

Scarborough Harbour Consultative User Group

**Meeting notes
Tuesday 18 March 2025
at 11:00 hrs at Scarborough Harbour Office**

In attendance:

- Tom Hill, Scarborough Yacht Club (TH) Chair – joined on line
- Robin Gray, Private Pleasure Craft / SYC (RG) Vice Chair - joined on line
- Andy Volans representing for John Senior, RNLI (AV)
- Bob Roberts, Fishing Vessel (10m vessels) (BR)
- Cllr Janet Jefferson, Local Ward Councillor (JJ)
- Keith Eade, Angling Vessels (KE)
- Malcolm Ward, Fishing Vessels (Trawling & Netting) (MW)
- Nick Taylor, RYA representative (NT)
- Rudi Barman, Passenger Vessels (RB)
- Shaun Wood, Fish Processors (SW)
- Gary Pearson, Harbour Master (GP)
- James Buck, Deputy Harbour Master (JB)
- Chris Bourne, Head of Harbours & Coastal Infrastructures (CB)
- Dawn Frodin, Port Services Assistant – Admin. (DF)

Apologies:

- John Senior, RNLI (JS)
- Cllr Mark Crane, Portfolio Holder (MC)

Absentees:

1	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Chair had technical difficulties and Vice Chair could not join till later so Rudi Barman acted as Chair.</p> <p>Mr Nick Taylor who represents the RYA was introduced and proposed as a new member. No objections to the RYA having representation.</p>
2	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>Davits – JN met with council engineers & Hydrhose to plan an extensive overhaul of both davits. Luna Slip marine bolts – engineer says it is possible to reinstate. ACTION: JB/KE to explore best location.</p> <p>Other matters arising will be discussed during this meeting.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising (Not on Agenda)</p> <p>SBC v Fight for Whitby Group. The court case found for FfW on all points. Council is now reviewing discission and looking at next steps. No effect on Scarborough Harbour.</p> <p>Other matters arising will be discussed during this meeting.</p>

4	<p>Update on Humber Vessel Collision Concerns were expressed. The Council’s Tactical group are meeting daily with the Department of Transport (DfT). DfT report that shoreline cleaning is on-going. Predicted possible pollution as far north as Skegness but the weather has taken most away from us.</p>
5	<p>West Pier Regeneration Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CB updated, Planning Application to Strategic Planning Committee for NYC at the end of Jan. Planning permission was deferred due to lack of information. Questions and responses will be put out to consultation. Followed by a repeat application process. Planning for listed building consent was approved, so refurbishment of some building may start. ▪ SW asked if the boat hoist was OK’ed what work will be done towards that. Had we received any business requests/commitment to use it? BR stated there was only one boat hoist on the east coast that could lift out crew transfer boats.
6	<p>Harbour Operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dredger work continues when weather conditions are favourable, vessel suffered a mechanical failures and repairs have been carried out. BR asked why they did not work weekends? MW asked why it stopped when crew where on holiday? GP explained that we have no qualified relief staff available, even the previous management were unable to provide holiday cover. Licence is for 30,000 tons over 3 years. CB stated it would not be leaving SH until the job was finished. ▪ Both harbour offices are very busy at present with the Annual Contracts ▪ Pilings. CB said we are close to awarding the contract to repair the inner harbour pilings. The cost is around £1.3 million. ▪ RB enquired about the Lighthouse Pier pilings. CB said it will probably be over a year of planning/investigation and design before anything can go to the Council.
7	<p>Fishing Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SW reported there is no whitefish to talk of been landed, an odd bit if bycatch is all. The main landings are shellfish. ▪ MW agreed, poor weather has not helped. Local boats are also restricted where they can fish by IFCA, Scallop yield (white meat & row) is down at 11%-12% whereas it should be around 17%-18%.
8	<p>Port Marine Safety Code</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No new Risk Assessments, current ones are all up to date. ▪ PMSC is having a big shake up soon. Their “Guide for Good Practice” is changing. We need to check that we still comply to all, although it is not a compulsory code it is advisable to use as a port’s facility safety code. ▪ MIAB reported a couple of incidents JB read these out. ▪ Local Incident of a gentleman falling off North Wharf into the water in the early hours of. The gentleman was inebriated. Harbour watch-keeper heard the splash and with assistance from a local fisherman managed to lift the man out and called emergency assistance to the scene. ▪ BR asked about insurance for the grid. Confirmed we are fully insured and that all vessels in the harbour should also hold their own insurance cover.

9	<p>Harbour Maintenance and Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vincent Pier crane has been out of use for a long while. Engineers are on site today fitting the parts that have had to come from Italy. Then a LOLAR test will be done before it will be passed fit to operate again. ▪ Boom is scheduled to come out on 1st April 2025. ▪ RG asked if it was worth changing the company who currently do the 6 monthly maintenance checks and repairs. To be discussed. ▪ On behalf of SYC a “thank you” to the Harbour authority for arranging a skip to help with the SYC clear-up. ▪ Passenger Boats are expecting to start on 1st April, request for all slipways to be cleaned. ▪ Fuel Tank. CB updated, Certas are signing a Deed of Surrender and plan to remove the tank. Update from JB that the removal had started but the Risk Assessment provided did not cover using hot works and subsequently there was a fire in the tank. The work was immediately stopped until revised Risk Assessments were in place. ▪ CB is working with Procurement for a new supplier, draft documents are in place, and it could take 2-3 months to appoint, and a new tank will also be required.
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A local fishing vessel owner was texting JJ with questions. These were left for his representative (BR - Fishing Vessels) to pass information on to him. ▪ GP mentioned the “Respect” campaign. Harbour staff have been subject to name calling and cyber stalking. Please relay this to all harbour users that it is unacceptable, and we have a zero-tolerance approach. The Harbour authority operates a 3-strike policy. ▪ It was requested that the Staff dress and look like staff. ACTION: GP/JB
10	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Date: Tuesday 17th June 2025 ▪ Time: 11:00 hrs ▪ Venue: Scarborough Harbour Office.
	<p>Meeting closed at 12:50.</p>