

Meeting Title	Brixham Harbour Liaison Forum
Venue	Brixham Harbour Office
Date	1 st June 2011 at 10.30

Present	Capt P Labistour (PL)	Capt B Curtis (BC)	Mr D Putt (DP)
	Mr D Bartlett (DB)	Mr D Saunders (DS)	Mayor G Oliver (GO)
	Miss K Annis (KA)	Mr D Ham (DH)	Cllr V Ellery (VE)
	Mr R Smith (RS)	Mr J Carter (JC)	

Agenda Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies for absence 2. Minutes of the last meeting 3. Matters arising from the last minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Harbour charges – fishing vessel mooring fees b) Victoria Breakwater c) Electricity recharge d) Finding Sanctuary 4. International Ship and Port Facility Security Plan 5. Moorings contracts 6. Restaurant update 7. Consultation on the modernisation of the Coastguard 8. Access, security and parking for leaseholders 9. Maritime events 10. Harbour Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Upcoming Agenda <p>Date of next meeting 31st August 2011</p>
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1.	Apologies for Absence	Action
	Capt K Mowat, Mr N Wright & Mrs H Meacock	

2.	Minutes of the last meeting	Action
	It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 2 nd March 2011 were a true and accurate record of that meeting.	

3.	Matters Arising	Action
(a)	<p>Harbour charges – fishing vessel mooring fees</p> <p>Fishermen Graham Wright and Nigel Ritson joined the liaison meeting on the 3rd March 2011 to express concern and disappointment over the significant percentage increase on fishing vessels mooring fees for 2011/12. KM has spoken with Cllr Horne to clarify the issue of fishing vessel mooring charges; PL stated that the outcome was that the fees were to remain as agreed by the Harbour Committee but that the fishermen could pay in instalments over the year.</p>	

3.	Matters Arising - continued	Action
(b)	<p>Victoria Breakwater</p> <p>PL reported that the structural survey had been completed and no significant concerns had been found only minor work was needed. He said that Dave Stewart was in the process of putting in a bid to the Environment Agency under the Coastal Defences Fund if this was not approved the Harbour Committee had approved work on the bull nose end to be carried out using the Brixham harbour account reserve.</p> <p>BC asked what repairs would be needed?</p> <p>PL replied sandbagging, pouring concrete and the rearrangement of rock armour.</p> <p>BC thought it would be a good idea to take rock armour from the inside of the Breakwater and reuse it at the end.</p> <p>PL said he would talk to KM & Dave Stewart about this idea.</p>	PL
(c)	<p>Electricity Recharge</p> <p>PL reported that there would be a meeting next week with Chris Varker and Andrew Pedrick to find out how we can recharge for the electricity being used by others in and around the harbour. PL stated that energy costs had risen considerably around the harbour and that the fishing fleet was consuming a significant amount of power. A system of recharge needs to be looked at and it will then be subject to a report to the Harbour Committee.</p> <p>GO stated that the cost of energy is set to dramatically increase and bearing in mind that the harbour is close to the sea maybe it would be of benefit to look at alternative energy sources and grant funding.</p> <p>DB said that solar energy was at the top of the list and that a company had already looked at putting solar panels on the roof of the new fish market building.</p> <p>RS advised that a sustainability/alternative energy report had previously been carried out and that it was found that alternative energy was not feasible at that time. The report needed to be looked at again.</p> <p>PL stated that he would chase up the previous report with Keith Humphreys and report back at the next meeting.</p>	PL PL
(d)	<p>Finding Sanctuary</p> <p>PL reported that work is coming to an end and the Finding Sanctuary steering group will be making recommendations for Marine Conservation Zones throughout the South West. Tor Bay has been recommended to be included as an MCZ whilst a similar area of Tor Bay is about to become a Special Area of Conservation.</p> <p>DP stated that there were links available on the MMO website.</p>	PL

4.	International Ship and Port Facility Security Plan	Action
	<p>PL is the designated Security Officer based around cruise ships that call into the Bay; there is a Security Plan in place. PL has the responsibility for training and advised the Forum that a Security Committee meeting would be taking place in the near future. JC is also involved through the shipping agents in managing security of cruise vessels when in the Bay.</p> <p>GO asked if the MCZ would affect the cruise ship anchoring in the Bay.</p> <p>PL was unsure.</p> <p>RS stated that the conservation areas were so close to the shore that he didn't think it would affect the ships anchoring in the Bay.</p>	

