

Meeting Title	Torquay & Paignton Harbour Liaison Forum
Venue	Torquay Harbour Office
Date	25 th June 2019

Present	Capt. A Parnell (AP) Cllr Nick Bye (NBy) Cllr N Amil (NA) Cllr J Mills (JM) Cllr J O'Dwyer(JO'D)	Mr S Pinder (SP) Mr N Burns (NBurns) Mr M Ellis (ME) Mr D Buckpitt (DB) Mr M Stewart (MS)	Mr J Bond (JB) Mr A Rayner (AR) Miss Amy Blackburn (AB)

1. Apologies
2. Welcome
3. Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting – 25th February 2019
 - Update on Harbour Light Restaurant development
 - Torquay Fuel Station update
4. Budget update
5. Capital Works
6. Maritime Events 2019
7. Quarterly Accident & Incident Data
8. Harbour Committee - Upcoming Agenda
9. Any other business

1.	Apologies for Absence	Action
	Apologies were received from C Easterbrook, Tim Morris & Clare Rugg	

2.	Welcome	Action
	AP welcomed everyone to the meeting	

3.	Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting – 25st February 2019	Action
	<p>Harbour Light update - AP reported that plans have been submitted to the planning department; there was a delay because of cost restrictions, which meant that the plans had to be re-designed. Expect works to start in September. MS asked if residents have been updated with developments, AP confirmed that they have been notified and this will continue. JO'D asked that AP look at what is included in the licence for the new restaurant regarding music for outdoor spaces. Torquay Fuel station update – AP advised that the project is behind schedule due to the contracted engineers decommissioning the fuel tanks later than expected, however this</p>	AP to action

	has now been completed, works are set to be finalised by the end of the month and by mid-July they expect to be operational.	
4.	Budget update	Action
	<p>AP shared his concerns regarding the funding required for important Brixham infrastructure works; this is due to the severe degradation of many of the bollards, ladders, steps, handrails and fendering.</p> <p>He reported that fish toll income is slightly down on this time last year; however, he is confident that this will improve as the year goes on.</p>	
5.	Capital works	Action
	<p>NBurns reported that works on Princess pier are finished and the replacement and upgrading of the V pontoons has been completed and they are pleased with the results.</p> <p>There is a plan to systematically upgrade all the pontoons over time, but this has yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>MS asked that we check with the insurers to make sure that the policy remains valid since the changes. – AP to action.</p> <p>Haldon Pier – AP reminded everyone of the 20-tonne weight restriction due to the surface sinking because of voids within the pier. This is proving challenging for fuel tankers and landing fishing vessels. The environmental agency have identified this as a risk and have included it in the next 6-year plan, which will commence in 2021.</p> <p>South Pier – NB reported that electric supplies are being installed, 1 for the new fuel station, 1 for the crane and one for the RTYC davit. The next stage is for the TDA to install new fendering.</p> <p>Brixham Oxen Cove development – AP advised there has been an issue with the ongoing works, additional drilling was required for the piles. However, the project is still running to schedule and the completion date is set for the 2nd October.</p> <p>MS recommended that a Hydrographic survey be carried out on the Torquay harbour seabed, AP informed that he would ensure this is booked in. –AP to action.</p>	<p>AP</p> <p>AP</p>
6.	Maritime Events 2019	Action
	<p>AP reported that there has been an increase in number of cruise ships visiting the bay; this has increased the predicted income.</p> <p>AP advised that Torquay is now the first choice diversion port for Dartmouth and that we are in the process of training 4 new pilots.</p> <p>SP reported that sadly the Paignton Harbour festival would not be going ahead this year due to a lack of sponsors.</p> <p>A full list of events is available on our website under Events section.</p>	All to note

7.	Quarterly Accident & Incident data 2019	Action
	AP gave an overview of the 8 reported Accidents and incidents that have occurred in Torquay over the last quarter; these included 2 deaths, 4 jet ski near misses a sunken vessel and the cill failure. He reminded everyone that all incidents should be reported using an online form, which is available on our website.	All to note

8.	Harbour Committee – Upcoming Agenda	Action
	AP ran through the proposed agenda for the meeting.	

12.	Any Other Business	Action
	AP read out a question from Charles Easterbrook who could not attend the meeting; he asked if there were any plans for extra protection at Paignton Harbour, AP advised that due to the costings this is more of an aspiration at this time. SP advised all that he has launched a new Seafarer safety forum, where all aspects of sea safety will be discussed, and will distribute any minutes to the Liaison forum.	SP

Future meetings

Torquay Harbour Office

Monday 2nd September 2019 10.00 am
Thursday 21st November 2019 10.00 am

Dates of Harbour Committee Meetings

1st July 2019 5.30 pm (Torquay)
24th September 2019 5.30 pm (Torquay)
16th December 2019 5.30pm (Torquay)