

Ifracombe Harbour Community Forum

Minutes of Communications with HF Members 21/07- 24/07/2020

Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes of previous meeting not approved.

Matters Arising.

1) Dudley Jenkins announced, on health grounds his resignation from his post as Co-Chair. On behalf of the Forum LR has thanked him for his input to date and wished him well for the future. His position as stakeholder representative for IDTA remains.

2) LR position as Chairman remains open for takers too should anyone wish to apply.

3) LR Quay Road; In light of Covid-19, pedestrian safety and ongoing traffic congestion is matter of priority as worse than ever. Scheme could qualify for Covid related funding?

Options most likely preferred by HF members should at least include banning vehicles other than for loading and home deliveries along Quay road at all times. Currently limited policing means ongoing vehicles abusing system.

Businesses should be restricted to 1 or 2 vehicles for their home deliveries at any one time.

Further options include; reducing loading bay area along Quay (suggest 1 or 2 loading bay areas only to serve all Quay businesses rather than the current whole length of road allocated). Resultant freed up road space lending itself for either extended pavement &/or enhanced traffic passing places.

Closing Pier to parking and traffic & Pier Parking electronic screen at end of St James' will be met with HF members opposition.

Quay Road traffic light system operational during peak times only will be met with some concern as in principle it could work albeit reliability will always be of concern.

Prospect of If. being perceived as being proactive as far as investing in Covid-safe schemes for future and facilitating a Quay Road café culture at least during the holiday peak times is currently missed opportunities.

4) Dave Hutchings (Boat Operators);

Requested NDDC assurance that funds will be made available and works planned to progress the demolition of old toll booths and associated harbour entrance enhancement works. NDDC to confirm that it is to be carried out over the autumn/winter of 2020?

LR added in light of proposed scheme ambition to include improving pedestrian safety scheme could qualify for Covid grant?

5) LR requested update on harbour businesses' conduct as far as managing and maintaining measures required to remain covid compliant and safe. LR reminded it is in everyone's ongoing interests after all.

6) Recycling provision. LR & GCP have had recent communications as far as recycling provision for both harbour users and visitors. Currently not working. Both parties look forward to progressing this issue.

Harbour Master's update;

The majority of the South Pier fendering works was completed during the public lockdown phase of COVID 19 and the new fendering for the last of 1st landing is due to be commenced this winter. The main slip way was repaired and new wall chains were put in place for 2 vessels with the remainder of the chains due to be replaced this winter.

The MFF funding for the Inner Harbour infrastructure works and new operational equipment for the fishermen is on hold at present due to COVID 19 but we are in a position that when it reopens the applications are ready to go.

The Harbour undertook a through RA before reopening to visitor yachts and business re started fully on July 4th, the areas highlighted for guidance and/ or COVID secure equipment were the visiting Yacht Showers, the Harbour Office, the boarding of the Oldenburg and the management of the commercial boat operations. All of these are in place and kept under review.

6. Any Other Business; N/a

No proposal for future meeting circulated as yet.