



| Meeting Title | Torquay & Paignton Harl | bour Liaison Forum | | |
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| Venue | Torquay Harbour Office | | | |
| Date | | | | |
| Present | Mr J Turner (JT) C Mr C Baker (CB) M | Ms Elaine Hayes (EH) Cllr M Hytche (MH) Mr M Smith (MS) Mayor Gordon Oliver (GO) | Mr D Musgrove (DM) Mr W Butcher (WB) Cllr J Richards (JR) Capt P Labistour (PL) | |
| Agenda Items | c) Tor Bay Harbou d) Paignton Harbou e) Torquay Harbou f) RTYC - boat par g) Coastguard mood h) Beacon Quay car i) Dog mess on har j) Update on Beaco 4. Capital Works a) Haldon Pier – up 5. Town Dock - Torquat 6. Budget Outturn 2010 7. Tor Bay Harbour Ent 8. Tor Bay Harbour But 9. Changes to the Tor 10. Maritime Events 207 11. Boat Watch Schemet 12. Fire Safety on Boats | ary ns/Pavilion development pro- ir Business Plan ur - decriminalised parking r ur marine fuel station update rk scheme dernisation - update ar park policy - update arbour side con Quay access barrier odate ay 0/11 & budget pressures 20 nforcement & Prosecution Po- usiness Plan 2011/12 Bay Harbour Moorings Polic 11 e - MS s | neview update 9 11/12 olicy - review | |

| 1. | Apologies for Absence | Action |
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| | No apologies were received. | |
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| 2. | Minutes of the last meeting | Action |
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| | It was agreed that the minutes of the 1 st March 2011 meeting were a true and accurate record of that meeting. | |
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| 3. | Matters Arising | Action |
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| (a) | Finding Sanctuary KM reported that Finding Sanctuary were nearing the end of the process for finalising their recommendations for Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs). He said he was attending a meeting with Natural England at the British Ports Association next week and he would continue to raise his concerns over a proposed MCZ within Tor Bay Harbour limits. KM also advised the Forum that the final designation process still had to go through a number of further stages. EH suggested that the government's Marine Planning Policy Document would be critical in determining the final outcomes. KM agreed to keep the Forum updated. | KM |
| (b) | Princess Gardens/ Pavilion development proposals The Mayor (GO) informed the Forum that whilst the Princess Theatre may be extended to accommodate bigger shows the area between that and the Pavilion would be retained as open space. He assured the Forum that the harbour authority would have a significant influence on any decision regarding the pontooning of the inner harbour. He indicated that new inner harbour facilities must be able to accommodate all types of vessel owners not just the more affluent. KM welcomed the Mayor's comments and EH pointed out that additional services would be require for new pontoon berths. i.e. toilets and showers. She explained that the exchange of water volume was bound to be restricted by the cill. | |
| (c) | Tor Bay Harbour Business Plan KM reported that the Plan had been submitted and accepted by the Harbour Committee. Some minor amendments had been made and the document had been signed off by the previous Harbour Committee Chairman. | |
| (d) | Paignton Harbour – decriminalised parking review – update KM advised that only one objection had been received to the public notice advertising the amended Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Consequently the objection was considered by Cllr Horne the Chairman of the Harbour Committee. The TRO was approved as advertised. JT reported that the new signage was being erected and that the revised scheme would be implemented on the 13 th June 2011. JT also informed the Forum that he planned to meet with all parking attendants pre implementation to ensure that they understood how the new TRO would work and also the differences on the harbour estate as opposed to the highways. | JT |
| (e) | Torquay Harbour marine fuel station - update KM reported that the Harbour Committee had discussed this matter and agreed that the Council should take back this facility at the end of the current lease term. The current performance of the fuel service had improved but the prices remained high. KMs concern was that this reflected on the services available to both resident and visiting boat owners and this may well have a negative impact. He also reported that the lease had seven years to run. | |
| (f) | RTYC - boat park scheme KM advised the Forum that a significant area of the boat park had been allocated to the yacht club so that they could administer it directly. WB reported that all spaces were now allocated. He stressed that the club had faced a significant administration load as a result of having to manage their boat spaces. KM agreed to review this new arrangement after the summer season. He also mentioned the option to develop a new boat park adjacent to Living Coasts. | КМ |

| 3. | Matters Arising – continued | Action |
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| (g) | Coastguard modernisation – update KM reported that he had submitted a response to the consultation which included an objection to the closure of the Brixham Coastguard station. He also reported that the government appeared to be reviewing their entire modernisation plans and that he would keep the Forum updated on this matter. | KM |
| (h) | Beacon Quay car park policy-update KM told the Forum that the Council were no longer considering short stay parking as an option for Beacon Quay. There was a lengthy debate on a range of parking issues, with some significant concerns raised by EH on behalf of Living Coasts. In conclusion the Mayor (GO) stressed that the harbour authority would, in the future, be involved in discussions on car parking policy where it impacted on the function of the harbour. | |
| (i) | Dog mess on harbour side KM asked the Forum if they thought the situation had improved and the general response was that it had. TOR2 had been advised that they were expected to remove dog mess and the harbour staff had also been instructed to respond to any future problems. | |
| (j) | Update on Beacon Quay access barrier KM reported that the barrier would be operable within a few days and when proven reliable new access cards would be issued. | |

