

WATCHET HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 13th December 2021 2 – 4pm

Attendees: Peter Murphy (PM), Martin Stevens (MS), Cllr Whetlor (Cllr W), James Burnell (JB), Chris Odling – Smee (COS), Steve Hughes (SH), Katie Marks (KM), Rob Freemantle (RF), Johnathan Stevens (JS), Steve Yeandle (SY), John Richards (JR), David Mainwaring (DM), Craig Butler (CB)

Agenda Item	Item detail/ Action	Owner	Achieve by
	<p>Agenda:</p> <p>1 Present and Apologies for absence.</p> <p>2 Minutes of last meeting held on 27 Sept 2021.</p> <p>3 Harbour Matters.</p> <p>4 Marina matters</p> <p>5 Matters raised by other members/AOB</p> <p>6. Date of next Harbour Board meeting</p> <p>7 Date, time and venue of next meeting</p>		
Item 1	Apologies: Marc Lawrence (ML), Matt Driscoll (MD)		
Item 2	<p>Minutes & actions of last meeting</p> <p>Notes of last meeting agreed as correct.</p> <p>Previous actions:</p> <p>MS suggested some demountable lampposts to avoid vandalism.</p>		

	<p>ACTION: MS to pass information to CB COMPLETE</p> <p>Cllr W has been notified by a member of public of a gap in the Marina gates which may cause a H&S issue. ACTION: Cllr W will raise with the appropriate officers for resolution. COMPLETE</p> <p>The old dredger on the slipway is causing some concern. COS confirmed he will be speaking to Tim Taylor shortly to arrange removal of both old dredgers from the Marina. ACTION: COS to arrange removal of Dredgers with owner IN PROGRESS</p> <p>MS mentioned that now the Midas gates have been removed, traffic appears to be driving and parking by Splash point, a concern also shared by Cllr W. ACTION: SH is aware and is already acting. IN PROGRESS</p>		
<p>Item 3</p>	<p>Harbour Matters</p> <p>CB Assistant Harbour Master: Ongoing issues with parking along East Quay, temporary construction weights put in place to deter parking pending a permanent solution. Vandalised light cover on West Pier – logged for repair. CB has not needed to put the storm boards up yet despite some severe weather. The Navigation light records will be computerised in future rather than on paper.</p> <p>KM (SWT Project Manager) The construction of the road on the East Quay is taking place, expected to be completed before Christmas. The new railings will also be fitted. When the road is complete, TMS Maritime will return to cut the sheet piles to road height & install the new ladder. This will take place in January.</p> <p>JR asked when the Generator on the East Pier will be removed. KM said a solution is currently being drawn up and we expect to move it within the next few weeks. Cllr Whetlor asked what is happening to alleviate the parking issue on East Quay. SH notified the group that we are not able to put a parking order on Easy Quay. SH has spoken to the Onion Collective to look at ways to manage the issue, some signs will be put up shortly and if there is any feedback please pass to the Onion Collective.</p>		

	<p>COS mentioned automatic numberplate recognition as a possible parking deterrent. MS has a powered frontier barrier which is available for use if needed.</p>		
Item 4	<p>Marina Matters</p> <p>Rob Freemantle:</p> <p>The dredger will be leaving Watchet this week to commence work on a Commercial job. It is expected back in January. The Marine Group have just purchased a larger dredger which they hope to bring over to Watchet in the future. The dredging so far is going well.</p> <p>Chris Odling - Smee</p> <p>The dredger 'Innovation' can maintain Watchet Harbour in the future. March onwards will be the maintenance phase, but the Marine Group will also look at the sediment and the possibility of running some bubble barriers for a few hours a day to determine if it could elongate between dredges. Data will be brought back and shared with the group to determine cost effectiveness. Hammerheads will be upgraded to give more capacity in D leg.</p> <p>CB asked about the old dredger removal. COS said that another hole has been found in the bottom of the dredger on the slipway, the owner has appointed a contractor to repair the hole, it is expected to be removed from the Marina in early January 2022. The large blue crane in the boatyard will be removed at the beginning of January. It is expected that both old dredgers and crane will be removed asap, hopefully by the end of January 2022.</p>		
Item 5	<p>Matters raised by other members/AOB:</p> <p>DM has not received some of the actions/notes from previous WHAC meetings, DM to let KM know which notes he is missing.</p> <p>ACTION: DM to email KM to request the specific missing notes.</p> <p>DM also asked whether it is possible to have new signs on the Marina slipway to cover all relevant vehicles such as Jet Skis, Jet bikes, Aqua bikes.</p>	DM	

	<p>ACTION: Take to Harbour Board for discussion.</p> <p>Cllr Whetlor The welcome back fund has paid for some seating which will be placed along East Pier by Splash point. There are also plans for flower troughs in the future. Suggestion of a plaque on one of the new seats in Sally de Renzy-Martin's memory.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr W will arrange, please send any wording suggestions to Cllr W asap.</p> <p>Steve Yeandle:</p> <p>Bristol Channel Yacht Club will be holding their annual rally in August 2022, it would be good to dovetail with any other town events taking place at that time. COS mentioned that the Marine Group have just launched a new website which will have some drone footage of the Marina in the Spring.</p> <p>If anyone has any suggestions of how the Marine Group can help the town and work together on future events, such as the Jubilee Weekend, please let COS know.</p>	<p>CB/DM</p> <p>Cllr W</p>	
<p>Item 6</p>	<p>Date of next Harbour Board meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 11th January 2022</p>		
<p>Item 7</p>	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>TBC pending the confirmed date of the next Harbour Board meeting.</p>		