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Dear Councillor,

11 July 2024

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **HARBOUR COMMITTEE** to be held in Pannett Art Gallery, on **Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 6.00 pm** the agenda for which is set out below.



Michael King
Town Clerk

To: Councillors Goodberry, Layman, Redfern, Turner and Wild

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 minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 13 February 2024 (herewith).
 - b. Confirmation of the following adopted at Full Council on 14 May 2024
 - i) Terms of reference of the committee
 - ii) Delegation arrangements to staff
 - iii) Standing orders, financial regulations, policies and procedures relating to the functions of the committee.
<https://www.whitbytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/2024-governance-1-standing-orders.pdf>
<https://www.whitbytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/2024-governance-2-financial-regulations.pdf>
<https://www.whitbytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/2024-governance-3-policies-procedures.pdf>
<https://www.whitbytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/2024-governance-4-delegation-tors.pdf>

- c. Review of the anticipated Committee workload for the coming year.
(Future meetings are scheduled for 19 November 2024 and 18 March 2025)

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 ISSUES

To consider Harbour Issues.

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Harbour** Committee held in Pannett Art Gallery, Whitby, on **Tuesday 13 February 2024** at 6pm.

Present Councillor Turner (Chair) and Councillors Dalrymple, Goodberry, Jones, Redfern and Riddolls.

Also Mr King, Town Clerk, Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk and 8 members of the public

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352/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for inability to attend was received from Cllr L Wild (substitutes were unavailable).

MOVED by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Riddolls

RESOLVED That Cllr Wild's apologies for absence be accepted.

353/23 DECLARATION(S) OF INTERESTS & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

None.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

354/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public spoke regarding:

- The failure of Dolby Offshore Maritime Hub, due to lack of funding not public opposition as previously stated, plus the high court action will decide the spending of revenue not ownership of harbour land.
- The judge will also make a decision on the ownership of some of the harbour land.
- Is there funding for the repairs of the lighthouse and if there is a maintenance and repair plan for all harbour structures.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

355/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

MOVED by Councillor Goodberry, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple

RESOLVED that minutes of the Harbour Committee held on the 19 September 2023 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

356/23 HARBOUR ISSUES

Members received a written report forwarded by the Harbour Master (attached).

The following issues were raised:

- The life ring is missing on the harbour side of the East Pier, and the need for the East Pier to be resurfaced.

- The safety guard rails on the lower piers- the steel has disappeared – the surface of the piers is breaking up – the repair of the capstan.
- A video has been circulated highlighting the general dilapidation of both piers.

MOVED by Councillor Goodberry, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple and

That the Town Clerk writes to NYC requesting information on the maintenance system for the piers and to forward on members public safety concerns.

An amendment was

MOVED by Councillor Redfern, seconded by Councillor Jones and

RESOLVED that the motion includes the maintenance of the Fish Quay and other parts of the Harbour.

The amendment of was carried and a unanimous vote was taken on the substantive motion

MOVED by Councillor Goodberry, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to NYC requesting information on the maintenance system for the piers, Fish Quay and other parts of the harbour and to forward on members public safety concerns.

- Councillor Riddolls asked who owned the dredger – he was informed that it was owned by North Yorkshire Council and was not an asset of Whitby Town Council.
- Councillor Redfern reported on a recent meeting of the Whitby Fishing Association and the concerns that have been raised regarding rumours circulating about a reduction in the number bridge keepers and Watch keepers employed, and the effect it will have on the fishing industry. It is imperative that there are no changes to the opening of the bridge. Clarifications is required regarding staffing and safety and maintenance of the harbour
- Following a request for information on fish landings Councillor Redfern reported there had not been as much fishing due to the bad weather, 2023 was a record year for lobster catches, but crab landings were severely down which will have an effect on the Whitby fishing fleet.

Signature

16 July 2024

HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT – 20 FEBRUARY 2024

- **Railings-** We hope to commence repainting the railings after easter, weather permitting.
- **Capstans-** It is my understanding that the Northern Area Engineer as secured funding to renovate and repair the capstans, including one that will be functional for display purposes.
- **Staffing-** The Council's Executive considered a budget report on 23 January 2024. This sets out the challenging financial position faced by the Council and proposes savings and other measures to address the significant budget shortfall. As part of this, a savings proposal of £65k is included from the Harbours budget which will be delivered through a combination of measures including a review of current working practices.
- **Parkol-** Some funding as been secured and I understand that the council is well on the way with planning and design of Eskside Wharf.
- **Court Case-** This matter is progressing and the final hearing in this matter has been listed for 4 March 2024. The hearing has been listed with a time estimate of 3 days within a 5 day window. This means that the hearing may start on either 4, 5 or 6 March 2024 and will conclude by 8 March 2024. Judgement will likely be reserved and follow the hearing, rather than be delivered at the hearing itself.
- **Dredger-** The Dredger as recently undergone an extensive drydock program and is just awaiting MCA Inspection prior to recommencing dredging. We shall be conducting a full dredging review to determine the best course of action moving forward.
- **Maritime Hub-** Recent public consultation as been taking place and I believe it will be moved towards planning.
- **Harbour Users Group-** We can certainly take a look at this and discuss further.
- **Eskside Wharf Restrictions-** LNtM was lifted due to new practices and procedures now in place.
- **Life Rings-** Happy to discuss. Safety is always under constant review.