



Byelaw & Permitting Sub- Committee Meeting

Final Minutes from 12th
September 2019

Version Control and Drafting

Date	Comments
17 th September	1 st Draft of minutes completed for circulation to officer's present at the meeting for potential internal amendment and or additions.
25 th September	M Mander amendments.
25 th September	Draft Minutes circulated to members for potential amendments or comments.
8 th October	Minor changes to reflect comments received by Mike Williams.
14 th November 2019	Minutes approved for accuracy by members at the B&PSC meeting.

Minutes of the Byelaw and Permitting Sub Committee Meeting
Held on 12th September 2019 at Taunton Racecourse, Taunton

Present (regular members):

Professor Mike Williams (Chair)
Cllr Hawkins James Marsden Rachel Irish
Simon Toms Jim Portus

Present (co-opted): Cllr Gilbert Cllr Napper Cllr Hughes Simon Pollentine

Present (officers): ACO Mander, DCO Clark, PPO Townsend.

Present (observing): Cllr Hall

Apologies: Richard White, Stephen Gledhill, Jon Dornom, David Morgan, David Cuthbert,
Cllr Hellyer, David Saunders, Andrew Knights

Introduction, announcements and apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The Chair explained that due to the number of apologies, and in order to be quorate, it was necessary to invite some members of the Authority to attend this Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC) meeting as is permitted within the Terms of Reference. Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Napper, Cllr Hughes and Simon Pollentine agreed with this course of action. It was noted that Cllr Hall would be observing but not participating in the meeting.

The papers for the meeting were available to all members to view on the projector screens in the room. PPO Townsend informed members that the front cover of the consultation report, previously circulated in hard copy and email form, had an error on the front cover relating to the dates of the consultation. PPO Townsend assured members that this single error had been rectified in the report that was on public display on the D&S IFCA website.

Agenda Item 1 To consider and approve minutes of the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee meeting held on 15th August 2019. (Circulated by email)

The Chair invited members to raise any issues resulting from the draft minutes. The minutes were examined page by page. Rachel Irish highlighted some spelling errors on pages 12 and 13 which were noted by PPO Townsend. There were no other amendments.

Members recognised that those not present at the last meeting would abstain from the vote that followed.

That the minutes (as amended) provide a true and accurate record.

Proposed: James Marsden Seconded: Jim Portus

In favour 6
Abstain 4

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Agenda Item 2 Business Arising

There was no business arising.

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Agenda Item 3 To receive a verbal update on the officer actions resulting/continuing from the last meeting.

ACO Mander explained there had been limited time since the last meeting in August to progress or complete the actions set out in the papers. Rachel Irish commented that some work had taken place regarding the first action item that related to marine licences issued for works within the Teign Estuary. Rachel Irish explained that the matter was still on-going, but she had discovered that the licence in question did not appear to relate to the Salty area of the Teign Estuary. The next step would be to arrange a meeting with the Teign Harbour Master and Rachel Irish informed members that DCO Clark had agreed to take on this responsibility and therefore the action item. Members thanked Rachel Irish for the work to date and recognised the actions would be carried forward with verbal updates provided at the next B&PSC meeting by DCO Clark.

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Agenda Item 4 To discuss the responses received during the formal consultation as set out in the Report – Exemptions Byelaw 2019 – A Summary of Responses from the Formal Consultation (23rd August 2019) and to consider any potential amendments that are required to the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 as a result of the responses.

The Chair invited ACO Mander to introduce this item and DCO Clark displayed the report on the projector screen. For the benefit of the co-opted members, ACO Mander highlighted the different sections of the report that explained how the consultation had been conducted and its findings.

ACO Mander explained that as set out in the report, there were a total of three responses which were all supportive of the introduction of the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 with no amendments to the Byelaw being suggested. Members examined the summary of responses and focussed on the most detailed response of the three that had been provided by the Wembury Marine Conservation Advisory Group (WAG). This response suggested that in their view more information should be publicly available on the exemptions granted by the Authority. Members agreed that D&S IFCA should be as transparent as possible with information. ACO Mander added that officers consider that the D&S IFCA website offers the most suitable platform to increase transparency with this type of information. Members collectively felt that this was a suitable approach to take.

Having studied and discussed the consultation responses, members agreed with the conclusion of the officers, as set out in the report, and based on the responses received during the formal consultation, that no changes were required to the content of the Exemptions Byelaw 2019. The Chair suggested that members could now move to agenda item 5 and formulate a proposal to submit the Byelaw to Defra for confirmation.

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Agenda Item 5 To consider submitting the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 to Defra for confirmation.

Cllr Gilbert announced that he would abstain in any voting on this matter as he had not listened fully to the presentation provided by officers. A proposal was formulated and subjected to a vote.

That the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 be submitted to Defra with a view to its confirmation by the Secretary of State.

Proposed: **James Marsden** **Seconded: Cllr Hawkins**

In favour 9
Abstain 1

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Agenda Item 6**Any other business**

The Chair thanked the members of the Authority that had been co-opted to attend the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee meeting. The Chair invited all those present to raise any other business but there were no comments.

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Agenda Item 7**Date of next meeting**

The next Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee meeting is already scheduled for:

- **Thursday 14th November 2019**
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End.