

MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE BODY HELD  
ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2009 AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Present were, Roy Lightfoot, Peter Stenner, David Vaughan, J. Grammer, G. Smith, Donald Baldy, Phil Mawby, Jill Barczok Paul Barczok, Stephen Boyne, Chris Clarence, Guy Langworthy, Stan Griffin.

Minutes of the meeting held on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the British Legion.  
Minutes approved and there were no matters arising.

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Harbour Master to take the meeting through his list of subjects for discussion. The HM explained that the purpose of the newly imposed registration of vessels launching at Polly Steps and elsewhere was to try and deal with safety issues and not just a money making exercise. He said he was working towards making it a general direction and therefore mandatory. This, he said, was not in anyway aimed at local people but to visitors who were unfamiliar with the harbour and estuary.

Tender Moorings. The Harbour Master said he would like owners of tenders who have dug in moorings for their tenders to register them with the Commission. Stan Griffin (BOAT) suggested a small sub-committee to look into the issues of tender moorings. The Chairman said that he was against the idea of a sub-committee, he thought it very unwise for the Consultative Body to be fragmented as this would almost certainly lead to internal disagreements which would detract from the Body's overall effectiveness. Guy Langworthy said he was also against the idea of a sub-committee, he would rather the CB continue to meet as a whole. Paul Barczok said a water taxi scheme could go some way to reduce the number of tenders in use on the river.

The Harbour Master said that radar and CCTV is being installed within the harbour. He went on to say that the old Harbour Office has been let to HM Customs who are clamping down on illegal immigrants

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The Harbour Master told the meeting that the china clay trade was down between 50 and 60% but the animal feed business is holding up.

The HM said that new moorings that are allocated will be supplied with new chain and buoy when first laid. He went on to say that there is an offer to existing mooring holders needing a new buoy, the HC would cover 50% of the cost of buoys approved by the HC. He said there is a waiting list for deep water moorings with up to a 4 or 5 year wait. The waiting list for drying moorings is around 6 months. Questioned by Guy Langworthy the HM said the waiting list is available for public viewing. The HM went on to tell the meeting that they intend to lay trots at Polly Steps The representative of B.O.A.T said that his members were in favour of the scheme. Chris Clarence said he would like to be involved in any future discussions on the tender mooring's issue. Phil Mawby said the members of Shaldon Boat and Mooring Holders Association were against the charges that have been suggested for the tender moorings that have recently been laid by the THC.

Paul Barczok said that people had been advised many times to register their moorings but some just hadn't bothered to do this and now they are complaining that their moorings are being taken away from them. As it was clear the question of tender moorings and the plan to charge for them was causing some concern it was agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss this subject.

The HM said that mussels were still being removed from Shaldon Pool. He went on to say that the present ferry operator was giving up the contract in October, also Brigantine Chandlers had recently changed hands and the new owners would be putting forward their plans for the future of the building and the quay.

The HM said there were plans to re-introduce power boat racing at Coombe Cellars.

Chris Clarence said that power boat racing was common place several decades ago.

The HM said that there had been suggestions about the Teign Estuary becoming a nature reserve. Guy Langworthy said he thought there would be objections to this and a lengthy discussion followed. The Chairman closed the discussion saying, that as there was clear opposition to the scheme more information and detail were needed before any decisions could be made.

The HM told the meeting that the skipper of Teign C, Peter Brooks, had resigned. The post had been advertised and there were 60 applications for the post, 25 were to be interviewed. One other member of the staff had left to join the crew of Girl Rona and had been replace by John Fenton.

With the completion of the Harbour Master's list the meeting moved on to, Any Other Business. The HM said that there had been a spate of thefts of mooring buoys up river.

It was stated that the dredger, Teign C was undergoing a refit. The main channel was narrow but in good shape.

It was stated that the tide book, which had contained some errors had been corrected.

Paul Barczok informed the meeting that the local dive boat, Seaquest had been using the Teign Fishermen's and Waterman Association's Fish Quay and that the owner, a commissioner, refuses to stop the practice

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.55