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QHM 532/7

12 June 2008

**NOTES OF THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2008 IN THE NBHQ CONFERENCE ROOM**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>User Group</b>
Cdr S Layland	Queen's Harbour Master - Chairman	MOD
Lt Cdr R Smith RN	Deputy Queen's Harbour Master	MOD
Mrs K Curry	Coastal Planning Co-ordinator	Plymouth City Council
Dr A Linley	Plymouth Marine Laboratory	Research
Mr P Patterson	BMIF(SW)	Maritime Commerce
Mr M Kester	PCC Boatmaster	Marine Commerce
Mr R Halliday	Duchy of Cornwall	Fundus Owners
Cllr M Benson	Bere Ferrers Parish Council	Parish Councils
Mr G Black	Natural England	Environment
Mr A Rye	Plymouth Federation of Sea Anglers	Recreation
Mr A Hutchings	Maker with Rame Parish	Parish Councils
Sgt P Cawrse	MoD Police	Crime Abatement
Mr D Curno	Royal Yachting Association	Recreation
Mr J Hepburn	Maritime Plymouth	Maritime Commerce
Mr J Parlour	BSAC (Plymouth)	Diving Community
Mr C Turner	Tamar Valley Protection Society	Land Conservation
Mrs J Simpson	Minute Secretary	

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Decisions</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. Introduction.	a. Cdr Layland welcomed those present and asked individuals to introduce themselves and to identify their parent organisation.	
2. Apologies for Absence.	a. Apologies for absence had been received from Mr C Richards (PPSA), Mr P Bromley (Fisheries Manager), Mr C Moyes (PPSA), Mr J Wiseman (for Mount Edgcumbe Estates), and Brian Muelaner of the National Trust.	
3. Notes of the previous meeting.	<p>1. 5a. The previous minutes reported that the issue of Sutton Harbour believed that they did not require planning permission for the proposed piling as it was on their land. Mr Black (NE) queried whether archaeological planning permission would be required. Mrs Curry (CPC) agreed to check with English Heritage if this was correct.</p> <p>2. 5c. The previous minutes reported that a walking pontoon of 30ft would be required. The figure should have read 300ft.</p>	



	<p>be sent out more efficiently. DQHM agreed to update the contact list and that the calling notices and agendas for future meetings could then be sent out by email. Mr Hutchings suggested that all the Councils in the area should be made aware of the PPMLC and QHM agreed to send a letter to as many groups as possible including all the Parish Councils informing them of their representative on PPMLC.</p> <p>Mr Hepburn mentioned that the back page of the Maritime Newsletter could be used to publish information regarding the PPMLC &amp; TECF.</p>	<p>DQHM</p> <p>QHM</p> <p>CPC</p>
6. Marine Bill	<p>a. Mr Black gave an overview of the Marine Bill, explaining some of the changes it suggests and discussing the areas it covers. As this is a large document CPC informed the committee that she had created a précis of the Bill which she agreed to email to the committee members.</p>	<p>CPC</p>
7. Water Based Recreational Study	<p>a. CPC gave a presentation on this study which sets out a framework for water sports in the area. Unfortunately as the report was written without any consultation with the people in Plymouth and Cornwall, the committee were concerned with many of the issues raised. CPC agreed to send a response to the study, setting out these concerns.</p>	<p>CPC</p>
8. SAC Matters	<p>a. Mr Black reported that the St John's Lake work has been carried out and that several other developments are being looked into and dealt with.</p> <p>b. Mr Black confirmed that a post graduate student would be undertaking a project to carry out random monitoring of the sea grass beds and salt marsh on the Tamar following the concerns of a local land owner that was discussed at the previous meeting.</p>	
9. TECF Management Plan	<p>a. <u>Delivery Plan</u></p> <p>CPC summarised the actions that are required to deliver this plan in the next year or so and requested assistance in making this plan work. She agreed to send a copy of the report to everyone so that they could identify ways in which they could help.</p> <p>b. <u>Maintenance Dredging Protocol</u></p> <p>CPC reported at the last meeting that a project brief had been drafted and now that the DEFRA guidelines have been published a framework can now be drawn up on the way ahead for Plymouth. DQHM reported that the Dredging Licence is in place for the next 3 years and that dredging maintenance was carried out last week.</p> <p>c. <u>Marine Protected Areas</u></p> <p>The Finding Sanctuary project would like to develop a marine protected area. They are therefore asking fishermen to let them know which areas they use, so that an area can be designated. Once the area has been chosen it will then need monitoring. The Sea Fisheries Committee have offered to close Plymouth Sound</p>	<p>CPC</p>

