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20 October 2016

**NOTES OF THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
 THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2016
 ASTOR ROOM, GUILDHALL PLYMOUTH**

Present	Representing	User Group
Mr C Necker	Queen's Harbour Master	Harbour Authority
Mr N Trathen	Deputy Queen's Harbour Master	Harbour Authority
Mrs K Curry	Natural Infrastructure Officer / TECF	Plymouth City Council
Mr A Jones	MOD (QHM)	Harbour Authority
Ms K Butler	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr S Hannaford	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr J Millidge	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr C Turner	Tamar Protection Society	Landscape Conservation
Mr C Bush	Mayflower Marina	Marine Commerce
Ms R Wilcox	PCC Emergency Planning	Plymouth City Council
Mr M Goble	Plymouth City Council Piermaster	PCC - Moorings
Ms K Latham	Calstock Parish Council	Parish Council
Mr J Wilton	Maker with Rame Parish Council	Parish Council
Mr J Lowther	Plymouth University	
Mr N Webb	Sander Stevens	Marine Commerce
Capt T Charlesworth	Cattewater Harbour Master	Marine Commerce
Mr M Benson	Bere Ferrers Parish Council	Parish Council
Mr K Banks	Millbrook Moorings Association	Moorings
Mr D Curnow	RYA	
Mr M Woods	RYA	
Mr B Grose	Port of Plymouth Canoeing Association	
Ms H Tillin	Marine Biological Association	
Ms C Eatock	Marine Biological Association	
Ms K Deeney	Plymouth City Council	Plymouth City Council

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1. Introduction	QHM welcomed everyone to the autumn PPMLC and thanked Plymouth City Council for hosting the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Gall (NE), Mr C Matthews (DofC) and Mr W Blagdon (APB)	
3. Notes of the previous meeting	The notes of the previous meeting held on 11 February 16 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, with the exception of one correction: Mr J Lowther works for Plymouth University not Plymouth City Council	

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4. Matters arising	<p>4.5. Inclusion of 'Diving' as a heading on the VISIT PLYMOUTH website with links to QHM, TECF and RNLI websites (to provide legislative, environmental and safety advice). NIO/Mr Goble reported that this is still in hand and programmed to be updated in the next phase of the website migration due be completed late October '16. <u>Ongoing</u></p> <p>4.11.d Tree and debris survey is underway by QHM PCO with main section of Tamar complete; as time and weather allows the creeks and lakes will also be assessed. Reminder for all to inform Longroom or Flag PCS of anything of concern within the Port. <u>Ongoing</u></p> <p>Additionally, it was reported that Cargreen moorings are possibly out of location and there is no obvious thoroughfare. To be checked by QHM PCO along with chart notes. <u>Action</u></p> <p>5. QHM asked Mr Goble at last PPMLC to produce evidence from PCC that a boat is not planned to be reinstated. If this is the case, the committee may decide to formally raise their concerns to PCC. Mr Goble informed PPMLC that there are no plans to purchase at present however the possibility of chartering a vessel for routine inspections is being considered. <u>Ongoing</u></p> <p>6. PPMLC were requested to review the draft slipway audit document and forward any proposals to NIO by the end of June. This work is still ongoing so any further comments are welcomed. Mr D Curnow offered to assist. <u>Ongoing</u></p> <p><u>8c. Recreational Water Users Guide:</u> QHM reported that positive feedback has been received on the updated guide. All members were requested to assist in the promotion of and distribution of the guide to reach as many recreational users as possible. Cllr Benson requested that more information on facilities at Bere Ferris be included at the next reprint. <u>Ongoing</u></p> <p>10i. Distribution of RNLI water safety products to be provided to MDP MU for distribution at armed forces day <u>Complete</u></p>	<p>NIO / Mr Goble</p> <p>PCO / All</p> <p>QHM PCO / NIO</p> <p>Mr Goble</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>NIO</p>
5. Presentations	<p>a. Ms K Deeney (PCC Natural Infrastructure Manager) gave a presentation on Strategic Sports Facilities Strategy. The strategy is to focus on facilities, use and access with a focus on waterfront activities, future aspirations and priorities. This information gathering will</p>	

