

At a meeting of the Harrington Harbour and Dock Board held in Allerdale House, Derwent Room on Wednesday 3 October 2012 at 10.00 am

Members

B Cannon (Chairman)

H Harrington
S Herbert

T Heslop
M Rae

Staff Present

B Chambers, G Doran, M Faulkner and P McKenzie.

267 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record.

268 Declaration of interests

None received.

269 Questions

None received.

However the chair advised members of a letter received from Mr Brown in regard to holding stakeholder meetings.

The chair suggested that the board should hold 2 yearly meetings between boat owners, their crew and the board.

The board thought there should be a set agenda and topics of discussion for these meetings.

Agreed: That

- a) The Assistant Engineer organise and clerk two yearly meetings between the boat owners, their crew and the board
- b) That a set topic of discussion be adhered to for these meetings.

270 Review of the year

The Assistant Engineer submitted a review of the year report which provided Board Members with an account of what had happened at the harbour during the past twelve month period.

Members were informed that the Harbour Master continued to effectively manage the day to day running of the harbour and worked with the Assistant Engineer to identify and implement maintenance and repairs as necessary.

The Assistant Engineer and the board congratulated the Harbour Master on being accepted as a member of the UK Harbour Masters' Association in February 2012.

The board was informed of the work carried out since the last Annual Meeting.

Problems continue with lifebelts being thrown into the harbour, particularly in September 2011. After complaints from boat owners about mess and damage from pigeon droppings works had been carried out to cover drainage holes in the quay walls which were being used as roosting sites.

Following storms during December both the harbour boat and Mr Ellwood's boat were damaged during a joint attempt to recover a vessel which broke its moorings and sank. Repairs were completed during May and the harbour boat returned to the water.

In line with previous years the Whitehaven racing buoy was lifted out and stored in October following the end of the racing season. The buoy was returned to station in May for commencement of this year's racing events.

In May four of the stored finger pontoons were prepared and modified to replace the existing units (dating from 1995) which were at the end of their safe useful life. These were lifted out and swapped over for the new ones in June 2012.

Agreed: That the report be noted.

271 Harbour Masters Report

Members considered the contents of the Harbour Masters report which gave details of recent progress and highlighted some of the current developments.

Agreed: That the Harbour Masters report be noted.

272 Plans for the future

The board noted their responsibilities for maintaining the Harbour.

273 Mooring Fees

Members considered the Assistant Engineers report regarding proposed mooring fees.

Councillor Cannon informed members that she had, had a meeting with Mr Ellwood, the Assistant Engineer and the Harbour Master to discuss the mooring fees.

It had come to light that the HH&DB had not been charging VAT on mooring fees and may need to do so.

Agreed: That

- a) The Assistant Engineer investigate whether the HH&DB need to charge VAT.
- b) That the current mooring fees increase by 20%.

274 Schedule of Meetings

Agreed: That the meeting dates and times for 2013 were accepted as follows;

Friday 15th February, 10.30am

Friday 28th June, 10.30am

Friday 25th October 10.30am

The meeting closed at 11.15 am