

**NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of a Special Harbour Board held as a Virtual - Online meeting on Wednesday, 5th May, 2021 at 11.00 am

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Fowler (Chair)

Councillor(s) Wilkinson

Co-optees:

Martin Cleary and Tim Gibbs

Officers:

Ilfracombe Harbour Master and Head of Resources/Designated Person and Corporate and Community Services Officer

**13. VIRTUAL MEETINGS PROCEDURE - BRIEFING AND ETIQUETTE**

The Corporate and Community Services Officer outlined the virtual meeting etiquette and procedure to the Board members and Officers present.

The Corporate and Community Services Officer confirmed who was in attendance.

**14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Campbell.

**15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Wilkinson declared a personal interest as the candidate proposed to be offered the position of Independent Harbour Board member was a good friend.

**16. APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE HARBOUR BOARD**

The Board considered the Appointment of an Independent Member to the Harbour Board report (circulated previously) by the Harbour Master.

The Chair outlined the interview process that had been undertaken on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at Ilfracombe Harbour and both candidates were of a very high calibre and had conducted themselves very well throughout the interview.

The Harbour Master added that the candidate, Mr Thomas, who was being recommended to be offered the position of Independent Member to the Harbour

Board, had a very sound maritime background with extensive knowledge of the marine world.

RECOMMENDED that Council approves the appointment of Mr Nigel Thomas as Independent Member of the Harbour Board until 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Chair

The meeting ended at 11.13 am

NOTE: These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Board.