

Allerdale Borough Council

Harrington Harbour and Dock Board- AGM 3 October 2012

Harbour Master's Update Report

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| 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. |
| Recommendation | It is recommended that members note the content of the report. |
| Financial/ Resource Implications | None |
| Legal Implications | None |
| Community Safety Implications | None |
| Health & Safety & 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 Strategic Objectives | Not applicable |
| Is this a Key Decision | No |
| Portfolio Holder | The portfolio holder for asset management is Cllr Barbara Cannon |
| Lead Officer | Ged Doran Harbourmaster Tel: 07919162944 Ged.doran@allerdale.gov.uk |

1.0 Introduction

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

2.0 Content

Installation of new pontoons, Harbour fees, Launching of Harbour Boat and Mr A Ellwood's after previous damage, Essential dredging, Appointment of Harbour Users' Representative, Complaints, Port marker light, Life belts, A public thank you to those who helped in the pontoon installation.

2.1 Report

The two old pontoons which had come to the end of their useful life were lifted out of the harbour on the 01/06/12. The two new pontoons which are approximately 3 metres longer than the old ones were fabricated from 4 finger pontoons we acquired from Maryport Marina about two years ago. Because of the weight consideration works have also been carried out to strengthen one of the piles which hold the pontoons in place. Further works will be required to strengthen the other pile in the near future. The total weight of the new pontoons is 6 Tons.

There are a further 5 finger pontoons on West quay and my hopes are that they too may be adapted for use next year.

An informal meeting took place on the 11/06/12 between the Chairman Barbara Cannon, our new Harbour User's Representative Mr Alan Ellwood, the Engineer Mike Faulkner and myself. Various matters were discussed, including the annual review of mooring fees where some ideas were put forward.

Alan Ellwood's boat and the Harbour boat have now been repaired and re launched after they sustained some considerable damage towards the end of last year. The damage was substantial and caused while assisting a mooring holder retrieve his sunken vessel.

Essential dredging works have now been completed to the outer harbour mouth and the bank between the South Pier and the breakwater. The bank by the inner harbour mouth has also been scaled down. The total amount removed from the three areas was 5,500 tons.

I am very pleased with the appointment of Mr Alan Ellwood as the Harbour Users Representative. Alan is a much respected and knowledgeable fisherman who has used the harbour for many years and I look forward to our working relationship. I believe Alan's appointment will bring about a closer link between harbour users, The Board and myself.

There have been several complaints from both mooring holders and residents regarding the amount of garden waste which includes shrubs, trees branches and pieces of old fencing, etc., which finds its way into the harbour via the River

Wyre. This debris, especially tree branches, becomes entangled around mooring ropes making it very difficult for the lads to access their boats.

There have also been occasions when pigeon waste and feathers were seen floating on the surface.

The new lighting unit for the port fairway marker, which is an Aid to Navigation and a statutory requirement, was finally fitted on the 7th of September and is now ready for our annual inspection by Trinity House later in the year. The installation of the light is difficult due to access problems because of its location. Fortunately the light gives several years of service before needing to be replaced.

I have recently reported the continuing misuse of life belts to Cumbria Police. Hardly a week goes by when I or one of the boat owners haven't had to retrieve the belts from the harbour. An incident occurred in July when I caught some youths throwing a belt into the outer harbour so the police were called.

Finally I would like to record my thanks to those who gave up their valuable time on the 1st of June to help me with the installation of the new pontoons. They certainly showed community spirit. They were Alan Ellwood, Stan Herbert and Eric Mounsey.

**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