

Lyme Regis Harbour Consultative Group (LRHCG) Meeting 24 March 20221 Lyme Regis Sailing Club 18:00		
Present		
David Brown	DB	Non-Commercial Moorings Rep
John Broom	JB	Town Council Sub
Ken Buchan	KB	Head of Environment & Wellbeing
David Clayton	DC	Gig Club Rep
Nick Williams	NW	Fishermen/Charters Rep
Karen Durham Diggins	KDD	Non-Boating Water Activities Rep
Sally Holman	SH	Sailing Club Sub
Chris Joiner	CJ	Sea School Rep
Nick Marks	NM	RNLI Rep
Becky McGowan	BM	Harbour Admin – Note Taker
James Radcliffe	JR	Harbour Master
Will Reed	WR	Harbour Traders Sub
Cllr Mark Roberts	Cllr MR	Dorset Council Harbours Committee Chair
Lee Roper	LR	Power Boat Club Rep
Chris Turner	CT	Consultative Group Chair

1. Welcome & introductions	Action
CT – Welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced he will be stepping down as Chair due to personal reasons. Individual introductions were given.	
2. Apologies	
Peter Fosh – Non-Commercial Moorings Sub Brian Larcombe – Town Council John King – Boatmen/Charters Mark Green – Town Council Steve Postles – Commercial Fishermen	
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	
No questions raised.	
4. Election of the new Chairman	
One single application for Chair had been received from NM NM was elected. An expression of Vice Chair application will be circulated. Election will be held at the next meeting. LR expressed his interest. Confirmation of group member updates. SH - Is now sailing club rep – a substitute is still to be confirmed. NM – Gave a personal statement in light of being made chair, thanks were given.	
5. Harbours Committee Chair Updates	
MR - Announced the passing of David Sales on the 6 th March 2022. David had a huge interest and impact on the fishing industry and stood on the IFCA board for 46 years. A full Council meeting was held in person on the 14 February 2022, the Harbour budge was presented for approval, all 69 Councillors in attendance approved. The Harbours Committee meeting was held 16 th March 2022, the Harbours strategy has now been approved. Two new independent members have been appointed, both of whom have sailing experience. Their knowledge and expertise are welcomed. It was asked if any applications were received from Lyme Regis?	

<p>MR – Replied, yes, unfortunately the criteria were not met. One other independent member will be resigning shortly, applications will be sent out in due course. NW – Expressed his views on the benefit of having someone local as an independent member.</p> <p>Weymouth works, Midas who were originally contracted to do the Weymouth Quay regeneration project went into administration, however wall works that are being done as part of the project were subcontracted by Midas to TMS and this work has continued, and is hoped to be finished in 1 week.</p> <p>NM – Asked if there was impact on the Harbour resulting from the delay of the HRO draft? MR – The Harbour is running business as usual until the new HRO is approved. There will be no side effects from the delay, however once Harbour property is clarified, we will generate more income that we are missing out on currently. The HRO is still currently with the MMO and awaiting public consultation. No further updates yet.</p> <p>MR – Attended a meeting with Blue Marine along with fishing reps from West Bay, Lyme Regis and Exmouth and discussed the static netting larger statistic netting boats coming into Lyme Bay. A letter will be sent to the Minister to request action.</p> <p>NW – Expressed his views regarding Weymouth Harbour reports within the Lyme Regis Consultative Group meetings. MR – Emphasised that he is the Chair of the Harbours Committee which covers all 3 Harbours and will report on all 3 Harbours.</p>	
6. Harbour Masters Update	
<p>JR - Presented the HM report</p> <p>SH – Asked if the parking income included the fishermen’s car park or other assets the Harbour may be taking over? JR – Responded, no, income was generated from the slipway and compound near the toilets. We should receive other income in the next financial year.</p> <p>KDD – Asked if the shop income was turnover? JR - Responded, yes.</p> <p>JB – Asked when the fishermen storage building works will start? JR – Responded, there was a delay with funding scheme until April. Once applied for and if approved we are hoping to begin in September. Contractors are ready.</p> <p>CT – Queried the chain length provided by the Harbour to the customer from the main chain, is it 2m or 3m? JR – Responded, historically the Harbour supplied 2m and the customer provided the rest. DB – Informed us it has always been 3m. JR – Will investigate this.</p>	
7. User representative reports	
<p>KDD – We are going ahead with Lyme splash event and rib rides are booked. Rob Perry Have agreed to provide a safety boat. A second was offered by LR. Kayakers event is being supported; we have received approval in principle from JR. The water polo champion event isn’t being run this year however other smaller exhibition matches are being held.</p> <p>Town Council have agreed for us to use the cupboard at the end of the HM stores.</p> <p>Sewage, we are talking with Chris Loader to push for better bathing water quality. that is used by many despite the recent government vote. The beach continues to be affected by pollution coming down the river and testing always produced a negative result. LRTC decided to de-designate the back beach as Daryl explained</p>	

