

Thursday 6 September 2018

# Harrington Harbour and Dock Board

Friday 14 September 2018, 2.00 pm

Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington

Membership:

Councillor Barbara Cannon (Chair)

Councillor Carole Armstrong

Michael Messenger

Charles Grant

Councillor Jim Osborn

*Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or queries contact Democratic Services on 01900 702502.*

## Agenda

**1. Minutes (Pages 3 - 4)**

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2018.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Councillors/Staff to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registrable interest or any other interest and the nature of that interest relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

**4. Harbour Master's Report (Pages 5 - 10)**

**5. Budget Update (Pages 11 - 12)**

**6. Safety Management System Framework**

**7. Health and Safety**

**8. Any Other Business**

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**Date of Next Meeting:  
Friday 7 December 2018, 2.00 pm  
Allerdale House, Workington**

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# Agenda Item 1

At a meeting of the Harrington Harbour and Dock Board held in Council Chamber -  
Allerdale House, Workington on Friday 15 June 2018 at 2.00 pm

## Members

Councillor Barbara Cannon (Chair)

Councillor Carole Armstrong

Councillor Jim Osborn

Apologies for absence were received from Charles Grant and Michael Messenger

## Staff Present

D Devine, G Doran, T Hurst and J Ritchie

### 1. Minutes of meeting Friday 16 March 2018 of Harrington Harbour and Dock Board

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

### 2. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

### 3. Harbourmaster's Report

The Harbourmaster provided the Board with an update on issues surrounding Harrington harbour.

The navigational markers at the harbour had been painted.

In terms of the safety works to be carried out at the pier, new warning signs had been ordered and the repair works on the safety rails were being carried out.

With respect to the weeds and long grass at the harbour, the Board asked the Democratic and Support Services Officer to contact the council's Head of Community Services to ask that Harrington harbour be included in the schedule of works in the new grounds maintenance contract that the council was in the process of agreeing.

Regarding flowers being planted in the boats around the harbour, Councillor B Cannon agreed to speak to the Chair of the Workington in Bloom group about doing something about this.

The Harbourmaster reported that since writing the report, lifebelts and signs at the harbour had been damaged. The council's Building Surveyor had ordered new ones and the Police had been informed.

The Board asked for a news release to be put out regarding safety at Harrington harbour during the summer months. The Democratic and Support Services Officer agreed to speak to the council's Communications team about this.

The Board noted the report.

### **Agreed**

That:

1. The Democratic and Support Services Officer contact the Head of Community Services to ask that Harrington harbour be included in the schedule of works in the council's new grounds maintenance contract.
2. Councillor B Cannon request the Chair of Workington in Bloom to look into planting flowers in the boats at Harrington harbour.
3. The Democratic and Support Services Officer speak to the council's Communications team regarding a news release about safety at Harrington harbour during the summer months.

#### **4. Budget Update**

The council's Building Surveyor provided the Board with an update on the budget for Harrington harbour.

Since the preparation of the report, there had been further expenditure on repairs to railings, new signage and preparing for dredging and pontoon works.

In terms of income, several mooring holders had not paid their fees. The Building Surveyor informed the Board that letters were being sent out to the mooring holders, requesting that their fees be paid.

The Board noted the update.

#### **5. Safety Management System Framework**

Nothing to report.

#### **6. Health and Safety**

There were no updates regarding health and safety at the harbour.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

None.

**The meeting closed at 2.40 pm**

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## Harbour Master's Update

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| <b>The Reason for the Report</b>   | The report provides an update on developments effecting Harrington Harbour, for consideration by the Board.                  |
| <b>Summary of options considered</b>   | Not applicable.  |
| <b>Recommendation</b>  | It is recommended that members note the content of the report.   |
| <b>Financial/ Resource Implications</b>  | None   |
| <b>Legal Implications</b>  | None   |
| <b>Community Safety Implications</b>   | None   |
| <b>Health &amp; Safety &amp; Risk Management Implications</b>                          | The report forms part of the risk management procedure.  |
| <b>Equality Duty considered/Impact Assessment completed</b>                            | Not applicable   |
| <b>Wards Affected</b>  | Harrington, Workington   |
| <b>The contribution this decision would make to the Council's Strategic priorities</b> | Not applicable   |
| <b>Is this a Key Decision</b>  | No   |
| <b>Portfolio Holder</b>  | The portfolio holder for Asset Management is Cllr Barbara Cannon   |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>  | Ged Doran<br>Harbourmaster<br>Tel: 07546107008<br><a href="mailto:Ged.doran@allerdale.gov.uk">Ged.doran@allerdale.gov.uk</a> |

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## **1.0 Introduction**

The report is intended to keep the Harbour Board informed of current and future issues regarding Harrington Harbour.

