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Notes of the Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 October 2006 in Naval Base Headquarters conference room

Present	Representing	User Group
Cdr I Hugo RN	Queen's Harbour Master, Chairman	MOD
Lt Cdr N Trathen RN	Deputy Queen's Harbour Master	MOD
Mr D Curno	Royal Yachting Association	Leisure
Mr M Read	University of Plymouth	Maritime Archaeology
Mr P Gregory	South West Lakes Trust	Conservation
Mr P Patterson	BMIF(SW)	Marine Commerce
Mr J Howard	Maritime Plymouth	Marine Commerce
Ms L Heape	Natural England	Environment
Ms M Nightingale	Plymouth City Council	TECF
Captain T Charlesworth	Cattewater Harbour Commission	Marine Commerce
Mr B Lamb	Bere Ferrers Council	Parish Councils
Mrs A Linley	Plymouth Marine Laboratory	Research
Mr J Parlour	BSAC	Diving Community
Mr C Turner	Tamar Protection Society	Land Conservation
Mr A Hutchings	Maker with Rame Parish Council	Parish Councils
Mr B Muelaner	National Trust	Environment
Mrs S Last	Minute Secretary	

Item	Discussion and Decisions	Action
1. Introduction.	1. Cdr Hugo welcomed those present	
2. Apologies for Absence.	1. Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Mike North (MCA) who had replaced Mr Marsh; Messrs Lillie (PPSA), Patterson (BMI), Wiseman (Mount Edgcombe Estates), Kester (PCC), and Captain Charlesworth (CHC)	
3. Notes of the previous meeting.	1. The notes of the meeting held 8 June 2006 were accepted.	
4. Matters	1. <u>Fishing/Diving Signage Press Fac.</u> The CO reported	

Arising	<p>that it had been intended to incorporate the new signage in a press release concerning the ‘Dive Clean’ event. This event has been postponed. It was not consider the signage warranted a dedicated press facility. In the meantime the initiative would be publicised via the website and in parallel with other activities.</p> <p>2. <u>Phoenix Wharf Landing Stage</u>. DQ provided a brief update and undertook to clarify the position on dredging associated with this project.</p> <p>PMN – A licence to dispose of dredge material from the Sutton Channel at the Rame Head disposal site has been issued by the MECU.</p> <p>3. <u>Educational Events</u>. The CO advised that TECF had supported the International Beach Clean Day on 17th September. The Educational Forum was now established with approximately 35 organisations participating. The next stage was to develop a signposting facility to publicise the broad spectrum of activities available.</p> <p>4. <u>TECF Website</u>. CO said that the update website was now online.</p> <p>5. <u>Abandoned Vessels</u>. DQ reported that Caradon DC had removed the ‘Slack Alice’ from Saltash Town Pier. The hulk on the foreshore at Saltash Passage remained but did not constitute a hazard to navigation. The City Boatmaster was continuing to attempt to contact the owner to arrange removal/disposal.</p> <p>6. <u>Local Notice To Mariners</u>. DQHM said that an e-mail service had been introduced to largely supersede mailing hard copies. Anyone wishing to be added to the distribution list should notify the secretary at: lasts@a.dii.mod.uk</p>	<p>DQ</p> <p>CO</p> <p>All</p>
5. SAC Matters.	1. Ms Heape updated the Committee and passed around photographs of the successful Seagrass monitoring project. Details of her report are attached.	
6. TECF Management Plan.	1. The Tamar Estuaries Management Plan 2006 – 2011 had been formally adopted by TECF at their July meeting and the launch had taken place on the water on Tuesday 10 October amid a blaze of publicity. The Coastal Officer thanked those who had been able to attend for their support. Feedback had been encouraging with positive comment on the Plan’s concise, practical and attainable targets. Cdr Hugo was delighted with the achievement and	