the water was rarely fit for bathing. No sign went up to explain this, unless a beach is designated for bathing then you don't need to put up any signs. Under Gov.UK website on Bathing water information and Signage rules. Lyme complies with the signage requirement for the front beach and has no other obligations. Unless the back beach is designated for bathing again (an LRTC application to the Secretary of State) then no testing will take place and no signs will explain the water is often not fit to bathe in. It is now allocated for dogs which is OK for many people, but most are not happy with the water quality.

We want to make a case to Designate the back beach again then a survey would be required to prove many people bathe there.

CJ – We held 6 intensive week courses and 7 planned.

Our new website is up and running and is well used for bookings.

We received a gift from the founder of the sailing club which helped improve the fleet of boats.

Progression for the youngsters, one member started at the age of 10 progressed through to principal instructor and now commands a ship, we provide ongoing training that is taken advantage of in some cases.

We are looking forward to a good year.

LR - The club house been closed all winter, nothing to report.

JB – Nothing to report from the Town Council.

But expressed his positive thoughts regarding the Committee and Consultative Group working well together.

NW – AGM fishermen's association, Virgil Turner is Chair of that group, Matt Styles is Vice.

Harry May is secretary.

Steve Sweet is treasurer.

DB – Advised that certain people can be confused by 20-minute free parking on the slipway.

JR – Responded, all mooring holders can use this time to check on their vessels, unload or load their vehicles.

NW - Are they clear that parking is not permitted on the Cobb itself?

JR – We need to be made aware and advice will be given.

LR – What is the protocol for driving on cobb?

JR - Permission needs to be given.

DC – Two weeks Saturday, the first master's regatta will be held with lots of rowers over 60yrs of age.

Are pontoons going to be out?

JR – Yes

Algae build up on the slipway concern was raised.

JR – This will be cleaned however the environmentally friendly chemical used currently doesn't do the best job and alternatives are still being investigated.

WR – We have a workshop open day on the 7th May, all welcome to come along.

We provide training for students looking to work within the industry. We are seeking new boat builders; this is a great opportunity to potentially work all over the world.

Our courses range from short courses to a 40-week course.

We are a charity and we aim to financially assist students with bursaries, we have assisted 9 students in the last 2 years. Unfortunately, we can't take on students from Europe over 6months due to Brexit.

We held a positive meeting with the Town Council, we are aiming to be a better part of the community.

MR – Asked if BBA receive DC funding? Are you able to purchase timber easily?

WR - Prices have risen but we are able to get timber.

SH – Expressed credit to WR for their achievements.

