

LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HARBOUR SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022 AT 5.00PM

Present

Councillors

L Logan (Chairman in absence of C Sleep)
A Hobbs
A Rodway

Officers

Harbour Master – G Carlo-Paat
Town Clerk
Town Council Secretary

Also in attendance:

A Huxtable	M Shute
N Davey	R Cluett
J Kelway	A Glover
W Bowden	S Pugsley
R Perry	A Mold
H Shanks	K Boughen
P Perriam	S Fradgley
J Gubb-Fradgley	W Bartlett
M Wakeham	S Windsor
P Wakeham	T Piper

1. APOLOGIES for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor C Sleep, Pam Charles Health & Safety Officer for NDC, and Harbour User Mr M Oxenham.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

19 Harbour users were present and several points were raised:

- An explanation of each heading on the agenda was requested
- 5pm meeting start is early for some users
- Key for Manor Foreshore gates for access to dinghy park was discussed
- A Glover raised the issue of reinstating the groynes on Western Beach to assist with harbour safety and global warming protection measures.
- How can the EA be brought to task over the finish at the Upper Slipway it is uneven and difficult to walk over?

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 13 April 2018 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed as such by the Chair

4. MOORINGS ALLOCATION

Mr S Windsor had previously requested a larger mooring and No.10 has become available. This was put to the user group and as there was no objection, Mr Windsor is authorised to move from No.42 to No.10.

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5. HARBOUR SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

Town Clerk raised a safety issue with the Upper Slipway, leading to Harbour Arm, being used as a seating and/or performance area. The Emergency Gate was put in for public safety reasons not easy access for socialising.

Ropes obstructing safe/free passage along the Harbour Arm, fouling ladder access and tenders tied to the Safety Railings on Rhenish Tower and Main Slipway had all been highlighted as failings on the most recent Safety Audit.

Additionally, Harbour Arm can be slippery with some trip hazards.

Harbour Master offered to provide Harbour Users with an environmentally friendly solution to try to remove slippery weed etc. if it can be collected from Ilfracombe Harbour. Harbour Users agreed to do the work.

Harbour Master explained the Port Marine Safety Code which Lynmouth Harbour must adhere to as it is classed as a Marine Facility. (LTC Website)

Swimmers in the harbour were discussed and as a safety measure signs are needed, e.g. 'Beware Swimmers' and a speed limit, to make boats (especially visiting boats) aware.

Harbour Master informed the meeting Lynmouth Harbour could have access to PCSO Maritime (North Devon Maritime Police) Andy Bailey. This is backed by Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

At present, it was reported Lynmouth Harbour is not fully compliant with the Port Marine Safety Code.

6. INSURANCE

Town Clerk explained LLTC are responsible for insuring the large chains on the bottom, of which there are 8. Harbour users were made aware some of the smaller chains are weak and should be replaced. These are the responsibility of harbour users and must be covered under their own boat insurance.

7. HARBOUR MAINTENANCE

- Silt build-up at harbour entrance
- 15m of chain by mooring No.24 that is not used
- More mooring rings to be fitted by Lynton Agency Workforce
- Slippery harbour arm, slippery and uneven slipway, which could be remedied by a product used by Ilfracombe Harbour.
- Steps at bottom of causeway need repairing
- Bollards down slipway to be replaced with mooring rings & fenders
- This Autumn scaffolding will be put up beside slipway so corner stones and voids can be dealt with, and more rings attached in place of the balls (this would be discussed further at the September meeting)
- Bottom few steps (opposite Rising Sun) are very slippery too, Harbour Master awaiting a product from RNLI

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8. USERS WORKING GROUP

The previous group comprised J Gubb-Fradgley, A Smolden, S Fradgely and H Stoate, however at present all users are happy to attend the meetings.

Daily checks are carried out by members of the Harbour User Group and this will continue. Should any issues arise they will immediately be reported to LLTC.

It was suggested a harbour clean-up takes place one weekend when the tides are right; all present stated they would volunteer to be involved. An email will be sent out.

9. SAILING CLUB

It was reported there are nearly 100 members of the sailing club. They do encourage members who do not have boats also as there is swimming and giglet rowing available, and Chair thanked them on behalf of Council for all the events they put on.

10. AOB

Access to Foreshore limited but can be given keys by LTC or in Emergency only via keys held at Rock House Hotel.

Groynes Western Beach need to be considered again as the EA and others look to future proof Lynmouth from global warming and rising sea levels.

11. NEXT MEETING

Will be held on Monday 5 September

The meeting closed at 6.15pm

Chairman