

Board

Minutes of an ad hoc meeting on Thursday 10 March 2022 @1800 held remotely via Microsoft Teams

The Board’s minutes identify Members and other attendees by their given name and the first letter of their family name and use the abbreviations listed in the appendix to the minutes.

1. Administration

| Attendance | 2021 | | | 2022 | | |
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| | 8/11 | 13/12 | 16/12 | 10/1 | 15/2 | 10/3 |
| <i>Members</i> | | | | | | |
| Paul Britton (HM from 14/3/2022) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | ✓ (designate) | ✓ |
| Mike Burden | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tony Davis | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tim Dewing (Chair from 1/1/2022) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Julian Distin | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Melanie Lessels (Vice Chair until 31/12/2021) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| John Milsom (Vice Chair from 1/1/2022) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Joanna Poulton (Member from 1/1/2022) | n/a | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Anne-Marie Coyle (Member from 1/1/2022) | n/a | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>Attendees</i> | | | | | | |
| William Lewis (Clerk) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rich Eggleton (acting HM until 14/3/2022) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | ✓ | ✗ |

2. Preparation for the Public Meeting

Members discussed the presentation which Anne-Marie C had assembled from contributions from Members and agreed arrangements for the Public Meeting.

3. Slipway Trust request for a pledge of £250,000

Tim D reported his recent meeting with the Trust which has requested an immediate pledge of £250,000 (Pledge) to assist with its fund raising for the new landing on the Embankment below Upper Ferry (Landing). The Trust is working to meet a deadline to apply to the Maritime Fisheries Fund for a grant and wishes to secure commitments from key local stakeholders, of which Dart Harbour is one. Dart Harbour has already committed £50,000 (previous minutes refer), so this would be an increase of £200,000.

The Trust would only call for payment of the Pledge if it can secure planning permission on acceptable terms and can raise sufficient funds to bring the Landing to fruition.

While the Board felt that a total contribution by Dart Harbour to the Landing of £250,000 may be feasible, it decided against providing the Pledge at this stage for the following main reasons.

- a. The amount involved is material to Dart Harbour and will constrain other capital projects while the Trust works to bring the Landing to fruition.
- b. While the Board is fully supportive of the new Landing in principle, Dart Harbour has not yet developed its business case for the part it will play in developing and operating Landing and its impact on Dart Harbour’s other priorities. Considerations include:
 - changes to berths in the vicinity of the Landing and the investment required;
 - provision of a new pontoon as part of the Landing and the investment required; and,
 - the implications of operating the Landing, receiving income from it, and being responsible for its upkeep (which the Trust suggests will pass to Dart Harbour on completion).
- c. Dart Harbour has not had an opportunity to consult with its stakeholders about funding the Landing and is presently in the process of consulting with stakeholders and the public on its strategy.
- d. With due respect, the Trust has several immediate challenges:
 - establishing with confidence the amount required to fund the Landing;
 - stating a realistic timescale within which the Trust will bring the Landing to fruition;
 - obtaining planning permission and clarity about the conditions that may be attached;
 - obtaining a Marine Fisheries Fund grant; and,
 - raising the sum required from donors.

4. Any other business

None

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| Date of and arrangements for next meeting | Monday 14 March 2022 @ 1830 in person at the Flavel (Studio), Dartmouth, and remotely via Microsoft Teams |
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Appendix

Abbreviations used in Dart Harbour's minutes

| <u>Term</u> | <u>Abbreviation</u> |
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| Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority | Dart Harbour |
| Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Act 1975 | 1975 Act |
| Department for Transport | DfT |
| Designated Person under PMSC | DP |
| Harbour Master and Chief Executive | HM |
| Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act 1847 | 1847 Act |
| Marine Coastguard Agency | MCA |
| Merchant Shipping Act 1995 | 1995 Act |
| Port Marine Safety Code | PMSC |
| South Hams District Council | SHDC |