| 4. | Capital Works – Update | Action |
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| (a) | Haldon Pier | |
| | KM reported that the work to install the mini-piles had been successfully completed and the erosion of the foundation blocks was not as severe as first thought. Funding for Phase 2 had been secured which would involve piling the rest of the quay on the inside face and repairing any foundation blocks that were damaged. A contractor would be appointed in Autumn 2011. Phase 3 would be to infill any voids, compact the fill and re-lay a reinforced concrete deck. EH reminded KM about the risk of disturbing the Purple Sand Pipers. | |
| | GO discussed his concept of a third harbour for Torquay and many of the Forum members commented on the idea. KM explained that officers would be exploring the feasibility of such a development. | КМ |

| 5. | Town Dock – Torquay | Action |
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| | KM reported that the facility remained fully occupied with the exception of some | |
| | jet-ski pods. He also indicated that some cracks in the steel structure were being | |
| | investigated. | |
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| 6. | Budget Outturn 2010/11 & Budget pressures 2011/12 | Action |
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| | KM reported that the outturn results for 2010/11 had been very good with a surplus achieved on both the harbour accounts. Consequently the harbour reserve fund at Torquay/Paignton now exceeded £600k. However, KM explained that pressure would be placed on the 2011/12 budget due to increased staff costs and rising energy prices. | |

| 6. | Budget Outturn 2010/11 & Budget pressures 2011/12 - continued | Action |
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| | EH a member of the Budget Review Working Party wished for a vote of thanks to be recorded for Pete Truman who had been very proactive and supportive throughout the financial year. | KM |

| 7. | Tor Bay Harbour Enforcement & Prosecution Policy – review | Action |
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| | KM explained that the Tor Bay Harbour Enforcement & Prosecution Policy would | |
| | be reviewed by the Harbour Committee at their next meeting. He suggested that | |
| | any changes would be of a minor nature and all Forum members were asked to | |
| | contact KM for further information. | All |
| | An interesting debate ensued on the subject of crabbing. Concerns were raised about the issues and risks associated with crabbing in inappropriate areas. It was suggested that the Coast & Countryside Trust might be able to offer some | |
| | guidance and/or solutions to this issue. | KM |

| 8. | Tor Bay Harbour Business Plan 2011/12 | Action |
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| | This item had been covered in matters arising. | |
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| 9. | Changes to the Tor Bay Harbour Moorings Policy | Action |
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| | KM made the Forum aware that the changes previously circulated had now been | |
| | adopted by the Harbour Committee and the updated Moorings Policy was now | |
| | operational. | |
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| 10. | Maritime events 2011 | |
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| | KM reported on the maritime events to date and informed the Forum that the cruise ship visit had been cancelled. The Mayor (GO) observed that there needed to be a significant improvement in infrastructure, facilities and attractions for the Bay to increase the number of cruise ship visits He emphasised again his support for a third harbour or at least a facility for cruise ships to dock. | |
| | JT made the Forum aware that PSC were bidding for the Optimist Nationals in 2012 and that this would be a huge event with potentially up to 500 boats competing. The Club would need support from a number of Council departments to achieve a successful bid and that he had already committed the support of the Harbour Authority. The Mayor requested JT to make him aware of more detail and that he would speak with his colleagues to ensure support was forthcoming. | JT |

| 11. | Boat Watch Scheme | Action |
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| | MS made the Forum aware of a MDL idea to launch a boat watch scheme in the | |
| | Tor Bay area to help reduce marine related crime rate. He hoped it would be a | |
| | multi-agency approach. The Forum offered their support for this initiative. | |
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| 12. | Fire Safety on Boats | Action |
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| | KM made the Forum aware of a Fire Safety initiative for boat owners launched by | |
| | the Devon & Somerset Fire Service. He showed the Forum some fire safety | |
| | literature that was now available. | |
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| 13. | . Harbour Committee - Upcoming Agenda | | |
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| | KM informed the Forum of the items on the agenda for the next Harbour Committee meeting on 13 th June 2011. He indicated that the Committee had some new members who had recently been appointed and that an induction/training session had therefore been scheduled for 10 th June 2011. | KM | |
| 14. | Non Agenda Item – HMS Ark Royal | Action | |
| | KM was requested to provide information on a reported plan to sink HMS Ark Royal in Tor Bay. KM responded that the ship was too big to sink inside the Bay but that he had been in discussions with the group making the proposal. KM felt that the concept of an artificial reef was worth pursuing and it matched one of the outcomes in the Tor Bay Harbour & Maritime Strategy. He agreed to keep the Forum informed about any progress. | KM | |

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