

SOUTH HAMS SALCOMBE HARBOUR BOARD



Minutes of a meeting of the South Hams Salcombe Harbour Board held on Monday, 26th September, 2016 at 2.30 pm at the Cliff House, Salcombe

Present: **Councillors:**

Chairman Cllr Brazil
Vice Chairman

Cllr Pearce
Cllr Wright
Mr M Long
Mr M Taylor

Cllr Wingate
Cllr Gilbert
Mr H Marriage

In attendance:

Councillors:

Officers:

Pauline Henstock
Sophie Hosking
Adam Parnell

Executive Director

11. Minutes

SH.11/16

The minutes of the meeting of the Salcombe Harbour Board held on 11 July 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. Urgent Business

SH.12/16

The Chairman agreed to allow this agenda item to be utilised to remind Board Members of the forthcoming 100 year anniversary of the

Salcombe Lifeboat Disaster. The Harbour Master was aware of the plans to commemorate the date on Thursday, 27 October 2016.

13. **Declarations of Interest**

SH.13/16

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting, and the following were made:

Cllrs Wingate and Wright and Mr Marriage and Mr Taylor all declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in all related agenda items by virtue of having moorings or paying harbour dues to the Council. As a result of the Solicitor granting each Board Member a dispensation, they were all able to take part in the debate and vote on any related matters (Minute SH.05/16 refers).

14. **Public Question Time**

SH.14/16

In accordance with the Public Question Time procedure rules, Mr Richard Smith addressed the Board and raised the issue of buckets over outboard motors. The use of buckets was not compulsory and some boat owners had said this was an issue. Whilst it was accepted that use of buckets was not a requirement, the Harbour Master was asked to encourage the practice. The Harbour Master responded that he would do so, and the Chairman thanked Mr Smith for addressing the Board on behalf of the Kingsbridge Estuary Boat Club.

15. **Feedback from Harbour Community Forums**

SH.15/16

The Board received verbal update reports from the Board Members who attended the Harbour Community Forums. The updates were given as follows:

Salcombe Kingsbridge Estuary Association (SKEA)

The representative was not in attendance at the meeting

Salcombe Kingsbridge Estuary Conservation Forum (SKECF)

The representative advised that the Forum would be meeting the following day.

South Devon & Channel Shellfishermen

The representative advised that there was an issue with lorries at the Fish Quay in Dartmouth that might drive boats to Salcombe.

Kingsbridge and Salcombe Marine Business Forum

The representative advised that there were no issues to raise.

Kingsbridge Estuary Boat Club (KEBC)

The issue of buckets on motors had been raised under Public Question Time (Minute SH.14/16 refers). The representative went on to state that a number of berths on the pontoon were underused and he wondered if there was a way of allowing them to be used. He had advised the Forum that he would liaise with the Harbour Master and he hoped a solution could be found.

16. Update on the LACC

SH.16/16

The Executive Director (SD&CD) introduced the Support Services Specialist Manager who was responsible for leading the project team appointed to work through the detail required by Members ahead of a final decision on whether to go ahead with the proposal to form a Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC).

The Support Services Specialist Manager then updated Board Members on the latest position. Members of the Board were pleased that issues such as staff matters were being addressed.

During discussion, Members raised issues that were specific to the Harbour Board and it was agreed that it would be useful for a small Working Group of Board Members to meet with the LACC Joint Steering Group (JSG) to further discuss the options for Salcombe Harbour Board to consider.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That Cllrs Brazil, Pearce and Wright, and Messrs Long, Marriage and Taylor form a Working Group to meet with the LACC JSG to discuss matters relating to the LACC that were pertinent to the Board in more detail.

17. Strategic Business Plan 2017-2022

SH.17/16

A report was presented that sought approval of the adoption of the Harbour's Strategic Business Plan 2017-2022.

Members expressed their views on the Plan and confirmed that it was a good document. Members then discussed in more detail the desire to 'support a thriving local economy' and the strategies listed within the Plan to achieve that such as enhancing the ferry routes around the Harbour and establishing Kingsbridge as a destination.

Finally, Members noted that the Plan emphasised the role of the staff in making the Plan a success and that they were professional, business like and courteous.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** to adopt Salcombe Harbour Board's Strategic Business Plan 2017-2022.

18. **Budget Proposals 2017/18**

SH.18/16

The Harbour Master presented a report that proposed the 2017/18 budget for Salcombe Harbour Authority and provided a forecast for 2016/17. He took Members through the key details and both he and the Finance Business Partner responded to questions.

During discussion, the following points were discussed:

- Whether the Authority should pass on to customers the card handling fee for payments made by credit and debit cards. The Harbour Master agreed to investigate what other Harbours do;
- It was requested that an update on assets should be included as a future agenda item. It was agreed that future budget reports would incorporate the potential liability of maintaining Council assets;
- How best to deal with transactions between the Authority and the Council and what the options were. It was agreed that a further report regarding the potential to repay the outstanding loans be presented to the next meeting of the Board.

Finally, the Finance Business Partner was thanked for all her hard work in respect of the preparation of the budget and ongoing budget monitoring.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** that the proposed 2017/18 budget as set out in the presented report be approved.

19. **Fees and Charges 2017/18**

SH.19/16

Members were presented with a report that set out proposed fees and charges to be levied to ensure that the Harbour achieved a break even position in order that it remain financial sustainable.

The Harbour Master presented the report and responded to questions of clarity.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** that the proposed charges as set out in the presented report be approved for implementation from 1 April 2017.

20. **Performance Indicators (Apr-Jun)**

SH.20/16

The Harbour Master presented a report that summarised Salcombe Harbour's performance indicators (PIs) for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016.

He updated Members on an increase in thefts that had taken place and explained how the staff were working closely with the Police Authority.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the Harbour Board had noted the latest PIs.

21. **Report of the Harbour Master**

SH.21/16

The Harbour Master presented a report on topical harbour issues that could be of interest to the Board or affected the Harbour.

Of particular concern was the update in relation to the secondary coastguard VHF aerial at Scoble and the Harbour Master agreed to keep this item on his report for the following meeting.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the Harbour Board note the report.

The Meeting concluded at 4.30 pm

Signed by:

Chairman

