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12 Oct 2017

**NOTES OF THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
 THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2017
 CHARTER 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
Mr A Jones	MOD (QHM)	Harbour Authority
Mrs K Curry	Natural Infrastructure Officer / TECF	Council
Ms B Siddons	Natural Infrastructure Officer	Council
Capt. T Charlesworth	Cattewater Harbour Commissioners	Harbour Authority
Mr R Allan	Cattewater Harbour Commissioners	Harbour Authority
Ms K Butler	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr S Crayford	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr S Hannaford	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr M Wood	RYA	Recreation
Ms K Fartham	RYA / Green Blue	Nature Conservation
Ms C Smith	Devon Wildlife Trust	Nature Conservation
Inspt. A Micallef	MDP Marine Unit	Crime Abatement
Mr C Turner	Tamar Protection Society	Nature Conservation
Mr J Wilton	Maker and Rame Parish Council	Parish Council
Dr K Latham	Calstock Parish Council	Parish Council
Mr N Webb	Victoria Wharf	Marine Commerce
Mr C Bush	Mayflower Marina	Marine Commerce
Mrs A Gall	Natural England	Nature Conservation
Mr J Lowther	Plymouth University	Research

Item	Discussion and Decisions	Action
1. Introduction	QHM welcomed everyone and thanked Plymouth City Council for hosting the meeting. QHM asked all present to introduce themselves.	
2. Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from: Mr P Wiseman (Crown Estate), Mr B Squire (Plymouth Boat Trips), Mr J Roe (Recreational Sea Anglers), Mr K Banks (Millbrook Moorings Assoc.), Mr B Grose (Port of Plymouth Canoeing Assoc.), Mr P Bromley (Sutton Harbour), Mr C Johns (Cornwall Archaeological Unit).	
3. Notes of the previous meeting	The notes of the previous meeting held on 8 June 2017 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
4. Matters arising	10a. <u>Greater use of social media linking to events on the water:</u> QHM unable to have dedicated social media access however will investigate usage of existing account (HMNB/PCC etc.).	

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	<p>Update 8/6/17: progress has been made; two PLNTM have been published via the TECF Twitter page and various group Facebook accounts. DQ requested any organisation with relevant social media accounts (Twitter/Facebook) that would be prepared to post/share safety/water events information to forward contact details of their editor to him. A distribution list would then be formalised to ease the quick dissemination of information.</p> <p>Update 12/10/17: QHM requested some use statistics of current social media (re-tweets etc.) as way of establishing the coverage obtained so far.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>MMO will explore the possibility of digital formats for the marine plans and inclusion on electronic charting.</p> <p>Update 8/6/17: No MMO representative.</p> <p>Update 12/10/17: No MMO representative. NIO requested to obtain an update and encourage attendance.</p> <p><u>Action Ongoing</u></p> <p>6. <u>Review of bathing water quality</u>: NIO awaiting response from Environmental Health regarding improved notification system.</p> <p>Update 12/10/17: System now up and running however there is no auto trigger. Information is promulgated on the internet which will be placed on TECF website (manually).</p> <p>All requested to contact Ms Beth Siddons if they would like to be added to a distribution list.</p> <p>RNLI informed the group that they understand they receive an email direct from EA. Action: to discuss further with NIO to determine whether TECF can receive direct communications in future.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>7a. Postponement of Plymouth Water Safety Sub Committee due to staffing changes but will be rescheduled ASAP – details to be distributed.</p> <p><u>Post meeting note</u>: RNLI are reviewing the continuation of this committee and will be in contact with the various attendee's in due course.</p> <p>Update 12/10/17: discussed at Agenda Item 6, update at para 6..</p> <p><u>Complete</u></p> <p>7c. Further discussion regarding the location of public defibrillators. It would be useful to obtain a map of locations; Mr C Bush (Mayflower Marina) will contact the South West Ambulance Trust for information.</p> <p>Update 12/10/17: Mr Bush has collated a number of sources of defibrillator locations within easy access of the water. Most establishments are happy to advertise and some can be found on http://www.heartswell.org.uk and https://www.swast.nhs.uk.</p> <p>Action on NIO to share the information and look into options of keeping it updated, NIO informed that it had been raised with PCC Public Health to promote registration.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p>	<p>DQHM/NIO</p> <p>NIO MMO</p> <p>All</p> <p>RNLI/NIO/EA</p> <p>NIO</p>

