

LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HARBOUR SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024 AT 5.00PM

Present	Councillors A Hobbs A Rodway J Patrinos
Officers	Town Clerk, Town Council Secretary
Also in attendance:	N Davey T Piper M Piper R Cluett S Minoli W Bartlett
	A Glover P Minoli M Wakeham

1. **APOLOGIES for absence**

Apologies were received from Harbour Master, Councillor Logan, and Harbour Users M Shute, W Bowden, W Bartlett, A Glover and M Wakeham

2. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

7 Harbour users were present. Paul Minoli talked about the crack in the harbour wall, which is getting worse. It covers a 20m stretch in the wall and on the recent high-tides the water was pouring through, if this breaches, the properties along the road will be flooded. Will Bowden from the Sailing club also mentioned this and it was felt failure of the wall in the next year is a real possibility, and could result in a huge insurance claim from several Lynmouth properties, not to mention damage to electric sub-station and the many cars usually parked by this wall. Further information will be submitted by Will Bowden for Town Clerk to work on.

3. **MINUTES**

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

4. **NDC HARBOUR BOARD**

Harbour Board minutes of 6 August 2024 are attached to the signed minutes. Next meeting of the Harbour Board will be on 5 November 2024. Councillor Patrinos is now a member of the Harbour Board.

5. **MOORINGS ALLOCATION**

- a. A mooring request was received from Steve Parker, whose boat, being too close to the harbour arm steps, is in danger of being damaged. He has requested a move and it was agreed he can use mooring 51 instead.
- b. Of the two remaining mooring vacancies, number 10 is now filled, and Town Council secretary is awaiting a reply regarding mooring 31.

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6. HARBOUR SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

a. Date for removal of boats from Harbour for the winter months is as per the winter storage of boats policy on the Council website, item 3.1.

[Winter Storage Policy](#)

Item brought from Estates & Amenities on 9 October 2024:

Minute number 126/24 f. **Policy for removal of boats from Harbour**

Committee discussed where to store the boats after the issues with Lower Lyndale Car Park and the delay in removing the boats before the busy Easter weekend. There was much discussion on possible solutions, and it was

RECOMMENDED

To defer this item to the next Harbour Sub-Committee meeting for a discussion with the harbour group.

This was discussed in some depth. The weather was the main culprit as bad weather halted the boats being able to be returned to the harbour from Lower Lyndale. This did cause chaos with the visiting coaches as the season was starting. Members understood the need to over winter in Lower Lyndale for the ease of working on boats (there being an electrical supply). After the discussion, it was agreed that three weeks before Good Friday, all boats (and trailers) will have to vacate Lower Lyndale, and if the weather is not suitable, they will be moved to the far end of Esplanade Car Park. **If boats remain in the Lyndale Car Park after this date, it could affect allocation of moorings for the following year.** This agreement will be communicated to all the harbour users.

b. CCTV Rhenish Tower

In the absence of Harbour Master, Town Clerk updated about CCTV on Rhenish Tower. The planning application was submitted on 27 September and is in the consultation stage. He explained CCTV was felt to be crucial for increased security for both boats and harbour as a whole, and also potential anti-social behaviour.

7. HARBOUR MAINTENANCE

- a. Harbour Master sent information regarding slipway steps, and she has obtained 2 quotes for the full repair. She is currently working on the report from recent Harbour inspections to enable these works to be carried out early spring 2025 (hopefully prior to 1 April 2025).
- b. White Lines around steps and slipway will have to be done again due to the last lining being obliterated from the works to harbour.
- c. When the seaweed is removed from the steps prior to algae treatment, it needs to be cut away and not pulled as the roots can damage the concrete of the steps.
- d. Town Clerk thanked harbour users for removing the dinghy that was on the railings.

8. USERS WORKING GROUP

Town Clerk asked about the rescue boat shed and was told it is progressing slowly with the block work nearly finished and that the roof will be next.

9. SAILING CLUB

Submitted a brief report:

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- Potential for LSC to take on the old West Wier/Bathing Pool from North Devon Council is now a reality and legal discussions are about to start.
- LSC events this year all went to plan with no incidents to report.
- Boathouse is underway and blockwork is due to be complete this month, hopefully roof on before Christmas.

10. NEXT MEETING

Will be held on ***Wednesday 22 January 2025, 5pm in Lynton Town Hall.***

The meeting closed at 5.25pm

Chairman