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	<p>feed into the “joint plan” with a draft paper due at the end of the year. A request for feedback and comment from PPMLC members is requested when published, this will be a web based questionnaire and will be distributed in due course.</p> <p>Discussions regarding Cargreen and Plymouth extremities and how they would be linked; it was pointed out that South Hams and West Devon had chosen not to participate in the study so “Plymouth” would be completed independently.</p> <p>Discussion regarding “Large events” (eg. America’s Cup etc.) sponsorship, infrastructure improvement and event management. PCC events team are developing a strategy for the next 4 -5 years. Any ideas or information should be passed to NIO.</p> <p>b. Ms H Tillin (Marine Biological Association) gave a presentation on Plymouth Sound and Tamar Estuaries Recreation Study. Phase 3 is now underway for Autumn/Winter Surveys which will include an online survey to be distributed.</p> <p>This study will be used to inform the Habitat Regulation Assessment in the Joint Plan as there is a need to understand the baseline conditions in conjunction with NE to inform any management measures relating to any impacts on the SAC.</p> <p>Discussion regarding comparison with previous studies. It is not the intention to undertake this as part of the current review, but the older studies are available and may be useful when identifying trends in changes to the baseline. The study is part of an adaptive management process.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All / NIO</p> <p>NIO/Ms Tillin</p>
6. Review of bathing water quality	Ms Wilcox unable to update at this time, however will provide a update for circulation to NIO. Item postponed until next meeting.	Ms Wilcox / NIO
7. Plymouth Water Safety Sub Committee	<p>a. Mr Millidge reported that the Plymouth Water Safety Sub Committee had held their second meeting.</p> <p>b. A new Community Safety Officer (Ms K Butler) has been appointed to facilitate the work of the various Water Safety Groups. A workshop was held getting the regular water users to review the risk data and look for new ways of communicating water safety messages to specific high risk groups.</p> <p>c. Other points: - Product team will be contacted to discuss diving health and safety campaign for Plymouth 2017. - “Don’t drink and Drown” Christmas campaign will focus on students.</p>	

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	<p>- Kayak Safety packs are being distributed via retail outlets.</p> <p>- “Advice on-board” service available in Plymouth with leaflets available from RNLi – Free service to assess yachts and motor boat safety. Aiming to publicise through boatyards and mooring associations.</p> <p>- “Lifejacket locker” campaign to be promoted. Suitable locations are being sought on slipways/ landing points adjacent to visitor moorings/popular anchorages for lockers to enable yachtsmen to stow lifejackets when going ashore.</p> <p>d. Mr Millidge requested an updated copy of the PPMLC distribution list</p> <p>e. Communications between CG, RNLi and Harbour Authorities during incidents was discussed. Capt Charlesworth noted that there had been an improvement following SW Ports Association raising the issue with the MCA.</p>	<p>RNLi</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>NIO</p>
8. TECF matters	<p>NIO’s report is attached at Annex A.</p> <p>a. Members were encouraged to sign up to MMO’s Marine Planning newsletter to stay informed on progress with the SW Marine Plan. Forward their name and organisation to: planning@marinemanagement.org.uk</p> <p>b. A workshop was due to be held to develop a draft biosecurity plan for the Tamar Estuary. Anyone wishing to support the workshop should pass details to NIO for forwarding to the project team.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL/NIO</p>
9. SAC matters	DQHM read out an update from NE which is attached at Annex B.	
10. QHM matters	<p>a. <u>Water Safety & Incidents</u>. QHM reported that there had been 29 incidents since the last PPMLC and pressed the importance of educating water users in understanding and adhering to the rules and regulations governing the port. Means of achieving wider distribution of safety advice were discussed. Greater use of social media linking to events on the water was suggested. DQHM to investigate, Ms Wilcox (PCC) offered to assist.</p> <p>b. <u>Dredging</u>.</p> <p>- QHM reported that no disposal had taken place since the last PPMLC.</p> <p>- Several operators inc. MoD and Cattewater are awaiting dredging licences from MMO.</p> <p>- MMO are working with the MoD and Harbour Authorities to characterise an alternative disposal site. A report is due to be issued for consultation in late Nov/early Dec with licences likely to be issued in Spring 2017.</p>	<p>Ms R Wilcox / DQHM</p>

