

Folkestone Harbour Company Minutes
Meeting 12th September 2018
The Quarterhouse, Tontine Street, Folkestone – 9.15 for 9.30

Attendance

Trevor Minter OBE (TRM) – Sir Roger De Haan private office
Lorraine Hughes (LH) – Folkestone Harbour/Port Manager
Tom Miller (TM) - Folkestone Harbour Authority
Andy Whitham (AW) - Folkestone Harbour Authority
Trevor Hart (TH) Folkestone Harbour
David Harvey (DH) – Folkestone Sea Sports and Folkestone Rescue
Ron Shucksmith (RH) – FYMBC – Motor Boat (Chairman)
John Lambert (JL) - FYMBC
Tony Wright (TW) - FYMBC
Leah Gaynor (LG) - FYMBC
Ketan Gaynor (KG) - FYMBC
Honei Jackson (HJ) – The Hatch (Local Trader)
Richard Jackson (RJ) – The Sunny Sands Café
Dougie Pilcher (DP) – Folkestone Fisherman
Terry Noakes (TN) – Folkestone Trawlers

1) Apologies for Absence: -

Neal Boosey – Charter Boat Owner
John Beasley – Folkestone Yacht Club

2) Minutes of last meeting for approval

Two minor alterations made to minutes: -

Trevor Minter OBE (TRM) – Sir Roger De Haan private office – ‘Sir’ added
*10) Seaports - BD replaced with **BP** – Barry Pluck*

No other alterations and the minutes were agreed.

3) Matters arising not covered elsewhere

b) Yellow Post in Inner Harbour

This remains in place and carried forward to next meeting. LH will update when the art piece has been returned to this position by the Creative Foundation.

4) Debris removal from the outer harbour update

LH confirmed that the debris has been removed and the situation will continue to be monitored.

5) Build up of sand in the outer harbour

TM reported back the results of the 2018 Bathometric residuals which took place in June. This showed a build-up of sand to the west and north west of the east head up to 1.00 meter. LH is arranging a meeting with a contractor to ascertain costs for moving this high spot to the “hole” in the middle of the outer harbour. AW advised he had made enquiries and Dover Harbour were not interested in taking any sand as suggested by CT at previous meeting. This situation will continue to be monitored.

6) Fishing on Harbour Arm

No major issues reported, LH will continue to meet with DSAA and monitor the situation and review for next season.

7) Harbour Refurbishments Update

- a) DP and DH advised several fenders were either missing or falling off exposing bolts. LH will pass this on to BB for addition to the scheduled of works.
- b) TRM advised on the 100-year maintenance schedule and how it would progress and the long-term management plan. He also advised that the rusty structure on the west side of the pier would be removed as this is no longer used.
- c) DP asked if there were any areas around the site that could be used for storage of nets, unfortunately there is limited storage areas around the site.

TRM updated on refurbishments: -

- a) Lift and step access to viaduct has been delayed hopefully this should be open by September 2018.
- b) Steps and handrails on HA – The steps have been repaired and once the handrails have been fitted boats will be able to use this area.
- c) Concrete column underneath the South Quay - LH to get prices for the removal or repair.

8) Development Update

TRM advised that there would be an exhibition taking place 26th-29th September regarding the development this will be taking place in the Customs House. He advised that a date hadn't been agreed for the start of the development and he hoped he would have more information by the end of the year.

RS asked if we had acquired the new car parks to build on, as if this was the case there would be difficulty with parking once the development was built. TRM advised that this wasn't the case and this would eventually be managed by a Community Interest Company.

RS asked if we own the Railway line behind the Yacht Club, TRM advised that we were not interested in purchasing this area of land.

TN asked If the Rock Armor was due to be built at the east end of the car park, as he understood that this work would need to be completed before building can take place. TRM advised that this area for building would be in the final phase of the development so not factored in at the moment.

JL asked if it was true that the inner harbour is going to be built on and LH advised that this wasn't the case and we are looking to continue with moorings.

9) Seaports Update

DH advised the meeting that the seaports had been extremely busy up to this point. He confirmed that usage of the facilities was up by 100% from last year and looking forward to increasing the use going forward.

Discussion took place general around the table regarding health and safety aspects regarding mixing boards and boats leaving and entering the harbour. DP informed that his daughter had used the facilities and enjoyed the experience and he was reassured that the instruction she was given was safe. It was agreed that everybody would need to ensure that they worked together to ensure the safety of all concerned.

TRM thanked DH for all his hard work and help with the Seaports project.

10) Health and Safety Matters

a) Inner Harbour Slipway

Due to concerns raised at the last HUG meeting regarding H & S issues on the slipway LH advised that it would be out of use until repairs are agreed.

b) Tombstoning

General discussion took place about the dangers of tombstoning in front of boats leaving and entering the harbour. Obviously, this is very dangerous and harbour staff continue to deal with the matter in line with the Safety Management System (SMS) and Risk Register (RR). JL advised that its been going on for years. DH suggested that we fence around the corner of the south quay to stop them "jumping the gap" this will be investigated by the harbour.

11) A.O.B

- a) TN asked if the Floating Pink House in the inner was staying. DH advised that he was working with the Creative Foundation in making it more secure. LH advised that as long as it wasn't causing a hazard FHC were happy for it to remain. TRM advised that it is a good advert for the harbour as it appears in most advertisements regarding Folkestone Harbour

- b) TN advised that the trawler race was a great success again this year 22 vessels took place. Plans are being made to hold the event on the 17th August 2019.
- c) RS asked when they will be able to use the HA for offloading passengers. TRM advised that FHC are looking at possible commercial opportunities and will updated once decision had been made. It was confirmed that once the handrails have been completed boat owners can use the steps for access onto the HA.

12) Date of Next Meeting

No further business the meeting closed at 10.35

Date of next meeting 20th March 2019, venue Quarterhouse, Tontine Street 9.15 for 9.30 start.