

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE SALCOMBE HARBOUR BOARD
HELD AT CLIFF HOUSE, SALCOMBE ON MONDAY, 28 MAY 2012**

Members in attendance			
* Denotes attendance		∅ Denotes apology for absence	
*	Cllr R J Carter (Chairman)	*	Mr J Barrett
*	Cllr M J Hicks	∅	Dr C C Harling (Vice Chairman)
*	Cllr K R H Wingate	∅	Mr M Mackley
*	Cllr S A E Wright	*	Mr H Marriage
		*	Mr A Thomson
∅	Cllr P W Hitchins (Lead Executive Member)	*	Mr P Waring

Item No	Minute Ref No below refers	Officers in attendance and participating
All agenda items		Salcombe Harbour Master, Head of Assets and Member Services Manager

SH.01/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Salcombe Harbour Board held on 26 March 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SH.02/12 WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed the new Co-opted Members to the Board, and also took the opportunity to thank Mr Mike O'Brien and Mr Tim Bass for all the work they had undertaken on behalf of the Board.

SH.03/12 URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman advised that there were three items of urgent business which he had agreed could be raised at this meeting.

Firstly, the Harbour Master advised that there were problems at Batson pontoons with the plastic floats rupturing. The contractor had agreed to change the floats at no cost and this would take place during this week, week commencing 11 June 2012 and the remainder at the end of summer.

The second item of urgent business related to phosphate free materials which were being promoted by Mr Jonno Barrett. As a result of all the work that had been undertaken, the Board was supporting an application to a trade magazine for inclusion in an award.

Finally, the Harbour Master noted that a drought warning was in place in the area, and perhaps it would be appropriate to attach a polite notice to hose reels asking that boat owners use water responsibly. The Board agreed to this and also supported the Harbour Master investigating the use of fine hose sprays which would use less water.

SH.04/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Cllr S A E Wright, Mr J Barrett, Mr A Thomson and Mr P Waring all declared a personal interest by virtue of having moorings.

SH.05/12 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A Member of the public was in attendance, and wished to utilise the Public Question Time session.

Further to the item raised under urgent business (Minute SH.03/12 refers), Mr John Binns advised the Board that Kingsbridge Estuary Boat Club encouraged phosphate free materials and also noted this on their website. In addition, Kingsbridge Town Council was also moving towards phosphate free materials.

SH.06/12 **FEEDBACK FROM HARBOUR COMMUNITY FORUMS**

The Board received verbal update reports from the Board Members who attended the Harbour Community Forums, during which reference was made to:-

Salcombe Kingsbridge Estuary Conservation Forum

Cllr S A E Wright agreed to represent the Salcombe Kingsbridge Estuary Conservation Forum on the Board, as he already attended these meetings.

Salcombe Kingsbridge Estuary Association (SKEA)

Mr Malcolm Mackley had agreed to represent SKEA on the Board, however, he had been unable to attend this meeting so no update was available.

Kingsbridge Estuary Boat Club

Consultations on the Moorings Policy were going ahead, and the Boat Club had completed their consultation paper and had forwarded it to the Harbour Master.

South Devon & Channel Shellfishermen

There was no update given to the meeting.

Kingsbridge and Salcombe Marine Business Forum

Their response to the Moorings Policy consultation had been passed to the Harbour Master.

SH.07/12 **FUTURE BERTHING OPTIONS FOR KINGSBRIDGE**

The Board considered a report which proposed a range of options for improvements to the berthing arrangements within the Kingsbridge Basin.

The Harbour Master introduced the report and explained each of the options in a little more detail. He also advised that access to the water was a key theme from the consultation on the Strategic Business Plan 2012 – 2017, therefore it was timely that this had now come forward.

During discussion, the following points were raised:

- The existing vertical ladders did not help the wall, and it was necessary to walk through mud to inspect the existing chains;
- Wall moorings were subject to vandalism and pontoon berths would provide more security;
- Concern was raised over events held that required open water, such as the raft race, and how they would be affected by any changes;
- It was also noted that those who held regular events such as Fair Week should be consulted;
- The proposal would be that berthing fees would not massively increase, but customers would have to pay for a pontoon berth which was more than a wall mooring. There was concern raised over possible incremental increases in charges;
- Once wall moorings were removed it would be possible to put safety railings along the quay edge.

After some further discussion, it was agreed that a Working Group be set up to take this project forward. The Working Group would include Cllr K Wingate and Mr A Thomson.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That a period of public consultation be commenced, based on the outline options described in paragraph 2, and to the timeline set out in paragraph 3 of the presented report.

SH.08/12 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Board considered a report which set out the Harbour's performance against agreed Performance Indicators.

The Harbour Master introduced the report, and took the Board through the more detailed elements of the report.

During discussion, a Member noted that the lack of failure of navigation lights showed the wisdom of changing from beacons on rocks to buoys. It was also noted that the number of customer complaints was down. The figures presented for yacht nights related to deep water moorings, however, the Board agreed that it would be useful to include foreshore moorings figures too.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the performance of the Harbour against agreed Performance Indicators be noted.

SH.09/12 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Board considered a report which identified matters for future consideration by the Harbour Board.

The Harbour Master introduced the report and took the Board through the key points. There was discussion over the Moorings Policy, and how it was important to have the correct definition of resident. A Policy would be drafted and then sent to Legal colleagues for consideration.

It was then:-

RESOLVED:

That the Moorings Policy Working Group (Mr H Marriage, Mr J Barrett, Cllr S Wright, Dr C Harling and Cllr J Carter) meet on 13 June 2012 to consider the feedback from the first round of consultation;

That a working group be formed to manage the 'Kingsbridge – Future Berthing Options' project; and

That a Public meeting be held on 27 June 2012 at 7pm in Quay House to present the options for the 'Kingsbridge - Future Berthing Options' project as part of the public consultation which will close on 13 July 2012.

(Meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and concluded at 3.35 pm).

Chairman