

Watchet Harbour Advisory Committee, (WHAC)

Wednesday 29 August 2018, 17:00pm – Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sally de Renzy Martin, (SdRM), (Watchet Traders); Martin Stevens, (MS), Watchet Boat Owners Assoc); Cllr Peter Murphy, (PM), Watchet Town Council; James Burnell, (JB), (RYA); Iain Lambert, (IL), (Watchet Marina); Steve Yandel, (SY), (Charter Boatmen); David Mainwaring, (DM), (Watchet Sea Scouts);
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Item	Discussion Points	Action by
1.	Apologies; Keith Richards, (KR), West Somerset Council; Craig Butler, (CB), West Somerset Council; Cllr David Westcott, (DW), (West Somerset Council; Kelvin Rufus, (KRS); Chris Hall, (CH), West Somerset Council; Cllr Rosemary Woods, (RW), West Somerset Council;	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting; The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved	
3.	Introductions; Around table	
4.	Harbour Charges; It was agreed that the support of Watchet Town Council would be sort for the removal of the charge for non-standard use of the harbour proposed to be levied on the Sea Scout and Community Groups.	SdRM
5.	MMO Licence; It was noted that a MMO licence is required for works to be carried out by the proposed Marina owned water injection dredger, (WID) and for the full depth maintenance dredge, (FDMD). The Harbour Board would need to grant permission for operations and both a dredge and disposal licence would be required from the MMO. It was thought that WSC should hold the licenses as the acting Harbour Authority.	CH
6.	WHAC Mud Group; The WHAC Mud Group had considered a report from Mr Rob Nunney on the dredging trial carried out by the Watchet Silt and Mud Group. It was considered that the process may have a place in a preventative maintenance programme, but was not suited to deliver a FDMD. It was agreed that a high level business plan was needed for the WHAC to endorse through the Harbour Board for approval. This plan would set-out the process for the FDMD by the best means, currently believed to be the 'bucket n shovel' method, and a preventative maintenance regime based around the Marina WID. The Mud Group would consider the best way to produce the business case and would need to assess the data from the performance of the WID when it got yo work. The delivery of the WID was given as approve 8 weeks from the present.	Mud Group/ CH
7.	Harbour matters; A number of concerns about various safety fears in the outer harbour raised again. ACTION POINT: Officers of the Council to report back to the WHAC on those raised.	CH
8.	Marina matters; IL: Apologised for the dredger still not being operational.	IL
9.	Any other Business; None.	
10.	Time, Date and Location of next meeting; Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 17:00PM in the Visitor Centre, Harbour Road, Watchet.	
11.	End of meeting.	