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	<p>QHM thanked Mr Bush for his assistance and requested that the list created be shared with the Minutes and provided to the Port Control Stations.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>8f. <u>Slipway Audit</u>: comment from Mr K Banks regarding safety of EA owned Millbrook Lake slip. It has been deemed a safety hazard due to proximity to an outflow pipe however no signage is present. NE to investigate. Update 8/6/17: EA have been in contact with Mr Banks. Update 12/10/17: Mr Banks nor EA present. <u>On-going</u></p> <p>10.1 <u>RNLI safety stickers</u>: The issue of abandoned vessels was discussed. Members were encouraged to report any wrecks in order that a NavWarn could be issued where appropriate and attempts to track down the owner made. RNLI produce reflective stickers which can be used on kayaks, dinghies and tenders to aid identification. The RNLI were requested to provide samples at the next meeting Update: 8/6/17: No RNLI representative present. Update 12/10/17: Stickers distributed. <u>Complete</u></p> <p>5a. <u>MBA Beach rangers</u>: the programme is actively seeking funding (£350 per session) any ideas should be passed to Mr Baker (guba@MBA.ac.uk) <u>Complete</u></p> <p>5b. <u>Canoeing and Paddlesports</u>: Mr Grose was requested to distribute Water Users Guide to relevant shops to improve knowledge of Plymouth port amongst small craft users. <u>On-going</u></p> <p>8a. The slipway audit is complete and will be published online in due course. POST MEETING NOTE: See http://web.plymouth.gov.uk/tecf_slipway_audit_2016_report.pdf</p> <p>8b. Question regarding the ladder at rusty anchor. NIO informed that the ladder would not be replaced. <u>Complete</u></p> <p>10a <u>Summer safety press release</u> was issued in mid July and coverage obtained in Western Moring News and Plymouth Herald, and on Radio Plymouth. <u>Complete</u></p> <p>10b <u>Antisocial behaviour</u> (specifically jet skis) is received as worsening. QHM outlined the actions being taken to resolve this issue. This includes: deterrent patrols by MDP MU at locations/times where this behaviour is reported/known to occur; active policing in response to reports of ongoing incidents; and close liaison with Devon and Cornwall Police, targeting the common launch locations and related anti-social behaviour ashore. Update 12/10/17: DQHM confirmed that the situation had improved but requested that any further incidents are reported in a timely manner.</p>	<p>PCO</p> <p>Mr Banks/EA</p> <p>Mr Grose</p>

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5. Presentations	<p><u>a. Mayflower Marina</u> Mr C Bush gave a comprehensive presentation on marinas and specifically Mayflower Marina and The Yacht Harbour Association. Mr Bush Highlighted the British Marine and Green Blue organisations. Further information available at para 12b.</p> <p><u>b. Cornwall Archaeological Unit – Rapid Coastal Assessment</u> Mr C Johns sent his apologies and presentation will be rescheduled.</p> <p><u>c. MOD Police Marine Unit</u> Insp. A Micallef gave a presentation on the work of the MDP Marine Unit to increase awareness of the capabilities of the unit and its role in enforcing the regulations of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth and directions of QHM.</p>	
6. Plymouth Water Safety Update	<p>a. Port Safety Meetings: The RNLI have assessed that these meeting are no longer required and that safety issues can be satisfactorily addressed through the PPMLC. Action on RNLI to determine whether additional attendees may be required. <u>Action</u></p> <p>b. Kayak stickers distributed</p> <p>c. Update: Life jacket survey was completed over summer (6 weekends at QAB) Results show only 50% of under 10's and 30% of adults were wearing lifejackets and 50% of thoses wearing them were wearing them incorrectly. Education will be promoted throughout 2018 and RNLI will offer free lifejacket checks.</p> <p>d. Lifejacket lockers – ongoing promotion.</p> <p>e. PCC have a project to fund lifejackets for local fishermen.</p>	RNLI
7. EMS Recreational Impacts Project	<p>a. Information panels: Five areas have been selected for the pilot – Saltash Passage North, Ferry House Inn, Mutton Cove, Richmond Walk, Arnolds Point A sample panel will be available for viewing at a future meeting once the art work had been completed. <u>Action</u></p> <p>b. Crab tiling survey: Drone survey has been completed and results are awaited, this will highlight pressure points.</p> <p>c. Website: The TECF website is currently being updated aiming to improve the layout and access to specific information. Due to be launched next year.</p>	NIO NE
8. TECF matters	NIO's presented her report (attached at Annex A).	
9. SAC matters	Mrs Gall presented her report (attached at Annex B).	