	<p>to Yealm Head to mobile fishermen if this would help but Mr Black didn't think this would have much impact, as the area from Fort Picklecombe is already closed, so this would just be an extension to that. He asked the committee to think about whether this would be a good idea or not.</p> <p>d. <u>Coastal Planning SPD</u></p> <p>CPC discussed the Special Planning Document and reported that the tariff being looked at was £12.95 per head for new dwellings to offset the costs of managing the recreational impacts on the European Marine Site but negotiations are still ongoing. This Plan will be a living document as it will be continuously added to and changed.</p>													
<p>10. Major Maritime Events 2008</p>	<p>a. DQHM gave notice of the following events currently planned for 2008:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>14 Jun</td> <td>Rowing Regatta</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 -15 Jun</td> <td>OCR Powerboat Race</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21 – 22 Jun</td> <td>Round Britain Powerboat Race</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27 Jul – 3 Aug</td> <td>Port of Plymouth Regatta and Classic Boat Rally</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 – 13 Aug</td> <td>Fire Works Competition</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 -13 Sep</td> <td>Rowing Championships</td> </tr> </table> <p>Events planned for next year:</p> <p>World Offshore rowing championships – south of the breakwater and around Drakes Island.</p>	14 Jun	Rowing Regatta	14 -15 Jun	OCR Powerboat Race	21 – 22 Jun	Round Britain Powerboat Race	27 Jul – 3 Aug	Port of Plymouth Regatta and Classic Boat Rally	12 – 13 Aug	Fire Works Competition	12 -13 Sep	Rowing Championships	
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<p>11. Any Other Business</p>	<p>a. <u>Change of Chairman to Maritime Plymouth: it was reported that</u> Mr Mike Gilbert had stepped down as Chair of Maritime Plymouth and been replaced by Mr George Skinner.</p> <p>b. <u>Reynolds Trot Moorings</u> – Mr Halliday reported that he had received a letter from a company called Salvage International Ltd requesting permission to remove two wrecks from this area. Mr Halliday has written back to this company to ascertain if they are the owners of the wrecks but so far has had no reply.</p> <p>c. Cllr Benson asked if the AONBs had special planning powers and as the CPC or Mr Black were not aware of any, CPC agreed to ask Mr Charlesworth.</p> <p>d. Dr Linley asked if the Environment Agency had downgraded the shell fish waters in the Tamar. CPC said she was not aware of this. Dr Linley then mentioned that the Flood Risk Management Study was complete and asked if the committee would like to see a copy. <b>Action: to be presented at next PPMLC</b></p> <p>e. The problem of Jet skis was raised, as the owners are driving too close to the shore and causing a danger to swimmers and other water users. DQHM mentioned that there was a speed limit in force, but it is difficult to catch these offenders as it is difficult to identify them from a distance. QHM agreed to mention this problem at the meeting with the Police which he is to attend soon.</p>	<p>CPC</p> <p>JT</p> <p>QHM</p>												

	<p>Advised that photographs of the offending jetski, along with the registration number of the towing vehicle, would be very useful as evidence.</p> <p>f. Mr Black asked if the Committee would be interested in receiving a copy of a wildlife DVD aimed at boat owners. To be circulated.</p>	GB						
12. Dates of Next Meetings	<p>1. Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="438 504 1029 638"> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 504 853 537"><b><u>PPMLC</u></b></td> <td data-bbox="853 504 1029 537"><b><u>TECF</u></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 571 853 604"><b>16 Oct 08</b></td> <td data-bbox="853 571 1029 604">17 Jul 08</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 604 853 638"><b>12 Feb 09</b></td> <td data-bbox="853 604 1029 638">13 Nov 08</td> </tr> </table>	<b><u>PPMLC</u></b>	<b><u>TECF</u></b>	<b>16 Oct 08</b>	17 Jul 08	<b>12 Feb 09</b>	13 Nov 08	
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