Minutes of Ilfracombe Harbour Community Forum
24th July 2008,
7.30 p.m, The Sandpiper Pub, Ilfracombe

Present:

Bob Thompson - Chair
Paul Crabb - Vice Chair
Bert Gear
Paul Yabsley
Tim Cox
Lawrence Raybone
John Brown (IDTA chairman)
Kevin Prideaux
Scott Wharton
Colin Wright
Jack Stocks
Dawn Marshall
Geoff Fowler
Alan Kift
Paul Barbeary
Steve Ashton
Rob lawson
Pete Dymond

1.	**Apologies** Janine Whapham, Ann Clemence, John Barbeary, Kevin McLintock, Colin Knill , Dudley Jenkins, Chris Howard, Suzanne Brown.
2.	**Minutes of last meeting** Minutes of 20th March 08 were accepted as a true and accurate record.
3	**Matters arising** RL reported that estimated cost of additional marina point on the Pier was £3700 (1200 console, 1000 electrical connection, 1500 for trenching etc) Budget not able to afford this, may be able to reconsider at end of financial year. Discussion on these costs, seem excessive. **Action:** Rob Lawson to consider alternatives and report back. Harbour web cam; DM confirmed ok to mount it on Manor House, PC presented write up on the scheme to meeting – see attached, confirmed that web site could display links to other sites eg Visit Ilfracombe. Annual running cost ~£120 could be met from sale of advertising. Agreed to go ahead if funding £1200 - £2000, can be obtained. **Action:** Paul Crabb with Geoff Fowler to secure funding.
4	**Harbour Development** PY announced that funding for the feasibility work had been secured and that consultants Alder-King (Engineering division) had been appointed to do the work, starting on 29th July. It is important that the Forum has input at the beginning of their work before they waste time and money on ideas that are not required/not practical. Draft designs Halcrow Option 1b and a possible marina layout were distributed and discussed. PB emphasised the need for the northern breakwater to protect new south quay otherwise it couldn't be used. PY pointed out that land sales for commercial development would be necessary to fund schemes, discussion on suitable sites on land controlled by harbour board. Many points raised, general view that we have got to move on with development, any improvement is desirable, the more ambitious the better. We all need to determine what we want. **Action:** All forum members to discuss with their stakeholder groups and compile written list of reactions/requirements to present to next meeting – 2 weeks time 7th August.

	PY confirmed that £6million is available and that the southern quay will go ahead if we can get it right. Time scale 2-3 years for obtaining Harbour Revision Order, planning etc. It is vital that first phase developments do not preclude further developments, vehicle ferry operation, tidal current energy, etc. Relationship of the Forum with consultants discussed, confirmed that their brief included providing public consultation events. **Action:** Paul Yabsley to determine relationship with Alder-King at meeting 29th July.
5.	**Harbour Master Report** RL outlined some of the government and EU legislation he is involved with. Marine Bill, how sea areas are used, protection zones, new combined planning teams for on-shore and off-shore projects, marine safety codes. Port Master plan, strategic outlook for harbour – already submitted to NDDC. Port Security Plan is written, relevant to visiting foreign cruise liners. EU regional security forums, single central security officer for groups of ports. EU Fisheries Fund, new grants available, applying for money to support south quay development. Reported increase in crime, theft of baits from compound, vandalism of consoles on quay, drinking on beach. Worried about risk of theft of diesel, asked everyone to keep look out and report any suspicious behaviour. AK concerned with performance of CCTV **Action:** Rob Lawson to write to police to clarify the no alcohol order and request help from the Crime Prevention Panel volunteer viewing of harbour CCTV.
6.	**AOB** Forum welcomed June's (St James Dairy) offer to organise the Christmas lights again, GF suggests we support the activity and use it for our social purposes. **Next Forum meeting** Thursday 7th August @ 7.30 p.m at Sandpiper Pub