

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE SALCOMBE HARBOUR BOARD
HELD AT CLIFF HOUSE, SALCOMBE ON MONDAY 20 MAY 2013**

Members in attendance			
* Denotes attendance		∅ Denotes apology for absence	
*	Cllr R J Carter (Chairman)	∅	Mr G Burrell
*	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
		*	Mr M Taylor

Item No	Minute Ref No below refers	Officers in attendance and participating
All agenda items		Salcombe Harbour Master and Democratic Services Manager

SH.01/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In his introductions, the Chairman wished to congratulate and welcome those Co-Opted Members who had been successful during the recent Board recruitment exercise. In addition, the Chairman also wished to formally record his thanks to Mr Jonno Barrett and Mr Peter Waring for their hard work and valuable contributions during their respective terms of office.

The Chairman also proceeded to advise the Board that the Leader of the Council had revised the Executive Member Roles and Responsibilities and, as a consequence, Cllr Hilary Bastone had now been appointed as the Executive Member with responsibility for Assets.

SH.02/13 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Dr C C Harling be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the period until May 2016.

SH.03/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Salcombe Harbour Board held on 8 April 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SH.04/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Prior to any interests being declared, the Democratic Services Manager informed the Board that the dispensations, which had been granted to those Board Members who had a mooring, had expired on 9 May 2013 (Minute SH.21/12 refers). Unfortunately, neither the Monitoring Officer nor Deputy Monitoring Officer was able to attend this meeting to grant a revised dispensation. However, the Democratic Services Manager was comfortable that in the event of the Board supporting the proposal to conduct a review of the Moorings Allocation Policy (Minute SH.07/13 refers), then a dispensation could be granted at the next meeting on 15 July 2013, before the review commenced.

Members were then invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting, but there was none made.

SH.05/13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public who were in attendance wished to utilise the question time session.

SH.06/13 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 Association (SKEA)

There were no issues raised.

Salcombe Kingsbridge Estuary Conservation Forum

A Member informed that the Chairman of the Forum, Mr Tony Watson, was retiring in October 2013.

As a general point, a Member also highlighted the extent of the potential implications arising from the Marine Protected Zones and felt that it may be worthwhile for the Board to receive an update on this matter either at a formal meeting or a workshop.

Kingsbridge Estuary Boat Club (KEBC)

There were no issues raised.

South Devon & Channel Shellfishermen

There were no issues raised.

Kingsbridge and Salcombe Marine Business Forum

A Member tabled correspondence he had received from a Boat Company in respect of concerns regarding the use of buckets to cover the propeller of an outboard motor left in the raised position and the potential for boat users to fall in the water.

Following a lengthy discussion on this matter, it was concluded that the policy in this regard should be revisited as part of the long-term strategy discussions at the Board workshop to be held in October 2013.

SH.07/13 **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

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

During discussion, reference was made to:-

- (a) the dramatic improvements in Marine Crime statistics. In welcoming this improvement, the Board also acknowledged the role played by the Kingsbridge Estuary Boat Club and the Night Security Patrol;
- (b) the income from Visiting Yachts. The windy wet summer coupled with the ongoing recession and the Summer Olympics had resulted in Visiting Yachts income being adversely affected. However, this was a national trend, with similar results being incurred throughout the south coast;
- (c) the visiting yacht numbers. The comment was expressed that performance should improve in this regard due to the construction of the showers at Whitestrand;
- (d) pollution incidents. It was the understanding of some Members that Kingsbridge's drainage plans were out of date, which made the Environment Agency (EA) task of tracing the source of pollution extremely difficult. In reply, the Harbour Master advised that he would raise this matter with the new EA Area Officer;
- (e) the number of complaints regarding the Moorings Allocation Policy. The majority of Members supported the need for a review for two main reasons, which could be summarised in terms of whether or not the policy was fair and enforceable. To progress this matter further, it was felt that the review should commence with a workshop on the rising of the next Board meeting (on 15 July 2013), with legal officers in attendance.

It was then:

RESOLVED

1. That the performance of the Harbour against agreed Performance Indicators be noted; and
2. That a review of the Moorings Allocation Policy be undertaken, which will commence on the rising of the next Board meeting on 15 July 2013.

SH.08/13 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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

In discussion, the following points were raised:-

- (a) The Harbour Master encouraged Members to give consideration to any potential agenda items for discussion at the annual harbour workshop and inform him accordingly. In reply, a Member felt that the Harbour Guide should be included on the agenda for this session;
- (b) With regard to the recent fatal accident in Padstow, Members questioned whether they should be considering if any lessons could be learned from this tragedy. In the debate, it was apparent that a number of Members supported rolling out the wristband connected on a loop to the kill cord to boat users and it was suggested that funding initiatives (e.g. sponsorship, external grant funding opportunities and the Member Locality Fund) be explored in order to purchase these attachments.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

SH.09/13 TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES

The Board considered a report that had set out a range of topics that did not require their own reports.

In discussion, reference was made to:-

- (a) the Salcombe Fish Quay re-development. With the completion date of the works fast approaching, a detailed discussion took place in respect of a charging structure for the fishermen to use the facility. In particular, the Board noted that discussions were taking place within the Council's Asset Management Group and Members expressed the importance of the Harbour Board and Harbour Master being consulted. In conclusion, it was agreed that the Deputy Leader of Council, in consultation with the Harbour Board Chairman, would immediately pursue this matter with lead Council officers and inform the Board accordingly of progress;
- (b) the Kingsbridge Berthing Improvements Project. A Member highlighted the importance of the silent majority writing in support of the submitted application;

- (c) the potentially significant ramifications arising from the Marine Navigation Act. The Board felt that it would be appropriate to wait until the Act began to take effect before it reacted;
- (d) the Night Security Patrol. The Board noted the request of the Harbour Master to take up the option to extend the current contract by a further one year. Thereafter, it was then considered appropriate to discuss the issue at a future Harbour Board Workshop meeting.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

(Meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and concluded at 4.10 pm)

Chairman