

WHAC MINUTES MON 11th JANUARY 14.00 – 16.00

Present: Cllr P Murphy, M Boobyer, C Butler, M Lawrence, Clr Whetlor, J Brunel, M Stevens, J Richards.

Apologies: C Hall, K Marks, D Mainwaring.

Agenda Item	Item detail/ Action	Owner	Achieve by
	<p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions 2. Minutes/review actions of last meeting 3. Updates 4. AOB 5. Date of next meeting 		
Item 1	PM Welcomed everyone to the meeting.	PM	
Item 2	<p>Minutes from last minute unavailable due to IT issues</p> <p>Action MB to send minutes once available</p>	MB	
Item 3	<p>Updates</p> <p>Craig Butler: Introduced Marc Lawrence to members he is the newly appointed Harbour Master replacing Jerry Gilmour who left last year. There has been good communication between them bringing Craig up to speed with any Harbours issues in Watchet Harbour.</p> <p>He is carryout his regular Health & Safety checks and reports any damages to repairs and the repairs on the Lighthouse is still outstanding and have emailed the contractor for a date when will start.</p> <p>MB: MB has raised the PO and sent it to WCB it was planned but the contractor had a bereavement so postponed and new date to be confirmed and have asked them for a quote to repair the railings</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>MB</p>	

	<p>CB Has put the flood boards in these are to prevent boats launching from the slipway during lockdown, we need more clarity reference fishing in and waiting for guidelines from Government so until we hear officially then the boards will remain in place.</p> <p>CB had 2 Reports of fisherman casting across the Harbour entrance this is dangerous could cause serious damage, this happen whereby an engine was damaged the incident has been reported to the H&S team, he has ordered some signage with a clear pictogram prohibiting fishing across both Harbour entrance, Marc Lawrence is also would like a no fishing from the railings this will give us better control to enforce the rules.</p> <p>The East Quay repair is nearly complete. The steps are in place they are just finishing the hand rails at the bottom. The path and access to the beach will not be available until the 19th January until Kier have completed any snagging issue and the sight is fully clear.</p> <p>Cardiff Marina removed 13829 cubic meters of sediment from the outer harbour this far exceeds expectation.</p> <p>Cllr Loretta Whetlor Had many enquiries from residents about the path and access to beach, after speaking to Kier Site Manager and reiterate in CB update that the steps to allow access to the beach will not re-open until the 19th January at the earliest . I also get regular updates from Steve Hughes the Project Manager.</p> <p>MS is pleased the signs to stop fishing across the Harbour is being sorted as it has caused a considerable amount of damage to a vessels engine and is a concern.</p> <p>Lighting at West Pier Martin suggested that we install dismountable lamp posts these can easily be removed and repaired and will help prevent the constant vandalism. Idea to replace handrails with GRP they are more robust they are more expensive to install but easier to maintain.</p> <p>Marc Lawrence is reviewing old documents and updating where necessary, he is also looking the MCA report and closing down the outstanding items his next focus will then be looking at changing some of the bylaws, Marc and Craig have planned in a Teams meeting later this week to discuss in more detail.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>LW</p> <p>MS</p> <p>ML</p>	
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	<p>The system needs to be looked at with SWT that will allow easier access.</p> <p>ACTION MB to invite The Marina Manager to future WHAC meetings and send the minutes from today's meeting.</p> <p>Weekly reports to continue to Chris Hall regarding the Marina operator.</p> <p>H&S concerns were raised regarding the marina dredger which it was agreed would taken to the next Harbour Board meeting.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>MB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>PM</p>	
Item 4	<p>AOB</p> <p>There is an interest with berth holders coming back to Watchet they have heard about the work being done by SWT and gaining confidence that things are improving so they are keeping an eye on the progress.</p> <p>Martin spoke to Contractor Cardiff Marina responsible for the outer harbour dredging they are confident they can clear the mud in the inner harbour without much disruption to the boat owners. They have a new vessel that can get into small harbours and can sweep under the boats has 4 times the capacity so wouldn't take them long to do this.</p> <p>The net issue has been put on hold the plan was to carry out a survey where the nets are with GPS and possibly put back onto the admiralty charts.</p> <p>PM We have couple items to bring up at the next Harbour Board Meeting.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>PM</p>	
Item 5	<p>Date and Time of next meeting Monday 22nd March 14.00 – 16.00</p>		