

Minutes of a meeting of Ilfracombe Harbour Advisory Committee (IHAC) held in the RYA Training Room - The Pier on Tuesday, 25th March 2025 at 18.00 pm

PRESENT: Members.

Ilfracombe Fishing Association – Mr Nick Fox
Commercial Day Trip Vessels - Mr Paul Barbeary, Mr Ben Bengey & Mrs Nancy Hutchings
Private Independent Vessels Owners – Mr Ricky Hill
Local Dive Clubs – Mr Tom Candy
Larkstone Hub Watersports Clubs – Mr Bob Thompson
Larkstone Hub Commercial watersports Operators - Mr Matt DeHavilland
Harbour Businesses' – Mr Steve Kelleher
Environmental representative – Mr Lawrence Raybone
Ilfracombe Town Council – Cllr Jon Quinn
Ilfracombe Business & Tourism Association – Mr Mark Heather

Also present in person:

Ilfracombe Harbour Master – Capt. Georgina Carlo-Paat MBE, DL

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence have been received from Ilfracombe Yacht Club – Mr Ross Stanway & RNLI – Mr Stuart Carpenter after the meeting.

2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on _____

This being the initial meeting of the committee there are no previous minutes to approve. In light of this, members introduced themselves and the groups they are representing.

3. The Constitution

The Harbour Master (HM) displayed the constitution on the screen, went through the salient points, and stated that the members to best fit their needs can change this constitution and any changes need to be approved by the Harbour Authority.

4. Appointments

The members have appointed the following persons

Chair – Mr Nick Fox
Vice Chair – Mr Lawrence Raybone
Secretary – Mrs Nancy Hutchings

5. Questions for the Harbour Master

- I. Are there any plans to have a falcon for the season?
Reply; not at this time due to funding constraints.
- II. Any update regarding the lido next to Verity?

Reply; we are waiting on a finalised report from the Royal Lifesaving Society to be able to return to the asset owner and get the final decision on proceeding with this project.

III. Any plans to help improve digital connectivity to the Harbour and surrounding area?

Reply; Please can the HM be given more clarification on what this means.

Meeting ended 19.00

Date of next meeting

To be organised by the newly appointed Chair.