## **2.0 Content**

### **2.1 New Lifebelt Containers**

All Lifebelts and lines are regularly inspected at the Harbour and any defects immediately rectified however, the three South Side Container boxes which have not been renewed for some time are starting to show signs of fatigue especially the door retaining rubbers which have lost their elasticity, this makes it difficult to keep the boxes closed especially in high winds. At the time of writing this report three new boxes have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. I am pleased to report there has only been a couple of incidents involving vandalism to the lifebelts and their containers over recent months, one of the Southside lifebelt containers has had the rubber retaining rubber cut off.

### **2.2 Aids to Navigation**

The paintwork on the Harbour Navigational Markers and South groin markers had become quite faded and we were advised by Trinity House to have them repainted, the paint work has recently been complete so we are now compliant with the request. The aids to navigation take a constant battering from the sea especially over the winter storms so need to be monitored and maintained regularly.

### **2.3 Pontoons**

It is my intention to lift the Pontoons out of the Harbour later this year to eliminate wear and tear caused by the large swells we regularly encounter within the inner Harbour throughout the winter months. Lifting the pontoons out is not ideal for those who wish to keep their boats moored in the Harbour over winter but I feel it essential to cut down on maintenance costs and prolong the life of the pontoons and the wall anchoring struts. I will inform all Harbour users of my intentions and reasons before lift out. Fabrication works were carried out on the pontoons last winter which included the slider mechanisms, new friction pads and all fixing bolts examined and tensioned. Further work will need to be carried out after lift out, works will include new decking and fabrication works to the connector bolt holes as they have become elongated.

### **2.4 Dredging Works**

It was my intention to dredge the inner harbour roads over the summer months as reported at the last Board meeting however, after regularly monitoring the mud depth on the roads and finding no significant build up, I have decided to defer inner Harbour dredging until the Spring when the annual dredging work takes place in the outer Harbour and the Channel.

The decision to defer Inner Harbour dredging will in no way hinder Navigation nor alter times of access or egress, at present there are no keel boats moored in the Harbour, all boats presently moored are shallow draft fishing vessels. I have informed those boat owners who wish to stay in the Harbour throughout the winter months of my decision to defer dredging.

## **2.5 Sea Wall Safety Works**

Safety work has had to be carried out on the sea wall just south of South car park, a section of the wall had undermined considerably. Unfortunately due to the age of these structures it is inevitable from time to time sections will fail however, it is imperative they are repaired as they form sections of the sea defences.

## **2.6 Boat Planters**

Sadly this summer the boat planters around the Harbour didn't have any new plants put in them and have become quite sad looking and overgrown with weeds which have had to be cut back to tidy them up a little. The little boats were always full of colour and appreciated by many who visited the Harbour and a credit to those who worked hard to keep them looking good over the summer. It is hoped next year the boat planters will once again return to full bloom. Sadly one of the boat planters on the Hard Standing which is clinker built will have to be removed as it is breaking up and becoming an eyesore and a danger.

## **2.7 Unlicensed Boats**

Boat owners who fail to pay mooring fees and fail to produce a current copy of their Marine insurance leave themselves liable to having their boats removed by the Board and invoiced for costs incurred for crane hire etc, (See Rules and Regulations Clauses (1) (13) and (20). Boat owners who request moorings are issued with copies of the rules and regulations and an application form which they have to complete and submit to Allerdale for consideration before moorings are granted. Two boat owners have had letters sent to them after failing to comply with the above rules and given 14 days to reply. I have been able, prior to submitting this report, to speak to both boat owners who assure me their mooring fees will be paid.

## **2.8 Harrington Harbour (Joe Lovell)**

Some weeks ago the Union Flag flew at half mast at the Boating Club; I asked one of the Members who had died and sadly was told it was Beryl Lovell. I was contacted some weeks after Beryl's Funeral by David Lovell (Joe & Beryl's Son), David asked if I wanted the remainder of the Books Joe had written (Harrington Harbour) otherwise they may have unwittingly found their way into the recycle bin which would have been a travesty.

For those reading this report who didn't know Councillor Joe Lovell he was, along with others, instrumental in the re opening of Harrington Harbour after its closure in 1940.

Joe's family on his maternal side had sailed out of Harrington for generations and unfortunately his Great Grandfather had drowned while out fishing from the

Harbour, so to see the Harbour re opened wasn't just a project it was more of a passion for both Joe and those who worked hard alongside him over the years to see the Harbour re opened. There had been plans drawn up originally to culvert the river Wyre through the Harbour then fill the Harbour up with the rubble from the old Shore works and rubble from surrounding properties, the plan then was to create two football pitches and a paddling pool on the newly formed land.

