

Watchet Boat Owners Members meeting
Monday 13th June 2018

Minutes

Apologies: Rick Holt
Mike and Cathy Yuill

1. Secretary read the minutes of the May Meeting, which were accepted by members and matters arising were discussed during this meeting.
2. **Marina Report:** At the time of meeting the Marina were waiting for delivery of specialist oil for the dredger; once received the dredger should be operational again. (Update 26.6.18: It is understand the dredger is now operational).
The development of a WID system by WHM continues. WHM are essentially doing this development off their own bat, based on the results of the trial unit from Cardiff, and the report of the effectiveness of such a system by Dr R Nunny.
3. Secretary report: Ray reported that the Mud Working Group Meeting that was held on 30th May following the Dr Nunny report, discussed the report and the subsequent follow up actions.

Some of the items that were discussed in detail were:

- a) The findings and conclusions that could be drawn from the Dr Nunny report.
- b) Identified the equipment needed for both capital Dredging and maintenance dredging.
- c) The costs involved in all aspects of a complete dredging project.
- d) The Financial opportunities.
- e) Developing a total project plan.
- f) Project visibility.

All the above items are work in progress, with the main players of the council and the Marina regularly communicating on all aspects.

In addition, the S&M group are getting closer to agreement with both the above parties for a trial. We wish the group luck with that trial and hope that it's another successful part of the jigsaw for getting the mud out of the marina and outer harbour.

Three further actions we will take up in July:

- a) Repair/replacement of the Poly Tunnel, which has taken a beating during the winter.
 - b) Organise a clean up day with a skip in place.
 - c) Final letters to be issued to Yard Users who have outstanding debts to WBOA. It is not a route we wish to go down, but legal advice has been taken re unpaid users of our yard, and the procedure to address this is now understood. We have a duty to all paid up members to pursue this situation.
4. We are getting really good feedback re the rowing section, so well done to Chris Webb, look forward to a full update at our next meeting.
5. Finally two pieces of news, one good and one not so good:
- Good News: Brian Rich, who recently underwent surgery is making very good progress, and we hope to see him back in action in the coming weeks.
 - Not so good news is that Bob Hitchings will be leaving Watchet Marina and moving to Plymouth. We would all like to thank Bob for being our Chair; we will miss him but wish him well for the future.

The Meeting Closed at 20.15