

Appendix D

Bembridge Parish Council – Full Council Meeting.

17/10/2017.

Overview:

The Harbour is now into its winter mode where we concentrate on maintenance issues and allow our staff to catch up with holidays and their families.

All mid-harbour tidal moorings have now been lifted with berth-holders relocated onto the Duver pontoon and allowing BSC to have clear Harbour racing for their Illusion class.

Visitors:

The rate of incoming boats now drops significantly till next March/April; our programme of evening talks to mainland clubs steps up a pace to encourage future rallies and visitors to the Harbour next summer.

Regeneration Planning Application:

We have now been advised by the LPA that our application that received consent in December 2015 is to be reviewed at the planning committee meeting on 31st October – the planning officers have compiled their final report with a recommendation for approval. It should be noted there have been no changes at all to our plans and designs from the originally granted scheme.

We are now desperately in need of the necessary approvals to provide some decent on-shore facilities for both resident berth-holders and visiting yachts.

Houseboats:

The discussions with the LPA regarding our Lawful Development Certificate still rumbles on and we can see no reason why it is not granted.

This would then allow our planning application to be formally registered at the LPA that will include the Harbour supplying and installing individual sewage treatment systems into each houseboat free of charge that is not so equipped at present.

This will be a huge benefit to all harbour users.

Bembridge Groyne:

BHUG are making progress with their plans to refurbish this groyne of which the Harbour is in support of their plans. However we have decided that we will not sit on any committee that includes trustees from BHT due to their recent actions against the Harbour and its management that have resulted in HMRC having discussions with BHT together with the removal of some of BHT's submissions to the LPA.

Harbour Investment:

Since our purchase in 2011, we have invested well in excess of £1m into many different aspects of the Harbour; our regeneration scheme will add a further £900k to this and the houseboats sewage investment will cost a further £180k.

All this investment has been and is necessary to bring Bembridge Harbour out of its previous moribund and dilapidated state and on a par with all other Solent harbours and marinas.

Winter berthing offers:

Winter berths are available till 31/03/2018 alongside the Duver pontoon: example pricing for a boat 8m LOA: £375.00 fully inclusive.

Lift out, wash down and place on a rack for a week plus subsequent relaunch: £110.00 fully inclusive.

Apply to the Harbour office.