That in the opinion of many in Harrington would have been a sad epitaph for a once thriving Harbour with its past history to have it turned into two football fields and a paddling pool. Joe's book names a lot of the ships which were built in Harrington and a lot of the Masters who sailed aboard them, their destinations and their cargos and lots more about the history of Harrington. Anyone wishing to have one of Joe's books can contact me on 07546107008.

I often wonder when I'm down at the Harbour if Joe and co could return and see the Harbour as it is today, what would be their thoughts.

There was quite a comprehensive report produced (The Halcro Report) some years ago, it looked at turning the Harbour into a Marina with a flap gate allowing for the inner Harbour to retain water at all times so boats would be afloat at all states of the tide and moored on pontoons, the Pier and Breakwater would need to be re configured to stop the swell and created an outer Harbour.

I have been told by quite a few people who sail the Solway and Irish Sea if Harrington were ever to become a Marina there would be a rush for moorings however, for that to come to fruition many millions would need to be found to bring this to a reality. However we still have a Harbour, not two football fields and a paddling pool, so who knows, in the future there may be others like Joe Lovell and those who worked hard along side him to keep Harrington Harbour alive. Who knows one day we may see the Halcro report become a reality.

## **2.9 Beached Whale**

I received a phone call from Rob Deavill, a Zoologist on the 06/09/18 regarding a report of a Sowerby's Beaked Whale which had been washed up on the shore some 500 metres South of the Harbour entrance. He and his colleague Dr Paul Jepson are based at the Institute of Zoology which is the research branch of ZSL which also run London Zoo; they also run a Defra funded research project investigating standings around the UK.

Rob and his colleague are coming up to Harrington on Friday the 07/09/18 when I will meet them, they will carry out a post mortem on the whale to try to determine cause of death. At the time of writing this report I have no further information but will give a verbal report at the meeting on the 14/09/18. I have informed Trevor Hurst and will further contact him when I have more Information.

**Ged Doran  
Harbour Master**

## Report Implications

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| Community Safety | N | Employment (external to the Council) | N |
| Financial        | N | Employment (internal)                | N |
| Legal            | N | Partnership                          | N |
| Social Inclusion | N | Asset Management                     | Y |
| Equality Duty    | N | Health and Safety                    | Y |

## Background papers

None

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## Harrington Harbour Expenditure Report

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| <b>The Reason for the Decision</b>  | To inform the Harrington Harbour and Dock Board of the current expenditure on the harbour as of 31 August 2018. |
| <b>Summary of options considered</b>  | Not applicable.   |
| <b>Recommendations</b>  | It is recommend that members note the content of the report.  |
| <b>Financial / Resource Implications</b>                                      | For information only.   |
| <b>Legal / Governance Implications</b>  | Not applicable.   |
| <b>Community Safety Implications</b>  | The Council has a duty to manage Harrington harbour.  |
| <b>Health and Safety and Risk Management Implications</b>                     | These works lessen the likelihood of an event.  |
| <b>Equality Duty considered / Impact Assessment completed</b>                 | Not applicable.   |
| <b>Wards Affected</b>   | All as the harbour is an asset benefitting the whole Borough.   |
| <b>The contribution this decision would make to the Council's priorities:</b> | Not applicable.   |
| <b>Is this a Key Decision</b>   | This report is for information only.  |
| <b>Portfolio Holder</b>   | Councillor Barbara Cannon   |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>   | Trevor Hurst<br>Building Surveyor<br>01900 702758<br>Trevor.hurst@allerdale.gov.uk                              |

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## Report Implications

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| Community Safety | N | Employment (external to the Council) | N |
| Financial        | Y | Employment (internal)                | N |
| Legal            | N | Partnership                          | N |
| Social Inclusion | N | Asset Management                     | Y |
| Equality Duty    | N | Health and Safety                    | Y |

Background papers: None

### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 This report is written to provide members of the Harrington Harbour and Dock Board with an update of the financial situation of the harbour.

### 2.0 Content

#### 2.1 Expected Income

£3,007.57

#### 2.2 Expenditure

£4,745.18

### 3.0 Finance/Resource Implications

3.1 Harbour running costs have been exceeding income over the last few years. It is hoped that with extra budget for dredging, the harbour will not require the shortfall to be met by the Coastal Budget. This was hoped for last year and would probably have been achieved had it not been for the storms over the Christmas period causing damage.

### 4.0 Legal Implications and Risks

4.1 Legal Implications are not considered as this report is to inform Board members on finances.

### 5.0 Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that members note the content of the report.

**Trevor Hurst**  
**Building Surveyor**