

DART HARBOUR COMMERCIAL USERS GROUP

Minutes of AGM held at Dartmouth Yacht Club on Monday 13th February 2023

Present: John Holman (Chair), Melanie Holman (secretary/scribe), Robert Green (Treasurer), Paul Britton HM, Julian Distin DH, Tim Dewing DH, Dave Distin, Stephen Kilpatrick, Ben Morris (Vice-Chair), Scott Harris, Barry Hollis, Peter Stenner,,Paul Jenkins and Qiao Feng, Stephen Norvill, Lloyd Turner DH, Mike Burden DH, Mike Smith, Will Davis, Richie Swinglehurst, Tony Baker, Lee Freeman, Ewen Menzies, Jack Handley

The Chairman, John Holman welcomed everyone present at the meeting and introduced the new member of Dart Harbour Board Lloyd Turner in attendance and other Board members.

Mike Smith is now at Noss after the retirement of Andy Osman.

1. **Apologies** received; Several apologies received. Beshlie Pool ,Simon Jenkins and Paul Singer.
2. John Holman was re-elected as Chairman. Proposed by Peter Stenner 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.

Matters Arising from 2022 AGM;

New arrangements at DH going well and development at Noss going ahead – Tennant buildings now finished.

Minutes of Additional Meeting to follow AGM

Apologies as above

Introduction by the Chairman; New arrangement for us using the room for CUG meetings - a charge of £10 and we need to be out at 20.00.

Matters Arising from November Meeting;

There will be more news on the Moorings Policy and updates on Sand Quay.

John Cevenka gave a good update to progress at Noss.

Round the Table Comments.

Mike Smith at Noss - Marina should be complete at the end of February and all berths are sold.

Fuel Berth in place

Ferry Service should begin 31st March

Bistro will be in place and a Crab Festival happening in May with Mitch Tonks

New Pump Out facility.

Beshlie Pool (shellfishermen) - most vessels going in for refit. UL Policymakers and regulators busy Making plans for all species.

There is now £10m available for Skills training – funding requires getting a grant.

SDC Paul Singer – the Princess Apprentices are doing well.

28th April there will be a free e-transition workshop at the Marine Academy

Snark - planning the trip to Denmark. Refits are happening at Polrun.

Dave Distin – too many dumped boats to deal with. Good news that now planning permission ok for the bungalow

Barry Hollis – plenty of work and evident skill shortage

Scott – all well in the yard

TMS – busy and looking for crew

Will – refit to get ready for the ferry service

Steve at Mainstay – full time busy

Castle Ferry - refits. 12 seater boats staying within the Harbour. Lloyd acting for South Hams and a good meeting held – a welcome development.

Ditsum Ferry – not much happening at present

Darthaven – Full with only a few small berths – a strong waiting list. Now the Volvo Penta Centre for The SW – supporting the SW service centres. ME Looe still supporting Princess.

DSRRB - paddle steamer will be back – 100th birthday in 2024. Ferries are quiet but cruises and trains going again.

Robert Green - 90% occupancy and renewals

Harbour Master's Report

1. KP fishermens' pontoon almost finished
2. Dry grid starts soon
3. MSI buoy has had light replaced
4. ADROC restarting soon
5. 14th March AGM for the board
6. Fuel permits needed for 1000litres +
7. Oil spill drill to take place at Noss
8. BRNC - new pontoons? Objection as too far North – needs to become official. Deadline soon.
9. Work restoring saltmarshes around Sharpham area – grant available
10. Mooring Policy updated – see PB
11. Double Steps – N Embankment – concerns for paddleboarders
12. Consultation Policy should be done by the AGM
13. War Games?
14. 25% discounts for early payment of Harbour Dues.

Treasurer's Report

£2643.95 in the account – only new members to pay but not current ones.

Chairman's Report

The Duchy now has new owners with William and Kate. Discussions going on about some environmental sponsorship. Perhaps the Dart will get a visit soon?

VAT has to be paid again on boats coming back to the UK

There have been losses at Sunseeker in the last 2 years

Princess has been sold – strong demand and any orders

Suggestions for a speaker for next time??

Many thanks for attending the meetings – date for next meeting has been confirmed as Monday 24th April at DYC at 18.30