5.	Mooring contracts	Action
	<p>A new mooring contractor had been appointed TMS (Teignmouth Maritime Services).</p> <p>DB stated that he was very pleased with the work undertaken so far. The contractors had measured the moorings, put the moorings in the correct place and corrected some problems caused by the previous contractor. They had replaced class 1 and class 3 moorings with chains that had been upgraded which meant that they would last five years instead of three. There would still be an annual inspection.</p> <p>JC asked if rubbish had been cleared from the Harbour.</p> <p>DB responded that three days diving had been spent clearing approximately sixty feet of rubbish a lot of which was tyres. The tyres would be expensive to dispose of and therefore a way in which they could be reused was being looked into.</p> <p>An inner harbour clearance had also took place and also over three hundred bags of scallops were recovered from the MFV basin seabed after someone was witnessed dumping them. Action was being taken against this person. DB has had a meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss the way forward and the person involved has been invited to have a formal interview with the Harbour Authority and the Environment Agency.</p>	
6.	Restaurant update	Action
	<p>PL stated that an Agreement to Lease was about to be signed with the Glass Blowing House and that the Harbour Authority were disappointed that there would not be a tenant in for this summer but it was hoped that it would be open for next spring.</p> <p>PL advised the Forum that there was 600sq ft of storage space on the ground floor of the new building up for tender in the near future.</p> <p>The old Market House has been leased out to Nirvana Properties Limited who have announced a partnership with the St. Austell Brewery.</p>	
7.	Consultation on the modernisation of the Coastguard Station	Action
	<p>PL reported that the MCA's desire to update the Coastguard service could result in the closure of the Brixham Coastguard Station. A lot of lobbying has been carried out and it has resulted in the Minister responsible Phil Hammond saying that they are now listening and that a complete review of the original proposals will be carried out. The stance of the Harbour Committee, Tor Bay Authority and Torbay Council is to keep Brixham Coastguard Station open.</p>	
8.	Access, security and parking for leaseholders	Action
	<p>JC asked what the official line was with regard to tenants parking within the Harbour Estate.</p> <p>PL said there had been issues with security which had now been met with 24/7 coverage. The whole site is controlled by a new 'fob' system and 'fobs' are issued to tenants and their staff. They are also issued to fish buyers & sellers, contractors and fishing vessel owners; some of whom have restricted access to certain areas of the Quay. Currently there are a few people tail gating fob owners into the site and parking on the Quay.</p>	

8.	Access, security and parking for leaseholders - continued	Action
	<p>PL stated that he would like to introduce decriminalised parking and that a meeting was needed with the key stakeholders such as BTA, MTS and members of the fishing industry.</p> <p>VE said a strict policy was needed and that a sub-management group was a good idea to help implement the new arrangements.</p> <p>PL agreed to put together a working group.</p>	PL

9.	Maritime Events 2011	Action
	<p>Hardcopies of the 2011 Events schedule were circulated to the Forum at the meeting.</p> <p>PL reported that on 11th June the Harley Davidson ride was coming to Brixham Harbour. The Heritage Regatta had been held on the previous Saturday and it had been a great success.</p> <p>Mentorn Films were currently filming around Brixham for a 10 part series starting in June for Sky HD. A lot of this filming has occurred in and around the Harbour Estate.</p> <p>GO would like a discussion with Mentorn regarding advertising of the Bay.</p> <p>PL to arrange the meeting.</p>	PL

10.	Harbour Committee	Action
	<p>PL reported that Gordon Oliver was now the new Mayor of Torbay and the Group Leader of the conservative party.</p> <p>PL informed the Forum of the items on the agenda for the upcoming Harbour Committee meeting on 13th June.</p> <p>An issue was raised by RS of the Brixham Trawler Agents concerning the levying of business rates for the new fish market of which the Valuation Office were expecting BTA to pick up the new bill. PL agreed to brief the Harbour Committee, if required, at the next meeting.</p>	

Next Meeting	31 st August 2011	10.30am
Venue	Brixham Harbour Office	
Future Meetings	23 rd November 2011	10.30am
	22 nd February 2012	10.30am
	30 th May 2012	10.30am

Dates of Harbour Committee Meetings	13 th June 2011	5.30pm (Torquay)
	12 th September 2011	5.30pm (Brixham)
	5 th December 2011	5.30pm (Paignton)
	5 th March 2012	5.30pm (Torquay)
	11 th June 2012	5.30pm (Brixham)