

DART HARBOUR COMMERCIAL USERS GROUP

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at Dartmouth Yacht Club on 4 March 2013

Present: J Holman (Chair), M Holman, J Robinson, K Marshall, N Brown, T Morris, C Lambert, S Norvill, D Ridalls, I Noble, L Fleming, M Strudwick, D Distin, J Distin, R Giles (Harbourmaster) P Sheardown, B Hollis, J Scott (Dart Harbour Board), P Smith, S Kilpatrick

Apologies B Taylor, A Harbord, G Cotton, A Pooley, J Harvey, J Smith and G Morgan

Minutes of the previous AGM 23 January 2012 These were proposed by Ian Noble, seconded by Barry Hollis and approved by all.

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report for the year 2012

John Holman reported on events during 2012:

- BRNC. There would be no change for the next 5 years and he was pleased to confirm that the College is safe for the time being.
- Dart Harbour Hoodown Development was completed
- Stoke Gabriel pontoon had been refurbished and dinghy problems there probably resolved
- 'Forward Vision of the Dart Estuary' project had been completed by Laura Friedrich of Plymouth University's Centre for Marine and Coastal Policy Research. As yet this document had not been generally circulated for discussion
- The issue with Totnes Kayaks and Bike Hire had been resolved quickly by the Harbourmaster
- Michael Bennett had been chosen as the Stakeholder Group representative on the Dart Harbour Board Membership Selection Panel
- He had met with Sarah Wollaston, MP at a South Devon Marine Meeting and provided her with information on the River, stressing the importance of the marine industry in the area
- The J80 World Championships had gone very well, with thanks to Dart Harbour for their huge input into this event, helping to ensure its success
- The Squib Nationals, following shortly afterwards, had also gone well. The rest of the summer had been very quiet, due to the weather, the Olympics and the general downturn in the economy
- He had attended the South Devon College Awards Evening and had been impressed by the ongoing success of the College which was an asset to the area
- The Dart Harbour Safety Management System had been reviewed and a few minor issues resolved
- Speeding and lack of lights on the river were an ongoing problem which he understood would be closely monitored by Dart Harbour in 2013. It was noted that blue flashing lights should be used at all times by Dart Harbour personnel when speeding to attend an emergency on the river
- After the December DHCUG meeting, he had sent a letter to Dart Harbour with recommendations for more openness in their dealings with river users. It was pleasing

to note that a Complaints Procedure was available on the Dart Harbour website and an E-Newsletter was now up and running. Many of the suggestions in his letter had been successfully addressed by Dart Harbour.

- Neil Millward had been appointed as the new Chairman of ADRUC and John had met with him. Neil had suggested that there had been some minor changes to the Moorings Policy. The Harbour Master denied this and said that there had been more emphasis made under the present Mooring Policy to get the correct sized boat in the correct mooring facility.
- Three speakers had given presentations at DHCUG meetings in the last year: Laura Friedrich of Plymouth University, David Marino from the Duchy of Cornwall and Paul West, Chairman, Froward Point, NCI. If members had any ideas for future speakers, could they please advise him
- DHCUG Members should contact him if they had any worries with regard to how the River is being run.

Hon Treasurer's Report for the year 2012

B Hollis circulated the Bank Balance up to 25th February 2013 and a list of current and lapsed members. The Bank balance as of 25th February 2013 was £451.14. He confirmed this was a reasonable balance and requested membership fees of £25 for 2013 to be promptly paid to him.

There being no questions, approval of the Accounts for 2012 was proposed by Melanie Holman, seconded by Phil Sheardown with all in favour.

Election of Chairman

John Holman was proposed as Chair by Stephen Norvill, seconded by Norman Brown and elected with all in favour.

Election of Vice Chairman

Philip Sheardown was proposed as Vice Chair by Julian Distin, seconded by Jeremy Robinson and elected with all in favour.

Election of Treasurer

Barry Hollis was proposed as Treasurer by Ian Noble, seconded by Lorraine Fleming and elected with all in favour.

There being no other business, the meeting closed.

Chair Date.....

The meeting then moved into the Agenda for the General Meeting.