

# Watchet Harbour Advisory Committee, (WHAC)

17:00pm Wednesday 10 January 2018 – Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Sally de Renzy Martin, (SdRM), (Watchet Traders); Martin Stevens, (MS), Watchet Boat Owners Assoc); David Mainwaring, (DW), (Watchet Sea Scouts); Cllr Peter Murphy, (PM), Watchet Town Council; Keith Richards, (KR), West Somerset Council; Chris Hall, (CH), West Somerset Council; Craig Butler, (CB), West Somerset Council; Cllr David Westcott, (DW), (West Somerset Council); Kelvin Rufus, (KRS); Iain Lambert, (IL), (Watchet Marina); Steve Yandel, (SY), (Charter Boatmen); Cllr Rosemary Woods, (RW), West Somerset Council;
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Item	Discussion Points	Action by
1.	<b>Apologies;</b> James Burnell, (JB), (RYA); Tim Taylor, (TT), (Watchet Marina);	
2.	<b>Minutes from previous meeting;</b> Noted	
3.	<b>Introductions;</b> Greetings around the table	
4.	<b>Matters arising, not covered by agenda;</b> <b>SdRM:</b> Do we have an update on when parking enforcement is to commence at the Trailer Park? <b>KR:</b> I will speak with the Parking Manager and confirm to you	SdRM KR
5.	<b>Harbour Fees &amp; Charges – update;</b> <b>SdRM:</b> Update on fees which for the scouts and the fishermen, this has now been deferred until 2019/20	SdRM
6.	<b>Harbour Matters;</b> Update on Harbour – Craig updates on progress including signage and public notices... <b>SdRM:</b> Can the next time the slipway is jetted can the trailer park drain also be jetted? <b>KR:</b> I can look into this and come back to you with an answer. <b>MS:</b> At foot of the splash-point – crack in the wall at a longitude. <b>KRS:</b> Big worry if it is a longitude crack as this mean there is movement. <b>CB:</b> Cracks at West Pier/Quay. <b>SY:</b> This was from when it was constructed, and was been strengthened on the outside back in the 1930's. <b>MS:</b> Can this be investigated? <b>SdRM:</b> Mud; this is a topic around Town now, Ray Ventura, S & M etc. brings out document and reads out wording; this does not happen and never has happened... <b>RW:</b> Why is this? <b>SdRM:</b> District Council should be consulting with <b>WHAC</b> not the other way around. This Committee seems to be getting ignored. We are a statutory committee and as such need to be consulted with. <b>SY:</b> Sally, this has been going on for years; there is a lack of consultation with WHAC by WSC. In the 18 years since the conception of the WHAC there has never been any consultation. <b>RW:</b> Sorry, I thought the Council are waiting for the mud report? <b>SdRM:</b> WSC has never come back to us and asked for it. <b>CH:</b> The West Somerset Harbour Board, ( <b>WSHB</b> ) recognises the <b>WHAC</b> and are looking at publishing minutes from the Harbour Board. <b>KR:</b> The Council are looking into how best to do this, but it will properly be via the Council's website. <b>CH:</b> Consultation is about the Council listening to you, ( <b>WHAC</b> ) but this is not working. <b>PM:</b> As a District Councillor I notice the <b>WSHB</b> , is not publishing any minutes, I feel the minutes should be made available for the public. Would be sensible for matters from the <b>WHAC</b> to be on the agenda. (Standing agenda item). So all views could be put	All

