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Dear Councillor,

20 July 2022

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **HARBOUR COMMITTEE** to be held in Pannett Art Gallery, on **Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 6.00 pm (following a meeting of the Planning Committee)** the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours Sincerely

A Cowey
Deputy Clerk & Civic Officer

To: Cllrs A Abbott, R Barnett, G Goodberry, A Jones,
J Redfern, C Riddolls, Mrs H Sumner and Mrs L Wild
Substitute R Dalrymple,

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public notice of the meeting is given in accordance with schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

AGENDA

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**
To elect a chair for the ensuing year.
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive and resolve upon apologies for inability to attend.
- 3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**
To appoint a Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.
- 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
To declare any interests which members have in the following agenda items.
- 5. TO CONSIDER ACTIONS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AT THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING OF A NEW COUNCIL YEAR.**
 - a. Confirmation of the accuracy of the notes of the last (advisory) meeting of the Committee held on 8 February 2022 (herewith).
 - b. Review of the terms of reference of the Committee.
 - c. Review of delegation arrangements to employees and to any sub-committee(s) of the Harbour Committee
 - d. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders, financial regulations, policies and procedures relating to the functions of the Committee.
 - e. Review of the anticipated Committee workload for the coming year.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders will be suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow for questions or statements about business items on the agenda, submitted by members of the public (limited to 3 mins per person).

7. HARBOUR MASTER

To receive a report from Mr Chris Borrows, Harbour Master, regarding the running and forward planning of Whitby Harbour.

8. HARBOUR ISSUES

To consider Harbour Issues.

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the advisory 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)

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1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received for inability to attend.

2. DECLARATION(S) OF INTERESTS & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

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

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

4. 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 Offshore is not in sole charge – joint discussion take place between Dalby Offshore 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 shellfish 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.

Shellfish - 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.