

Wednesday 11 June 2014

Harrington Harbour and Dock Board

Will meet on
Friday 20 June 2014
at
10.30 am
in
Allerdale House, Lonsdale Room

Membership:

Councillor Barbara Cannon (Chairman)

Councillor Bill Bacon
Councillor Tony North

Charles I Grant
Councillor Marjorie Rae

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or queries contact Paula McKenzie on 01900 702557.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. 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.

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 7th March 2014.

4. Questions

To answer questions from members of the public – 2 days notice of which must have been given in writing or by electronic mail.

5. Welcome new HH&DB member

Welcome Councillor M Rea to the Harrington Harbour and Dock Board (HH&DB).

6. Review of the year

Chair to give verbal review.

7. Plans for the future

Chair to give verbal review.

8. Harrington Harbour and Dock Board Harbour Masters Report (Pages 3 - 6)

9. Community member vacancy

Verbal update.



Chief Executive

<p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 10.30 am Allerdale House, Lonsdale Room</p>

Agenda Item 3

At a meeting of the Harrington Harbour and Dock Board held in Allerdale House, Lonsdale Room on Friday 7 March 2014 at 10.00 am

Members

B Bacon (Chairman)

N Cockburn

C I Grant

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Cannon and S Standage.

Staff Present

B Chambers, M Faulkner and P McKenzie.

526 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 25 October 2013 were signed as a correct record.

527 Declaration of interests

None received.

528 Questions

None received.

529 Harbour Masters Report

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

Agreed: That the Harbour Masters report be noted.

530 Meeting with mooring holders

The Assistant Engineer circulated minutes from the mooring holders meeting to those present.

He gave a brief update as to the main issues discussed.

Agreed: - That the minutes and update be noted.

531 Mooring Fees

The Assistant Engineer submitted a report which sought the board's discussion in regard to reviewing the mooring fees.

Members discussed the options available to them in detail.

Members agreed that it was important to provide value for money for stakeholders but some income was needed in order to move forward and make improvements at the Harbour.

Resolved: - That the mooring fees be increased by 1.9% in line with 'the cost of living' based on Consumer Price Index.

532 HH&DB Web-Site

The Democratic Services Officers gave an update on the current progress of the HH&DB web-page.

533 Amenity Block

The Assistant Engineer circulated plans of the current and proposed amenity block.

The Assistant Engineer explained that the amenity block was not actually in the HH&DB's remit however due to it being on the Harbour and the Harbour needing these facilities, it would be wise to re-develop the existing amenity block, when the funds become available.

Members discussed the options available to them.

Agreed: - That the proposed plans be noted.

534 New Container /Store

The Assistant Engineer informed those present that he was still looking for a replacement container/store and as soon as one became available the old one would be replaced.

535 Community Commissioner Vacancy

The Democratic Services Officer informed members that after advertising the Community Commissioners post, there had been no interest. Therefore if anyone knew of someone interested, then the board could co-opt.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am

Agenda Item 8

Allerdale Borough Council

Meeting – Date 20 June 2014

Harbour Master's Update

The Reason for the Report	The report provides an update on developments affecting Harrington Harbour for consideration by the Board
Summary of options considered	Not applicable
Recommendations	It is recommended members note the content of the report.
Financial / Resource Implications	None.
Legal / Governance Implications	None.
Community Safety Implications	None
Health and Safety and Risk Management Implications	The report forms part of the risk management procedure.
Equality Duty considered / Impact Assessment completed	Not applicable
Wards Affected	Harrington
The contribution this decision would make to the Council's priorities	Not applicable
Is this a Key Decision	No
Portfolio Holder	The portfolio holder for asset management is Councillor Barbara Cannon
Lead Officer	Ged Doran Harbourmaster Tel 07919162944 Ged.Doran@allerdale.gov.uk

Report Implications (Please delete where applicable).

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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1.0 Introduction

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

2.0 Content

Mooring holders, inner harbour dredging, mooring gear, fly tipping, trouble with Youths jumping into the harbour mouth, misuse of life belts. boat planters and future activities for Harrington Youth club

2.1 Mooring holders.

Three centre mooring holders have left the Harbour in recent weeks leaving all centre moorings vacant. Several reasons were given for their departure; (1) the increase in moorings fees, (2) conditions within the harbour, (3) debris coming into the harbour via the River Wyre and snagging on mooring lines. I am very sadden by their departure as two of the boat owners had been involved in sailing and boating in Harrington for several years and one in particular has assisted me in laying moorings etc.

2.2 Inner harbour dredging.

The mud on the inner harbour roads has built up quite significantly over the last few months and is making mooring inspections very difficult to carry out and will need to be scaled down sooner rather than later. The problem is that when we clear the roads the mud in the centre is higher so after a few tides the roads are covered again.

2.3 Mooring gear.

I am at the moment seeking prices for mooring equipment and am quite shocked at the increase in costs since we last purchased equipment. The increase has risen to over 50% but never-the-less the equipment is essential to have at hand at all times and some of the centre mooring chains will need replaced over the winter months.

2.4 Fly tipping.

We have recently had another incident of fly tipping at the Harbour. The rubbish was discarded at the bottom of the ramp to the rear of South Pier and at one time debris was floating just under the surface in the outer harbour basin making it a danger to small vessels making their way in and out of the harbour. This behaviour is totally unacceptable and unnecessary as there are facilities within Allerdale for people to get rid of their unwanted goods.

I would urge any members of the public to report to the Police any vehicle they see discarding rubbish in and around the harbour area. We have many people visiting Harrington Harbour at this time of year and this type uncaring behaviour doesn't give a good impression.

2.5 Trouble with youths jumping into the harbour mouth.

Again we are at the time of year when the sun occasionally shines which brings the young people down to Harrington to enjoy the sea. Unfortunately there are those among them who are still putting themselves at risk by jumping into the harbour mouth. I recently reported this behaviour to Cumbria Police who said they would visit and deal with it. I would remind those youths and their parents to be mindful of the two incidents we had last year when two young people sustained injuries while jumping off the Pier. One of the injuries I believe was quite serious.

2.6 Misuse of lifebelts.

Lifebelts are also being discarded or stolen and I would remind everyone that the lifebelts are there for the benefit of the general public should they ever be needed.

2.7 Boat planters.

The local youth club have started working on the boat planters with help from their instructors and members of the community. I have another 3 little boats which were given to me by Bill Hurst of Whitehaven Sailing and Boat Club, but I favour a different theme with these and would hope they will be sited before the summer is out.

**Ged Doran
Harbour Master**

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