<p>The Club is doing well, with good membership. We work alongside other corporate members and would like members up to update interest to satisfy requirements. We had a good lift in through good weather. There was some damage throughout the winter, but everything is secure for this summer. Thanks, were passed onto the Harbour staff.</p> <p>A request was made for more active management of the slipway, gates are locked, but when they want to get out, where sailors supposed to rig is often blocked. Events will be running this season.</p> <p>September 16,17,18 Phantom Nationals.</p> <p>August, Club Regatta</p> <p>19th July, Youth Regatta</p> <p>ILCA's young sailors are now competing and doing well.</p> <p>NM – Presented the RNLI report, to be circulated with minutes.</p>	
8. Water safety Update - Subgroup	
<p>Two meetings were held by the subgroup, the group looked at signage and risks. It is felt the signage is currently out of date with poor quality of information.</p> <p>A short presentation (Star Fish) was given regarding a QR code and the ideas around the use of this. It can be widely used as access is via a smart phone. The idea is to provide information of the harbour that is easily accessed by anyone at any time. Information could include tide times, maps, safety points in the Harbour, water quality information etc. It can be linked to websites such as the Harbours and RNLI</p> <p>The QR code can be placed around the Harbour, stickers with icons on the buoys or bins etc.</p> <p>This still needs to be developed further but there is great potential here to carry the message of safety around the Harbour.</p> <p>Once achieved, this would allow better enforcement of the rules that can be accessed easily.</p> <p>Minutes of these meeting have been circulated.</p> <p>LR – Has requested more swim buoys to try containing swimmers and an orange buoy on the end to mark the end of the line.</p> <p>DB – There are no signs of speed other than dead slow, does everyone know what this means?</p> <p>JR - Slowest navicular speed.</p> <p>NW – Expressed that we need to be careful of sign overload when fixing signage</p> <p>JR – Suggested removing the ladder on the north wall.</p> <p>This could encourage further swimming to next ladder or around the wall however it is a safety aspect and is handy where it is.</p>	
9.Q&A's	
<p>SH – There has been 2 Harbour seasonal assistant job adverts out, are there any other adverts going out?</p> <p>JR – Assistant HM will be advertised next week; this post has now been re graded. We will have full time assistants this year and next.</p> <p>NW - Will this spread hours?</p> <p>JR – Cover will be from 7 until 7 through the summer</p> <p>LR – PWC's, not heard anything yet,</p> <p>JR – An invitation will be sent to Weymouth HM to attend the next meeting to discuss management of these.</p> <p>LR – The new website does not come up on the main search.</p> <p>JR – The more it is used, the easier it will be to find.</p> <p>www.lymeregisharbour.co.uk</p>	

10. Any other business	
<p>MR – Gave thanks to everyone who made comment on the Harbours Strategy. It has now been approved as a strategy. Their comments were a valuable contribution.</p> <p>JR – Asked if there is contact with foil users, we have received complaint by swimming groups regarding the speed in swim area.</p> <p>CT – Sent a message requesting safe use of the area to the Local wind group, holding 18 members.</p> <p>KB – Phase 5, Flood Coastal Erosion Risk Management team were transferred to Kens group and is working with Harbour authorities. We have more direct contact now.</p> <p>NW – Commented on the good work JR and his team have done with the mooring layout. There is Ice room issues, this needs an upgrade.</p> <p>MR – Highlighted the benefit for this group. There was previous concern regarding dog fouling, DC issue (PSPOs). Public space Protection Orders to control the behaviour/actions of dogs and owners in public spaces. These requirements impose controls on dog owners to safeguard public health and safety, the safety of animals and maintain the quality of the environment for the residents.</p> <p>Dates for events can be seen via the Harbour website. www.lymeregisharbour.co.uk</p> <p>Phase 5 – Engineering Works on the Cobb - Paperwork will be going to cabinet in April. Works 23</p> <p>MR – Explained the 5-year dredging plan. We will hold a five-year license and go to tender for dredging on a 4-year deal. We will confirm fixed dates then.</p> <p>Meeting Concluded 19:40</p> <p>Next Meeting - 13th October 22 - 18:00</p>	