

Meeting Title	Brixham Liaison Forum
Venue	Brixham Harbour Office and Teams
Date	Wednesday 23 rd November 2022

Present	Rob Parsons (RP)	James O'Dwyer (JO)	Jessica Marles (JM)
	Nicole Amil (NA)	Neil Murray (NM)	Karen Annis (KA)
	David Faithful (DF)	Sacha Hagar (SH)	
	Ray Longhurst (RL)	Dave Saunders (DS)	
	David Range (DR)		

- 1) Welcome and Apologies
- 2) Minutes from the last meeting
- 3) Actions from minutes
- 4) Harbour Financial Update & Charges
- 5) Operational Update
- 6) Health and Safety
- 7) Staffing
- 8) Events
- 9) AOB

1.	Welcome & Apologies	Action
	RP welcomes all to the meeting and thanked forum members for their patience in relation to the cancellation of previous meetings during the high season. All introduced themselves and JM informed the forum on apologies tendered.	

2.	Minutes from last meeting	Action
	No comments on the accuracy of the previous minutes or matter arising.	

3.	Actions from minutes	Action
	No actions from previous minutes	

4.	Harbour Financial Update & Charges	Action
	<p>RP introduced the proposed increases in Harbour Charges that were to be delivered to the Harbour Committee on the 14th of December. RP raised the cost of living crisis and how that was to impact upon us all. RP opened to the floor for discussion or concerns they may have so these can be raised at the Harbour Committee</p> <p>DS raised concerns in relation to Day boat businesses due to the strain already placed upon them.</p> <p>JO advised the forum on the present council financial position and how any shortfall will have to be covered by all services and what they contribute back to the centre to ensure a balanced budget. JO raised his concerns as to the Harbour Budget and that as a service we are at tipping point.</p> <p>RP agreed that we present financial situation is concerning and that a review of the financial situation is still underway and that the HA is looking at its risks to ensure that SLT are informed.</p> <p>DS asked if there is any update to the extension to the Northern Arm and levelling up fund. RP informed the forum as to the present position but made all aware of the fisheries funding available and open, which a list will be tendered to the duty holder so as to ratify a priority list.</p>	

5.	Operational update	Action
	<p>RP informed the forum on present fish tolls, landings and forecasts.</p> <p>RL enquired as to the reporting procedure for collisions as he was yet to receive a response to a near miss raised in the spring in 2022.</p> <p>RP advised that reports like this are passed to the MCA and or the MIAB who then advise as to the next steps. RP Apologised as to any delay in response and this will be chased up. RP advised further that the Harbour authority is the primary investigating or enforcement in these matters but it is still good practice to reply to customers.</p> <p>Action for RP to send a letter to the MCA advising we are not getting the information needed.</p> <p>SH mentioned that the north end of Goodrington washed up a lot of razor clams and giant cockles not long ago, there was no storm to cause this so unsure why it happened. Action for Rob to contact the EA for more information on this and pollution reports</p> <p>RP gave a general update on operations in particular the dredging and the potential costs associated with this and as to the present financial position. Further updates to follow.</p> <p>Discussion took place as to areas that the forum deemed were in need of dredging over dredging, between town pontoon and ferry pontoon and how the heritage vessels need sufficient clearance.</p> <p>RP advised that the need for dredging is to maintain the charted depth and prior to dredging the required surveys will take place and will be published in accordance with the code.</p> <p>RP updates the forum in relation to derelict vessels and that two vessels had recently been removed that were of high risk. The position with the Accumulate remains unchanged but efforts are still underway in partnership with our insurers.</p>	<p>RP Action</p>

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6.	Health and Safety	Action
	<p>RP gave a general overview of HSE and explained that the priority of the HA was to ensure that the culture across the board was to improve. RP informed the forum that it is intended for a newsletter to be sent from the HA every quarter, Starting in the New Year, to highlight any changes, near misses etc so as improve the general culture but more importantly the reporting culture.</p> <p>RP informed the forum of the present PMSC Audit and the proposed changes that will need to be ratified by the committee.</p>	

7.	Staffing	Action
	<p>DS mentioned that the Breakwater was better attended this year but there was still concerns as to manning over the high season,</p>	

8.	Events	Action
	<p>Lights and illuminations event is scheduled for this weekend, all going ahead and road closures in place.</p>	

9.	AOB	Action
	<p>JO brought up the potential road closure from windy corner to Lidl and asked why that the HA had not objected and despite the consultation requested that a letter to the director be sent to raise concerns the closure will have to the local businesses of Brixham.</p> <p>RP gave a brief presentation in relation to a proposal from 'Until The Coast is Clear' headed up by Gary Joliffe.</p> <p>DS mentioned that his mooring on the Brixham boat club moorings touches the rocks at low tide, asked for this to be taken into consideration</p> <p>JO asked how often it will be cleared and if the wind blows in different directions could this cause more mess. RP will encourage but will see how it goes, it can be removed if needed.</p>	

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ACTIONS	
Action for RP to send a letter to the MCA advising we are not getting the information needed.	
Action for Rob to contact the EA for more information on this and pollution reports	

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