	<p>pointed out that Janette Ward, the regional director for the newly reconstituted Natural England, had attended the launch and commented that the Tamar Plan would form the benchmark for other Estuary Management groups.</p> <p>2. The Coastal Officer outlined the 18 month Work Plan which had been agreed at TECF. She asked representatives to pass their individual priorities to her.</p> <p>2. During the evolution of the new Management Plan Cdr Hugo explained that the TECF raison d'être had been scrutinised closely and its constituents had been compelled to confirm their continuing support, not least because of their statutory obligations. The outcome had seen a re-invigoration of the Forum and it was with this in mind that he intended to re-visit the constitution and Terms of Reference for PPMLC. He was anxious to ensure that the committee continued to provide a robust avenue through which to carry forward actions and aspirations to TECF. Mr Turner was able to produce a copy of the original Terms of Reference which, along with DQHM's list of wider represented bodies, would provide the starting point for the exercise. Work would commence shortly and support from those present was requested. The existing TORs are attached to these minutes for comment.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CO/DQHM</p>
<p>7. Coastal Planning Study.</p>	<p>1. The Coastal Officer passed round a copy of the Coastal Planning Study (available on website). She pointed out that the publication was already proving the definitive and much needed source for informing local and national inter-tidal planning decisions. Feedback suggested that this highly acclaimed TECF initiative may have produced a way forward for further development planning initiatives by other agencies. With regard to Mrs Linley's (PML) query regarding the appointment of a GIS officer Ms Nightingale, although agreeing the logic, said funding was the issue. They agreed to contact Plymouth University to see if any support could be offered.</p>	<p>CO/Mrs Linley</p>
<p>8. Maritime Plymouth.</p>	<p>1. Mr Howard detailed recent network meetings and advised forthcoming meetings and events. Work in trying to establish a centre for youth marine training continued to provide a challenge and fund raising for a pan-Hoe Public Address system was ongoing.</p> <p>2. He had handed over Chairmanship to Mike Gilbert and he would act as Vice Chairperson.</p> <p>3. The Coastal Officer thanked Maritime Plymouth for its positive website report of the Tamar Estuaries</p>	

	Management Plan launch.	
9. Speed Limit in the Cattewater.	1. On behalf of the Cattewater Harbour Master DQHM reported that no objections had been lodged to the proposal to reduce the Cattewater speed limit to 6 knots. The change would be reflected in the forthcoming Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order revision.	
10. Major Maritime Events 2006.	1, Lt Cdr Trathen gave notice of the following events currently planned for 2007: 28 May Gypsy Moth returns 6-8 July UIM Class 1 World Offshore Championship – British Grand Prix 22-27 July National Schools Sailing Asssoc. Dinghy Regatta 27-31 July Plymouth Classic Boat Rally 27 July – 5 August Port of Plymouth Regatta 15 – 19 August Finish of Fastnet Race 23 – 25 August National J’s Cup	
11. Any Other Business.	<p>1. <u>Haymarsh Wetland Creation</u>. Mrs Linley requested an update on the project. Mr Muelaner (National Trust) explained that the NT had appealed against the latest refusal and the case would be reviewed at a Public Enquiry. NT were currently engaged in producing an environmental impact assessment which would form the basis of the their case at the enquiry. Difficulty in engaging an expert to deal with the hydrology element was causing the most concern. Despite the cost in time and money NT felt it important to take this high profile test case to its conclusion. It was to be hoped that the final decision-making process might be influenced by examples such as the River Exe, Goose Moor site, where the environmental and meteorological benefits greatly outweighed any minimal, transient, aesthetic impact.</p> <p>2. <u>Marine Archaeology</u>. Mr Read (Maritime Archaeology) advised English Heritage’s intention to survey two protected wrecks in the Sound during 2007. He would ascertain if English Heritage input warranted an invitation to attend future PPMLC meetings.</p> <p>3. <u>Jet Skis in Cawsand Bay</u>. Public improvement in awareness of the correct reporting procedure combined with the increased presence of the Ministry of Defence Police Marine Units in the area over the summer months had seen a marked improvement. Mr Hutchings (Maker with Rame Council) wished his gratitude to be recorded.</p> <p>4. <u>Water Skiing in Saltram Area</u>. Captain Charlesworth</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>Mr Read</p>

	(CHM) had forwarded a complaint from a local RSPB activist who had been alerted to the disturbance caused to birds by water skiers/jet skis straying into the protected area. While there was no easy solution to this problem members were asked to network the complaint to their relevant user group contacts. Meanwhile consideration would be given to seeking funding for a pertinent notice board at Saltram Beach.	All								
14. Dates of Meetings.	1. Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>PPMLC</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>TECF</u> (all am)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15 February 07</td> <td>9 November 06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 June 07</td> <td>15 March 07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 October 07</td> <td>12 July 07</td> </tr> </table>	<u>PPMLC</u>	<u>TECF</u> (all am)	15 February 07	9 November 06	14 June 07	15 March 07	11 October 07	12 July 07	
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