

RIVER DART NON BENEFICIARY GROUP (DNB).

Chairman;	Cllr Graham Sowerby	Secretary;	Mrs Tracy Rowe
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Minutes of Meeting held at Britannia Royal Naval College **on Thursday 27th October 2011** **at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Councillor Graham Sowerby	GS - Kingswear Parish Council (Chairman)
Councillor John Robinson	JR - Stoke Gabriel Parish Council
Councillor Charles Peters	CP - Ashprington Parish Council
Councillor Susie Greenway	SG - Totnes Town Council
Robyn Brown	RB - National Trust
Jan Scott	JS - Vice-Chairman Dart Harbour Board
Helen Meacock	HM - DHNA Board Member
Joe Murtagh	JM - DHNA Board Member

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from:-

Councillor Becky Taylor	- Cornworthy Parish Council
Councillor Rob Lyon	- Dartmouth Town Council
Councillor David Harris-Evans	- Dittisham Parish Council
Philip Charlesworth	- D & K Society
Nigel Mortimer	- Estuaries Officer, Yealm, Erme, Avon, Kingsbridge & Dart
Councillor Jonathan Hawkins	- SHDC and DCC
Rob Giles	- Harbourmaster DHNA.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2011, at Stoke Gabriel, were agreed and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendment:-

Item 9 Any other business - Helen Meacock had not agreed that the Harbour Authority would organise a litter pick all along the river in the autumn.

3. Matters Arising from the minutes.

JM confirmed that South Hams were still planning to commence works on the new public slip-way in spring 2012. JS also confirmed that £50k had been ring-fenced by the DHNA towards the costs for this. The new structure would be sheet piled and therefore solid; DHNA had concerns re the river bed levels to the south but supported the construction with its increased safety for river users away from the higher ferry.

The Harbour office at Salcombe would be asked to attend and speak at a future meeting.

The Secretary reported that Lloyds Bank at Totnes would shortly send through mandates to add the new signatories to the account, to replace the previous signatories of Rex Mayhew and John Stevens.

4. Nomination of representative to sit on the Selection Panel that appoints Board members to DHNA.

The Chairman circulated a paper detailing the selection process for representatives to the selection panel for DHNA Board members. He explained that this would either be a member of our group or the CUG or LUG. As Terry Connelly from the RDNB had been the previous appointee it was felt that the new representative should come from one of the other groups.

The Leisure Users group had appointed Mr Jim Cusack to act in a temporary capacity until this could be ratified by all the groups.

The group unanimously agreed to Mr Cusack's appointment.

The Chairman also suggested an annual meeting of all 3 groups; this was agreed with the Chairman to arrange this. Mr Cusack would be asked to attend the next meeting.

5. Updates

- a) BRNC – Cdr Hancock had been unable to attend the meeting.
- b) Hoodown – JM explained that this was on track although there had been a slight delay in the completion date for Hoodown due to the need to remove hydrocarbons and asbestos from the site. All work should be finished in another month. It was hoped that the July 2012 meeting would visit Hoodown.
- c) Noss - There was nothing to report on Noss Marina at present.

8. River Litter Pick.

It was agreed that this was potentially a very large operation and would be better carried out in the spring. The Secretary would ask both Cllr Lyon and Nigel Mortimer if they had specific sites in mind.

JS agreed that this would be added to the November agenda of the DHNA Board meeting. The Chairman would raise this with the Chairmen of the Leisure and Commercial User groups.

9. Any other business.

JR raised the question of the new pontoon at Stoke Gabriel. JM explained this would have a fibreglass grating but unfortunately would not allow any additional moorings. The DHNA shared concerns over the allocation of moorings and the length of the waiting list.

SG laid copies of an email round the table concerning a planning application at Whitecleave Quarry, Buckfastleigh. Concerns were raised over the dumping of materials at the site leading to pollution of the River Dart. The Chairman would raise this matter with County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins.

JS thanked the group for allowing him to come to the meeting and added that the new Harbourmaster Rob Giles would be happy to visit any organization or Parish Council.

CP raised the matter of the possible plans for an Archimedes screw at the side of the weir in Totnes. JM reported that the comprehensive construction required would probably mean that this would not take place.

10. Date and venue of next meeting.

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 29th March 2012 at 7.30 pm at Totnes Boating Association Clubhouse (to be arranged by the Chairman).