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	c. DQHM requested mooring licensees encourage mooring holders to ensure regular checks on vessel remaining afloat over the winter.	Mooring Associations/Sailing Clubs.								
11. Water events	<p>The 2016 Water Events Diary (WED) can be found on the QHM website (www.qhm.mod.uk/plymouth/)</p> <p>All main events now complete and lessons learned taken forward for 2017. Request for early notification of 2017 Water Events</p>	All								
12. Any other business	<p>a. QHM reported that Bridge No.2 has now been replaced.</p> <p>b. Cllr Benson reported that the Gabion Basket repairs at Weir Quay had been completed and that the Weir Quay Community Water Sports Hub is now open. More details can be found at : http://www.wqwatersports.org.uk/</p>									
12. Dates of next meetings	<p>Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="400 987 1163 1160"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="400 987 794 1019"><u>PPMLC</u></th> <th data-bbox="794 987 1163 1019"><u>TECF</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 1055 794 1086">1400 on 9 February 2017</td> <td data-bbox="794 1055 1163 1086">1015 on 10 Nov 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 1088 794 1120">1400 on 8 June 2017</td> <td data-bbox="794 1088 1163 1120">1015 on 9 March 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 1122 794 1153">1400 on 12 October 2017</td> <td data-bbox="794 1122 1163 1153">1015 on 13 July 2017</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>PPMLC</u>	<u>TECF</u>	1400 on 9 February 2017	1015 on 10 Nov 16	1400 on 8 June 2017	1015 on 9 March 2017	1400 on 12 October 2017	1015 on 13 July 2017	
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Distribution:

NBC, All Committee members

Annex A

PPMLC Thurs 13 October 2016

**8. *TECF Matters:*
Report of TECF Matters
*by Natural Infrastructure Officer***

a) National Marine Management and Marine Planning

The **National Steering Group** (NSG) for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) met in June and key issues are as follows:

Two new staff have been appointed at MMO to liaise with the NSG and to deliver the agreed work plan.

At the national level the message is very much 'business as usual' in the wake of the EU Referendum.

Nationally work is being carried out to develop the 'Designated Sites System' which will host the key information for each marine protected area.

They are also creating a comprehensive list of marine activities along with who the relevant authority is for the licensing; this will be extremely useful as it is probably the question we are asked most often.

Finally, Plymouth continues to be used as a pilot, this time as a test to capture all licensing information.

Marine Planning: The MMO's call for issues with supporting evidence has now closed and was the start of a conversation with stakeholders about what the opportunities, challenges and needs are for the marine plan areas over the next 20 years. TECF hosted a workshop for the MMO on 12 April at which they presented their approach to developing the Marine Plan and stressed that they would be looking for a thorough consultation with local stakeholders and that TECF and PPMLC would be both be important in this process.

They have published their Statement of Public Participation on the website: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/54_0148/South_West_Statement_of_Public_Participation.pdf and you can get involved by signing up to their newsletter through their email: planning@marinemanagement.org.uk including your name and organisation.

Their timetable is available on their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statement-of-public-participation-north-east-north-west-south-east-and-south-west/south-west-marine-plan-proposed-engagement-timetable> which sets out the following:

Table 1: Marine Plan Delivery (MMO)

Activity	Estimated timing
Plan development – iteration 1 released for consultation	April 2017
Plan development – iteration 2 released	April 2018
Plan development – iteration 3	April 2019
Final draft plan consultation	Summer 2019
Adoption	2019

b) Plymouth and SW Devon Plan, Waterfront Vision and Local Greenspace Designations.

