

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCILHARBOUR BOARD MEETINGVirtual Meeting via Zoom - Remote meeting via ZoomWednesday, 20 April 2022 - 2.00 pm

PRESENT	Councillor R Hicks (Chair)	
	Councillors P Christie, K James and D Bushby	
	Independent Members – Mr T Gibbs & Mr J Puddy	
ALSO PRESENT	S Kearney	- Head of Communities & Place
	R Haste	- Operational Services Manager
	P Brown	- Harbour Master
	K Jarman	- Deputy Harbour Master
	K Brown	- Democratic Services Officer

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from the Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer).

107. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor Christie and –

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th of January be agreed.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Bushby, D	X		
Christie, P	X		
Mr T Gibbs	X		
Mr N Hardaker			
Hicks, R	X		
James, K	X		
McGeough, D			
Mr J Puddy	X		

(Vote: For Unanimous).

The Chair advised any matters arising would be discussed under any other business.

108. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

There were no public contributions.

109. AGREEMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS PARTS I AND II

It was proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor James and –

Resolved:

That the agenda, as circulated, be agreed.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Bushby, D	X		
Christie, P	X		
Mr T Gibbs	X		
Mr N Hardaker			
Hicks, R	X		
James, K	X		
McGeough, D			
Mr J Puddy	X		

(Vote: For Unanimous).

110. URGENT MATTERS OF INFORMATION BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMITTEE

No matters were brought forward.

111. PORT & HARBOUR ACCOUNTS

The Operational Services Manager presented this item giving an overview of the Harbour Board Finance report for Quarter ending 31 March 2022 putting emphasis on the fact that this report was draft and at the next meeting the finalised accounts for the last quarter of 2021/22 would be presented along with the accounts of the first quarter of 2022/23.

Following a query from the Chair, regarding the Oldenburg not previously being charged conservancy, a discussion took place. The discussion concluded with the lost charge being investigated on how to recover, the charge to be implemented going forward however the group wanted to retain the Oldenburg.

112. PORT AND HARBOUR ACTIVITY REPORT

The Harbour Master presented this item, the purpose of which was to report to Members of the group the activities and commercial vessel movements in the port and estuary since the last meeting on Friday 7th of January 2022.

The Harbour Master advised the agenda for the Harbour User Group would be presented at the next meeting.

The report was noted.

113. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following a query from the Chair, the Harbour Master confirmed he will be speaking to Mr Glover, next week, regarding the dredging of the estuary and that the Moorings Policy would be discussed in Part II.

114. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor James and –

Resolved:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part I and paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Bushby, D	X		
Christie, P	X		
Mr T Gibbs	X		
Mr N Hardaker			
Hicks, R	X		
James, K	X		
McGeough, D			
Mr J Puddy	X		

(Vote: For Unanimous).

115. PART II

116. BIDEFORD HARBOUR - SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Harbour Master presented this item detailing the two topics within the report.

A lengthy discussion took place with information provided on how to respond to emergencies on the river and procedures that are in place.

This report was the first step in establishing the Bideford Harbour – Safety Management System and once in place could be expanded further.

It was proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor Bushby and –

Resolved:

That the report within the agenda be agreed and presented at Communities & Resources Committee for adoption.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Bushby, D	X		
Christie, P	X		
Mr T Gibbs	X		
Mr N Hardaker			
Hicks, R	X		
James, K	X		
McGeough, D			
Mr J Puddy	X		

(Vote: For Unanimous).

It was proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor James and

Resolved:

That the press and public be re-admitted

(Vote: Unanimous)

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 3.32 pm

Chair:

Date: