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Bembridge Parish Council – Full Council Meeting.

21/11/2017.

Overview:

The Harbour is now into its annual hibernation mode – our 2017 seasonal staff team have now stepped down and our permanent staff are catching up on annual leave and forward planning annual maintenance work.

I would like to go on record with our grateful thanks to all members of this summer's team – they have been brilliant and have gone well beyond our expectations.

Visitors:

Our visitors from now thru' to Easter 2018 can be described as the 'hardy type' to experience the Harbour in its quietest period and mode. We have no more rally bookings this year – 2018 rally reservations bookings are on a par with this time last year.

Our programme of evening talks to mainland clubs and associations are being well received.

Regeneration Planning Application:

Once again the review of our application that received a resolution for consent in December 2015 has been postponed to 12th December due to further intervention by the Harbour Trust.

It should be noted there have been no changes at all to our plans and designs from the originally granted scheme.

These on-going delays are impacting negatively on our ability to service our customers' boating requirements – both resident berth-holders and visiting yachts.

Harbour Nominated Charity:

In 2017 we chose the Kissy Puppy charity as our nominated annual charity to support, especially at our 3 events held during the summer. Unfortunately the weather for two of the events was poor - however we still managed to donate the sum of £4,321 to this Totland based charity.

We have decided to continue with the same charity for 2018.

Houseboats:

Our application for the Lawful Development Certificate is due to be re-advertised in the near future – so hopefully this will soon be approved.

This will 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 and stop raw sewage being pumped into the Harbour.

This will be a huge benefit to all harbour users.

Bembridge Groyne:

The Harbour is in full support of BHUG's plans to refurbish this groyne; their money raising efforts have been initially well supported by the local community.

A specialist engineer has been appointed to bring all the detailed design and construction matters together to enable a construction tender process to be commenced.

Harbour Investment:

Our financial investment into Harbour matters continues; for example another two engines for our water taxis so that we always have a spare in case of a breakdown.

Without such constant investment, the Harbour would very quickly revert to its former days pre-our involvement .

It is interesting to note that all Solent based harbours and marinas are also investing in new customers' facilities – take a look at the new facilities at both Lymington marinas that are on a similar level to a five-star London hotel.

We do need to move forwards with further investment as soon as we can – otherwise we are in danger of slipping behind our competition and losing the momentum we have worked so very hard to re-establish the Harbour.

Winter berthing offers:

Winter berthing offers are still available till 31/03/2018 alongside the Duver pontoon.

Lift out, wash down and place on a rack for 7 days plus subsequent relaunch [max length 9m]:
£55.00 fully inclusive and allowing owners to carry out their own maintenance work.

Apply to the Harbour office.