

DART HARBOUR COMMERCIAL USERS GROUP

Minutes of AGM held at Dartmouth Yacht Club on Monday 28th February 2022

Present: John Holman (Chair), Melanie Holman (secretary/scribe), Robert Green (Treasurer), Julian Distin DH, Stephen Kilpatrick, Ben Morris (Vice-Chair), Scott Harris, Mark Strudwick, Norman Brown, Barry Hollis, Andy Osman, Peter Stenner, Paul Singer, Paul Jenkins and Qiao Feng, Stephen Norvill, Hal Gilmore, Mark Burton, Anne-Marie and Will Mason, Tim Vaughan.

1. **Apologies** received; Several apologies received. Beshlie Pool
2. John Holman was re-elected as Chairman. Proposed by Ben Morris and seconded by Steven Norvill
3. Ben Morris was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Stephen Norvill and seconded by Barry Hollis
4. Robert Green was re-elected as Treasurer. Proposed by John Holman and seconded by Ben Morris.

Notes for the additional Meeting held at DYC on Monday 28th February 2022.

The Chairman, John Holman welcomed everyone present at the meeting and introduced the members of Dart Harbour Board in attendance;

Tim Dewing Chairman of the DH
Paul Britton to take up the post of HM mid-March
Capt. Rich Eggleton (acting HM and pilot)
John Milson Vice-chairman
Julian Distin
Anne-Marie Coyle

Tim Dewing addressed the meeting and the issues discussed are listed below. Members were encouraged to participate.

Tim emphasized the need to 'invert' priorities so the customers should be held in the most important regard followed by staff, the stakeholders and then the Dart Harbour Board.

There is a new Mission Statement.

The framework to the new approach will be fivefold as follows;

- SAFE
- SOLVENT
- SUSTAINABLE AND SOLVENT
- STAFF
- STAKEHOLDERS

There will be different timeframes for the different objectives.

The following topics were discussed;

1. **The new slipway at the Higher Ferry**
2. **Dredging in various sections of the river - surveys needed at intervals**
3. **Double steps pontoon – reviews of all pontoons**
4. **Scrubbing grid**
5. **Holding tanks – the need for more facilities – policy for use of Pump-outs in the future**

- 6. Carbon Net Zero – implications for leisure and commercial users.
Legislation moving quickly. Likely that there will be a mixture of technologies for the foreseeable future.**
- 7. Grants could be available for businesses to develop. Information on these will be important to members.**
- 8. What is meant by Sustainability? Comment by Anne-Marie Coyle – not so simple to define!**
- 9. Impact on the river of an increasing number of small craft – perhaps some safety guidance to be included on the website and in the Harbour Guide?**
- 10. Dart Harbour to liaise with BRNC about the safe use of the replacements for the picket boats (Vahanas).**
- 11. Moorings Policy very much still a most important part of the Strategic Plan.**
- 12. Cruise Ships to be welcomed and Dartmouth to be aware of what it can offer to visitors.**

It was good to see such a great turnout. Thanks again.

Another meeting to be arranged at the end of September

The Meeting closed at 20.55