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10. QHM matters	<p>a. Water Safety & Incidents: 24 total incidents: 15 Near Misses, 7 contraventions of the COLREGS, 2 incidents of lasers being used (QHM highlighted legal position of planes and trains), 1 Diving incident (QHM Highlighted PLNTM 35/17), 3 Grounding incidents 2 Pollution incidents, 1 Man-over-board, 1 Sinking</p> <p>There have been a number of incidents where leisure craft have failed to avoid impeding larger vessels as required by the rules.</p> <p>b. Diving safety: QHM discussed PLNTM 35/17 highlighting prohibited areas following a number of diving incidents. Prior approval from QHM required.</p> <p>c. Dredging: complete for Aug 17, next dredge likely March 18. Capt. Charlesworth mentioned that CHC is applying for an MMO licence.</p>	
11. Water events	<p>The 2017 Water Events Diary (WED) can be found on the QHM website (www.qhm.mod.uk/plymouth/)</p> <p>All major events are complete for 2017. A number of routine yacht and sailing activities continue up to Christmas.</p> <p>DQHM advised the group that the OCRDA Powerboat event scheduled for October has been cancelled pending independent assurance of the organiser's safety management system following their voluntary withdrawal from RYA governance.</p> <p>All to provide updates for 2018 WED. <u>Action</u></p>	All
12. Any other business	<p>a. Calstock Parish Council: Dr Latham discussed the EA plans to breach the Bund north of Calstock as a flood risk measure. Consultation is expected in Nov '17. DQHM will raise concerns to TECF <u>Action</u></p> <p>b. Green-Blue: Ms Fartham discussed the support being given to PCC with the slipway audit and codes of conduct. All to distribute Green-Blue leaflets. <u>Action</u></p> <p>c. Sutton Harbour: Capt Charlesworth on behalf of Mr P Bromley – Advised that Draft Harbour directions have been produced to bring byelaws into one place. Copies would be forwarded to members of the Port User Group for feedback before being opened up for public consultation. <u>Action</u></p> <p>Public consultation is expected in 3-4 Weeks. RNLI will provide a representative.</p>	<p>DQHM</p> <p>All</p> <p>Port UG members</p>
13. Dates of next meetings	Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows:	

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Distribution:

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

a) National Marine Management and Marine Planning

No further meetings of the **National Steering Group** (NSG) for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) have taken place.

Nationally, the Government is committed to delivering its target of having a network of MPAs in place and will be consulting on the third tranche of Marine Conservation Areas next year. It is undertaking a programme of surveys to plug the gaps in its evidence base and work is being coordinated to deliver their single 'Designated Sites System' which holds information on each site on the features, threats and pressures as well as management measures, with the Tamar site already loaded. (Ref <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmenvaud/314/314.pdf>)

The Government is committed to ensuring that the whole body of existing EU environmental law continues to have effect in UK law following Brexit using the Repeal Bill and subsequent fisheries Bill.

In order to increase stakeholder engagement and understanding, Natural England has developed an interactive exhibition outlining the importance of MPAs which was in the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth over the summer and seen by thousands of visitors.

