



NORTH SUNDERLAND HARBOUR USERS GROUP

**Note of Meeting held at The Olde Ship Inn, Seahouses
on Thursday 23rd January 2025 6pm.**

1. Present

Members: Michael Dawson (Chair); David Fordy; William Shiel; James Porteus.

Ex Officio: Glen Annison (Harbour Commissioners); Fiona Kibby (Harbour Master)

Apologies: Jonathan Dawson; John Thorburn, Andrew Douglas; RNLI, Ailsa Shiel.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 19/09/2024 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 It was noted that Ian Clemmett of the National Trust, who was in the role of Clerk for the Harbour Users Group (HUG) had moved on. A new clerk to be agreed at next meeting.
- 3.2 James Porteus has joined the group to represent the National Trust but could not take on the role of Clerk for the HUG at this time.

- 3.3 Julie Harris is no longer LOM at the Lifeboat station. RNLI are still keen to be part of HUG and will send a rep to next meeting.
- 3.4 A copy of the approved minutes will go on the website and MD will send to Parish Council.
- 3.5 (10) Formalisation of Tenancy agreements for traders – the action from last meeting to be carried forward. MD to prepare proposal for Commissioners.
- 3.6 (11) Proposed action plan for bins at Harbour- **Carried forward Action: MD to speak to Guy Renner Thompson.**
- 3.7 (12) Proposed boot wash facilities – **Carried forward.**

4. Harbour Master's report

- 4.1 The HM gave an update on the installation of the new power pedestals. Once the software is in place she will produce a 'How to' guide for harbour users.
- 4.2 There have been problems with the power supply continues to be an issue with the new freezers like freezers. This has been escalated to Northern PowerGrid via the HM and Oswald Hughes. The generator is working better, although it is acknowledged that the harbour Team need to ensure the fuel is correctly monitored.
- 4.3 The freezers need a deep clean. HM requests that users make an improved effort to keep contents in order.
- 4.4 In reference to the harbour charges structure (section 8.0 in minutes of last meeting), the HM updated the HUG on the paper that was presented to the Commissioners. Specifically that the Commissioners had rejected a proposal to introduce a passenger rate for smaller boats. The pricing structure for 2025/6 will go on Harbour website after next Commissioner meeting on 7th February 2025.
- 4.5 The survey of harbour wall is complete and report received. There is still some work to do review this report and take the project forward with MMO.

5.0. Any Other Business

- 5.1 MD noted he had not been invoiced for the advertising space. The HM will check with NSH Clerk and confirm prices and dimensions for ads (for those businesses at the harbour).

- 5.2 There was a discussion on the lighting at the harbour. Middle pier light was not working (**Action: HM to check if repair is complete**) and the lights of the Bamburgh Inn were impeding vision for boats entering harbour.

6.0. Date of next Meeting

- 6.1 Given the quantity of issues currently being considered, it was agreed to meet quarterly
- 6.2 The next meeting will be held at the Olde Ship Inn on **Tuesday 25th March 2025.**