

Minutes of Dart Harbour Commercial User Group Meeting 14.12.09

Attending:

Phil Sheardown (Chair), Tony Hoile (Vice Chair, minutes), Ian Noble (Treasurer), David White Harbourmaster, Melanie Holman, John Holman, Bob Stevens, Norman Brown, Philip Chorley, Jason Holtom, Barry Hollis

Apologies Melinda Smallwood. Shaw Smith. Blackness Marine.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting 21.09.09 were accepted. Proposed Melanie Holman, Seconded Norman Brown
2. Matters arising: None

Chairman's Report

PS has written to SHDC regarding issues over the proposed Noss Development. He has also written to the Harbour Authority regarding the lighting at night on the Higher Ferry. Melinda had written regarding the procedure for the Dart Harbour Selection Panel and commented that the procedure needs to be updated. Royal Dart Yacht Club is to reorganise the role of the LUG. Chair and other members had attended the Dart Harbour Annual Meeting. Chair commented on the sound format and content of the meeting with good information on the proposals from Dart Harbour and Noss Marina. The marina footprint has been reduced in agreement with DH. JH and others felt the report of the DH meeting in the Dartmouth Chronicle was biased and uninformative. PS to write to DCh to give a more balanced picture. DW informed meeting that amber lights on Higher Ferry to be modified by end of Jan 2010.

Consultation with Dart Harbour Board

John H felt CUG needs to be more pro-active, needs to review and present proposals in next 3 months to DH. IN felt need to input views and information from CUG to DH. DW explained DH to modify legal elements of current mooring policy with 5 public meetings to gain views and feedback. There was also discussion on the use of an Interactive Forum for DH.

Proposal CUG to review current mooring policy and develop a response to DH. Prop John H, Seconded IN. **Action** . not identified. Committee recommend Members to read through DH Moorings Policy, as is, on DH website.

Discussion followed reference identifying and gathering a wider list of names of Commercial Users on and around Dart Harbour with a view to communicating with DH, and drawing views of important issues affecting the harbour. Prop TH, Sec BH. TH to collate list of Commercial Users. Members to send to TH by next meeting. **Action All**

Discussion followed regarding content and format of questionnaire.

Treasurer's Report IN presented above. Current bank balance £582.12. Prop BH sec PS.

AOB

DW outlined approval of outline pp for Hoodown Development for removal of asbestos, provision of new toilets, construction of new apron at front of the workshop, and provision of a new crane with greater capacity. He also outlined the eventual initiatives with the scrubbing grids to avoid pollution from hull cleaning, repairs to the Higher Ferry Slipway in January. DW showed revised plans affecting Dart Harbour by Noss marina development. The meeting was followed by a Festive Season social.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday January 13th 1900 DYC