Marine Planning: Following their consultation on their draft policies, the MMO has run a series of workshops on visioning and options development over the summer. Over the winter they will be drafting their 'Iteration 2' and will be consulting early next year with a view to adoption in 2019.

Table 1: Marine Plan Delivery (MMO)

Activity	Estimated timing
Plan development – iteration 2 released	April 2018
Plan development – iteration 3	April 2019
Adoption	2019

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

The Draft Joint Local Plan has now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and the Examination in Public will take place in January – February 2018.

c) Slipway Audit

The Slipway Audit has now been completed with the amendments included. The report along with the appendices will be uploaded onto the TECF website by the end of the week and links to the documents will be sent round to all PPMLC members.

d) Update on Biosecurity Workshop

The Estuary Biosecurity Plan has now been completed and there is a workshop planned for the early October to identify priorities and action plans. This will include key representatives from the relevant user groups. The final report and action plan will be presented to the next PPMLC meeting in detail.

Developments

PLYMOUTH

Drakes Island: The application is now approved but work has yet to commence.

Mount Batten Ferry Pontoon: This is due to be replaced with a new brow and pontoon to cater for the Mount Batten ferry and will start in October.

Wave Pontoon at King Point Marina: Work is currently underway to replace the lock gates with a wave protection structure.

Devils Point: Work is soon to commence to repair the footpath following the landslip that took place a couple of years ago.

e) Forward Plan for PPMLC Briefing Sessions

It was agreed that it would be useful for PPMLC to receive a briefing from the various water users. A draft schedule is given below for discussion.

PPMLC

PPMLC	Proposed Speaker
1400 on 8 Feb 2018	Tbc
1400 on 14 Jun 2018	Tbc
1400 on 11 Oct 2018	Tbc

Mrs Kaja Curry
Natural Infrastructure Officer & TECF Coordinator

Natural England Update

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Priority issues in the SAC and Tamar/Plymouth Focus Area

We have identified priority work areas based on our Condition Assessment of the SAC and Plymouth and the Tamar has been identified as one of 12 'Focus Areas' across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly in which Natural England will focus effort. With partners we have recently been working on some of these issues including:

- Engagement and training for volunteers to manage and monitor the spread of Pacific oysters in the Yealm estuary. We have applied for funding to continue this work with volunteers in a joint project with South Devon AONB and Cornwall Wildlife Trust.
- Tamar biosecurity plan: C2W consultants, working with the Marine Biological Association and Plymouth Marine Laboratory and with input from local stakeholders, have produced a draft biosecurity plan for the Tamar funded by Natural England. A workshop to prioritise actions from the draft plan has been held and the plan should be finalised ready for adoption by TECF in November.
- Natural England with other Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies has been holding an exhibition at the National Marine Aquarium about Marine Protected Areas, with a particular focus on Plymouth. Awareness raising about the marine environment is one of the key aims of our Tamar and Plymouth Focus Area.
- Working with the local authorities on the new local plans and in particular on developing mitigation lists for potential increases in disturbance from recreation within Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation and the Tamar complex Special Protection Area.

Plymouth EMS and Tamar Estuary Sites MCZ Monitoring

Intertidal rocky shore monitoring 2016 – A draft report has been produced, the results will be shared when the report is published.

Intertidal habitat mapping – This 'biotope survey' of all the intertidal areas of the SAC was carried out by Ecospan Environmental Ltd. This will update our existing habitat maps and the data will be available through the MAGIC mapping website <http://www.magic.gov.uk/magicmap.aspx>. The report has not yet been produced.

Subtidal reef survey – This survey focused on the deeper (circalittoral) areas of reef within the SAC and was carried out by Natural England’s monitoring team in July. Initial results show that the reefs are in favourable condition but angling debris was prevalent at some sites and the non-native kelp Wakame was recorded on natural substrates showing that it has spread out of manmade environments.

Allis shad and smelt surveys – The Environment Agency carried out limited surveys of allis shad in the upper Tamar estuary this year but there have been difficulties with access to the sites. We hope to be able to do some smelt monitoring this winter.

Once published, reports can be accessed here

<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/> but they will be available on request prior to that.

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