

Meeting Title	Torquay, Paignton & Brixham Liaison Forum
Venue	Zoom
Date	Tuesday 9 th March 10:30am

Present	Mr Adam Parnell (AP)	Cllr Judith Mills (JM)	Dave Saunders (DS)
	Charlotte Wesley (CW)	David Faithful (DF)	Tim Allen (TA)
	Cllr Vic Ellery(VE)	Nick Burns (NB)	Cllr James O'Dwyer (JO'D)
	John Osbourne (JO)	Tim Morris (TM)	Simon Pinder (SP)
	Mike Ellis (ME)	Charles Easterbrook (CE)	Cllr Nicole Amil (NA)
			Cllr Nick Bye (NBy)

Agenda Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies 2. Welcome 3. Minutes from last meeting 4. Business plan – priorities for the year 5. Replacement harbour launch 6. Safety update 7. Visitor Pontoon 8. AOB
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1.	Apologies for Absence	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr John Dudley • Marshall Ritchie 	

2.	Welcome	Action
	Adam Parnell welcomed everyone.	

3.	Minutes from last meeting	Action
	<p>The minutes were accepted with no amendments. HM provided a brief update on issued raised thus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Health and safety post will be filled 1st April who is an Assistant Harbour Master by background. • Admiralty Chart 26 has ben updated to show amended anchorage positions and updated 5 kn markter locations • Government- £100million grant not yet open despite being announced in December. • (DS) volunteered to assist in patrols. HM noted and thanked him for this and will investigate. • HM continues to liaise with chief inspector regarding the provision of a uniformed Police presence to the Harbour Authority to deter anti-social behaviour on and off the wat • JO'D requested confirmation that Harbour budget agreed in Dec was reflected in Council budget digest [yes] and if Harbour Committee intended to seek funding from the forecast Council in-year underspend.? HM replied that a 	

	report requesting funds for a new work boat would shortly be brought to the Committee.	
4.	Business plan – priorities for the year	Action
	HM presented the draft business plan for 2021-22. The format template has changed to that recently issued by the Council for use by all service areas, and better maps activities and business objectives to the Council's <i>Community and Corporate Plan</i> . JO'D requested that 'events' and 'reducing energy usage' be added to the plan as objectives to which HM agreed.	
5.	Replacement harbour launch	Action
	HM briefed that <i>Oscar 4</i> (which is 16 years old) has cracks in hull and the tubes are perishing. The engine is also increasingly expensive to repair and it is considered timely to replace the boat. An options paper will be presented to the Committee in March for consideration.	
6.	Safety update	Action
	One cruise vessel lost chain and anchors on 3 separate occasions in the Bay. These have been recovered/replaced and the incidents have been reported to MAIB for consideration. A recent storm caused damage to the Brixham visitor pontoon and the sinking of MY Sea Beast. The recovery and repair is being undertaken by the Council's insurers who will be reclaiming the money from the vessel owner. Separately the Harbour Authority disposed of another abandoned vessel at cost to the HA.	
7.	Brixham Visitor Pontoon	Action
	The walkway is being repaired and the plan is to have the pontoon replaced shortly after Easter. Once replaced the Brixham team will be replacing the cleats and improving the electricity connections. Heritage vessels will also be allowed to use the pontoon again, but for shorter periods because the weight of vessels on the pontoon is becoming an issue. A recent assessment indicates that the pontoons have at least 10 years of serviceable life remaining before they need to be replaced if not over-stressed.	
7.	AOB	
	There was general discussion about the Council's consultation to pedestrianise Victoria Parade, the main approach to Torquay harbour. There was opposition to this because the alternative road route could not safely accommodate vehicles with trailers, coaches collecting cruise passengers, delivery vehicles or lorries all of which access Beacon Quay. NA undertook to raise this at the Harbour Committee meeting HM noted that cruise itineraries will be 'round UK' rather than international which provides an opportunity to grow Torquay as a cruise destination. JO'D requested that the harbour take steps to reduce energy consumption. HM highlighted move to electric plant and that other initiatives are being explored.	

	<p>JM asked if CCTV Torquay town pontoon had been rectified. SP stated that it had.</p> <p>JM asked if Broadsands' beach huts could be moved so as to widen the pedestrian route in front of them. SP will see what can be done</p> <p>ME raised tardiness of invoices. KA advised that IT glitches were being worked through and they should be issued shortly.</p> <p>NBy asked for an update on fishing industry. AP replied that despite a challenging year, forecast for £900k fish tolls still achievable. Fishes have adapted to export issues. Fish export delays haven't helped, fish prices dropped as a result. Fisherman adapted going out on shorter trips to try make sure fish arrives fresh. £23 million announced to help goes a little way but mainly helps exporters.</p>	
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Next Meeting
Venue
Future meetings

8th June 10:30am – likely to be a hybrid meeting eg in person and via IT.

Dates of Harbour
Committee Meetings

22 March 2021