LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HARBOUR SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024 AT 5.00PM

Present Councillors

C Sleep (Chairman)

A Rodway

Officers Harbour Master – G Carlo-Paat

Town Clerk, Town Council Secretary

Also in attendance: N Davey M Shute

W Bowden T Piper
M Piper S Pugsley
P Wakeham A Glover
R Perry R Cluett
P Minoli S Minoli
N Clarke S Windsor

W Bartlett

1. APOLOGIES for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Logan and Jon Triggs (NDC) along with Harbour Users; A Mold and H & D Stoate.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

15 Harbour users were present.

N Davey asked about the possibility of CCTV in Harbour. Harbour Master (HM) will be bringing someone to check feasibility in June.

T Piper expressed concern about the air ambulance needing to land on Manor Green when the gates are locked. Town Clerk will speak to Rock House with regard to placing a key cabinet on the wall of Rock House.

W Bowden asked about temporary moorings at the sharp end of harbour for dinghy's during fine days, so they don't have to be put back in the dinghy park. This item will be placed on Estates & Amenities in May.

P Minoli was pleased to see the algae has been treated on harbour arm, and asked about the frequency going forward. Planned for 6 weeks like Ilfracombe

W Bowden asked whether there was any news on the treatment of the steps opposite Rising Sun. Town Clerk is awaiting the liquid treatment from HM.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 24 January 2024 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed as such by the Chair

4. NDC HARBOUR BOARD

Harbour Board minutes of 6 February are attached to the signed minutes. Next meeting of the Harbour Board will be on 7 May 2024.

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5. MOORINGS ALLOCATION

Nothing to report apart from the item in Public Question Time about temporary moorings at the sharp end of harbour during the summer months.

6. HARBOUR SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

- a. Feedback on Public Consultation on Harbour Empowerment Order Harbour Master reported a good response and at present all feedback is being collated by the solicitor.
- b. Report from Zurich, immediate works on harbour chain necessary Mooring chain 04, the first 26 links are worn and a D clasp. On order and should be renewed before end May.
- c. Lobster Pots impeding public access on Rhenish Pier
 As a result of the quarterly safety audit, the pots stacked on the pier in a double line and triple stacked need to be reduced for H&S compliance.

7. HARBOUR MAINTENANCE

a. Algae treatment on slipway and harbour arm
This has taken place and has worked well.

b. Water leakage through the highway wall

This item has been referred to Environment Agency to liaise with the Highways Authority.

c. Lower landings and groynes replacement

HM asked if it would be beneficial for the lower landings to be open, this was affirmative. One suggestion was to repair the [closed] Rhenish Pier steps for access at mid/low tide. HM asked for ideas regarding adapting groynes for improved performance and will explore grant funding for such capital projects and wishes to work closely with Harbour users.

8. USERS WORKING GROUP

No updates other than a request for the skip promised on a previous occasion. The Group will remove all old chains from harbour floor. Council will place a skip but await a date from the Users Working Group.

9. SAILING CLUB

The regatta will take place on 19 and 20 July, and would include a visiting Shanty group from Netherlands. The Overland Launch re-enactment was a great success. The boat house for the 'Gilbey' is progressing well.

10. NEXT MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 24 July 2024, 5pm in Lynton Town Hall.