This work is now progressing and the Final Plan is due to be completed and submitted to the inspector in April 2017 which means that the final consultation will be from February 2017.

c) Community Seagrass Initiative



This HLF funded project includes the trialling of an eco-friendly mooring which is designed to keep the chain off the seabed. The National Marine Aquarium deployed this early in the summer in Cawsand Bay and will be monitoring its impact on the seabed over the coming year. If successful then this could offer a solution to reducing impact of moorings within the seagrass beds.

d) HRA Recreation Study

MBA have now completed the summer season of their surveys and are currently undertaking the workshops and also will be launching an online survey in the next week or so.. For more information contact Heidi Tillin heiti1@MBA.ac.uk

e) Tamar Estuary Biosecurity Plan Development Project

Following on from the invasives workshop held earlier this year at Mayflower Marina, Natural England are funding a project during October – March 2016-17 which will focus on the Tamar and deliver:

- 1. Operation specific biosecurity plan training workshops** - Work directly on site with at least 5 port or marina managers across England to write biosecurity plans specifically for their operations.
- 2. Estuary wide biosecurity plan training workshop** - Facilitate stakeholders to come together to draft a biosecurity plan for use across the Tamar estuary. An actual draft plan will be an expected output from the workshop.
- 3. Future resources** - Develop further biosecurity plan templates to be made available online on the Marine Pathways Project website.

The project is being delivered by Sarah Brown of Cradle to Wave (C2W) consultancy working with the Marine Biological Association and other experts.

The estuary wide workshop will be designed and held with the aim of developing an estuary based biosecurity plan with the key stakeholders in the Estuary. Following which work will be undertaken to encourage its adoption by as many operators as is possible.

f) Developments

PLYMOUTH

14/00001/FUL Drakes Island. Hotel development including conversion of Grade II listed Island House, Scheduled Ancient Monument, battery and landscaping, refurbishment of jetty and infrastructure works. Application Refused. This is now subject to a Planning Appeal and is likely to be heard in Spring 2017.

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Redevelopment of existing café extending the existing kitchen and erecting new café buildings with green roofs.

Granted.

16/01270/FUL: Jennycliff Beach

Repairs to steps and to cliff face.

Granted.

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Natural England Update

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Natural England's Conservation Advice on Marine Protected Areas

For anyone planning a development within or nearby the European Marine Site it is important to look at the newly produced conservation advice from Natural England.

The Tamar Estuaries Complex Special Protection Area (SPA) advice package has been published on our Designated Sites System.

Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Tamar Estuaries Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) are still in draft but can be used. We are working through all the feedback received before publishing later this year. These draft packages are not yet on the Designated Sites System but when they are finalised they will become fully interactive like the SPA advice.

Plymouth EMS and Tamar Estuary Sites MCZ Monitoring

Intertidal rock monitoring – This summer Natural England surveyed of the intertidal reef within the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Although results have not yet been analysed, initial impressions are that the rocky shores are largely unchanged since previous surveys with the exception of the increase in non-native species such as Pacific oysters and Wakame (a type of kelp).

Recreational disturbance

Natural England is working with TECF and the local authorities to look at existing levels of disturbance to habitats and species within the European Marine Site, and to identify mitigation for the anticipated increase in recreation within the site as there is further housing growth over the coming years. It is important to gain an accurate picture of how the Sound, the estuaries and the shorelines are used for recreation so that any mitigation is targeted at where it is needed.

Consultations responded to/in process of responding to:

- MMO. MLA/2016/00332. Trinity Pier, Millbay Marina
- MLA/2016/00297 Application (Decommissioning of works) Pomphlett Marine Loading Jetty, Plym Estuary
- Repairs to seized large tidal flaps at Stonehouse Creek in Plymouth – AMEY engineering.
- Habitats Regulations Assessments of various fishing activities within the European Marine Site – with Devon and Severn IFCA.
- Plymouth dredged material site selection steering group.

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