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	<p>forward. There are views that <b>WBOA</b>, (Watchet Boat Owners association) should be able to bring to the WHAC and then feed them in to the <b>WSHB</b>.</p> <p><b>SY:</b> This is sensible, can it be put into practice?</p> <p><b>CH:</b> That is the intention of the Harbour Board and I will give you my commitment I will speak with the Lead Member for the Environment.</p> <p><b>MS:</b> As the representative at the Board, I get a little disappointed at the way some of the members treat me. Can we, the <b>WHAC</b> submit a paper, written report to the WSHB?</p> <p><b>PM:</b> I apologise as I had to leave the last Harbour Board meeting early and I could not support you.</p> <p><b>MS:</b> I should be able to feed in from the <b>WHAC</b> and have an adult conversation about the matters brought up.</p> <p><b>SdRM:</b> <b>WSC</b> should have advised the <b>WHAC</b> that there was going to be changes to the Harbour Fees and Charges. Then the <b>WHAC</b> could have helped and consulted so we could have given advice on how this would work.</p> <p><b>ACTION POINT: KR to confirm date of next Harbour Board and advise SdRM.</b></p> <p><b>CH:</b> The set-up and membership of the Harbour Board was agreed at Full Council. It was agreed Lead Member for the Environment would be the Harbour Board Chair.</p> <p><b>SdRM:</b> As a point, any draft minutes from the Harbour Board should be available after each meeting for the <b>WHAC</b> as an 'aid-memoir'.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Marina Matters;</b></p> <p><b>IL:</b> The dredger has had some new parts delivered and should be back in the marina by the end of January and I give my sincere apologies and it is holding up the Mud report.</p> <p><b>SdRM:</b> Why is it holding the report up?</p> <p><b>IL:</b> The Author of the report Dr Nunny needs to get and collate the figures from the use of the dredger to get accurate data.</p> <p><b>RW:</b> Are you suggesting there is a huge backlog, and due the dredger have the capacity to do the outer harbour as well at the Marina?</p> <p><b>IL:</b> No, the dredger is a calm water machine, (refit bill is £32,000) and as such cannot operate in the outer harbour.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>Long discussion on how to solve the mud problem and how this should be funded. Various views are put across and then dismissed. The consensus is to wait for the report before any decision can be made.</i></p> <p><b>IL:</b> The Marina have been advised there we be a planning application for the East Quay. We understand this has not been validated, when it has been validated we will be commenting on.</p> <p><b>IL:</b> Our flood plan and warden meeting is on 24 January please come along.</p> <p><b>PM:</b> Anybody wishing to be a flood warden please get in touch with the Town Clerk at Watchet Town Council, everybody interested is welcome.</p> <p><b>IL:</b> There are a number of new groups which have been set-up to comment on the mud issue in the Marina and outer Harbour. I have been in contact with them all, we all need to work together rather than splitter.</p> <p><b>MS:</b> Maybe the Mud Group should formalise their minutes on a website and or raise at this minute?</p> <p><b>SdRM:</b> reads out S&amp;M group constitution, (copy attached to these minutes).</p> <p><b>PM:</b> I agree, the mud group needs to reconvene and raise its profile and formalise their relationship with this committee. It would be more likely to get a solution then doing things on their own. A question has been raised by them; package of measures, would we be in favour of asking WSC to allow a trial , should we invite S&amp;M to next meeting?</p>	IL

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	<p><b>CH:</b> The mud group could become the Mud Group of the WHAC, could be a subsidiary of this group rather than diluting what is already in place. If they have a solution as a Council why would we not want to look at this?</p> <p><b>PM:</b> I would move we invite the mud group to come along to the WHAC?</p> <p><b>SdRM:</b> Are you going to invite S&amp;M to come along?</p> <p><b>CH:</b> I think you could invite them to WHAC.</p> <p><b>CH:</b> Regarding the mud; the Council are waiting on report concerning the levels, what needs to be done and if there are any safety issues especially to navigation in the outer harbour. The Council are waiting on consultants to advice about the datum levels and we have some budget to do some minor dredging, not a capital dredge. Safety is paramount, so operationally I am waiting on contractors to advice.</p> <p><b>MS:</b> I was advised at Harbour Board that KB Harbour Master was to publish notice to mariners.</p> <p><b>ACTION: KR to confirm to WHAC this has been done.</b></p> <p><b>IL:</b> The oil spill plan has been updated and I have raise the awareness that OPRC Guidelines for Ports exists with my Team.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Harbour Board – update;</b> Dangerous fishing warning at Craig will be advising and issuing warnings Needs some form of uniform?</p>	All
9.	<p><b>Any other Business;</b> <b>SdRM:</b> S&amp;M to be invited to make a presentation at the next mud meeting on Wednesday 21 February 2018 16:00pm.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Time, Date and Location of next meeting;</b> Next Meeting Wednesday 11 April 2018. 17:00 at the Watchet Visitor Centre</p>	
11.	<p><b>End of meeting;</b> 18:55pm</p>	