the item in Minute 139, and not included on the agenda, the Chairman being of the opinion that they were 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.

140. Health and Safety Incident

The Tor Bay Harbour Master informed Members of an incident that had occurred earlier in the day, whereby a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle in the turning circle at Brixham Harbour. Early reports suggest the pedestrian had suffered minor injuries, however the incident highlights this mixed use area as being a pinch point. Members wished the pedestrian involved a speedy recovery and noted that the Tor Bay Harbour Master would be giving consideration to measures, if any, that could raise awareness of the conflicting pressures on the turning circle.

141. Work Programme 2022/2023

The Committee considered a report which set out the Work Programme for 2022/2023. The Tor Bay Harbour Master advised that there was a slight deviation from previous work programmes with the Tor Bay Harbour Asset Management Plan

and Tor Bay Harbour Business Plan being deferred to September in order for a meeting of the Harbour Asset Working Party to be arranged.

Resolved:

That the Work Programme for the Harbour Committee for 2022/2023 be confirmed.

142. Port Marine Safety Code and Health and Safety Matters

The Tor Bay Harbour Master provided a verbal update in respect of the Port Marine Safety Code and health and safety matters. The Tor Bay Harbour Master raised concerns regarding the launching the Private Watercrafts and Jet Ski's from beaches in contravention of By-laws, a situation that the Harbour and Beach Teams would be seeking to raise awareness of during the summer season. Members noted the report and welcomed the Tor Bay Harbour Master's intention to provide informal monthly updates.

143. Tor Bay Harbour Budget Monitoring

The Committee received the submitted report which set out the overall budgetary position for the Tor Bay Harbour Authority as at February 2022 compared with the overall approved budgets.

Resolved:

That the Committee noted:

1. the amended outturn projections and the adjustments to the Harbour Reserve Fund, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report;
2. the revised projected level of the Harbour Reserve Fund as of February 2022;
3. the Head of Tor Bay Harbour Authority's' use of delegated powers to make decisions in relation to the harbour budget; and
4. the Harbour Master's use of delegated powers to waive certain harbour charges which to date amounts to £1,834.12.

144. Tor Bay Harbour Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy 2022/2023

The Committee considered a report which set out minor changes to the Tor Bay Harbour Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy for 2022/2023. The Harbour Master informed Members that the policy ensured a consistent, fair and equitable approach was applied to new, existing and potential facility users.

Resolved:

That the revised Tor Bay Harbour Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy 2022/2023 be approved.

145. Review of Delegated Powers to Tor Bay Harbour Master

The Committee considered a report which provided details of the delegated powers to Tor Bay Harbour Master.

Resolved:

That having reviewed the powers delegated to the Tor Bay Harbour Master, the Harbour Committee finds no reason to propose changes to the Council for determination.

146. Torquay/Paignton and Brixham Harbour Liaison Forums

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Chairman