

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Harbour** Committee held over Zoom on Tuesday 08 February 2022 following a meeting of the Planning Committee.

Present Councillor Mrs L Wild (Chairman) and Councillors R Dalrymple, G Goodberry, J Redfern Mrs N Wilson and C Winspear.

Also Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Town Clerk with Cllr J Harston and Mr Chris Burrows (Whitby Harbour Master)

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

HC/22 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received for inability to attend.

HC/22 DECLARATION(S) OF INTERESTS & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, and other interests or dispensation requests.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

HC/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

HC/22 HARBOUR MASTER

Mr Chris Burrows gave a power point presentation which included updates on:- fishing – projects – dredging – Port Marine Safety Code – Finance – Issues and Risks

[Copy of his presentation attached]

Councillors asked question about:

The issue with Dalby Offshore being in the Harbour Accounts even though the project has not come to fruition – *The Harbour Master is in talks with the accountants to have this removed*

As the Dredger is managed by Dalby Offshore who has the final say on where it goes – *Dalby Off Shore is not in sole charge – joint discussion take place between Dalby Off Shore and the Harbour Master regarding fees, but the final decision rests with the Harbour Master whether or not dredger is released.*

White fish landings – *since the white fishing grounds have moved further north the Fishermen are now geared up for shellfish. Although he is not in a position to discuss the issue regarding shell fish mortality - The Harbour Master emphasised the support required for the fishermen who are a very important part of the harbour community and he is looking at any avenues for financial support for the fishermen.*

Shell Fish - A Collective of fishermen, angling association along the coast up to

Hartlepool have collectively got together to conduct their own investigation as they disagree with the DEFRA and other agencies outcome of Algy Bloom – The scientists employed by the collective initial report hints towards dredging activity stirring up chemical waste, this investigation is ongoing. A Just Giving page has been created to help towards costs of the investigation. At Present there has been no financial support to the fishing community from DEFRA, There is no shell fishing during the winter months of January, February and March so stocks should be replenished for summer. IFCA is struggling at the moment to obtain information from agencies and expectancies for next season.

Boarder Force hasn't been seen in Whitby of late – The Fishing Community are holding it together and speaking to the press – unfortunately there is no support from the MP and a lack of financial support. The Harbour Master is watching this situation.

There are NMO grants available from April for modernising and improving harbours – The Harbour Master is aware of the grant and keen to apply.