

SCARBOROUGH HARBOUR FISHING TASK GROUP

**NOTES OF A PRIVATE, INFORMAL MEETING WITH FISHING SECTOR – 9
FEBRUARY 2018**

Present:

Members of the Task Group:

Cllr Mark Vesey (Chair)

Cllr David Chance

Cllr Paul Cross

Cllr David Jeffels

Cllr Janet Jefferson

12 Stakeholders from the fishing industry were present.

An open general discussion was had about the facilities and future of the harbour and industry:

- Harbour facilities in a bad state compared to other ports
- No electric forklift truck, lack of cranes, toilets, showers cf. Peterhead
- £180k of harbour reserves spent on public / yacht toilets, yet only one such facility for the fishing sector
- Have to travel to Bridlington to lift boats, twice a year.
- Need flat dry area to paint hull etc. Wasted ground by Pontoon ramp could be used.
- Only two davits and one is sometimes out of order. External hire costs £1000.
- Storage areas at hand are very important for pots and nets, tourists like fishing atmosphere.
- Need auction facility for shellfish, don't want a monopoly by one person.
- Fishing is 52 week a year employment, not seasonal like tourism.
- West Pier needs large HGV access and turning room. Any future development should allow this access to continue.

- What is state of harbour reserve budget?
- What happened to car parking income John Riby and Nick Edwards promised for harbour?
- Lack of faith and trust now in SBC.
- Fishermen need parking for cars when at sea, permits £200, heard that yacht club get theirs for £40
- Another processor would be welcome – prawn and scallops? Currently, the harbour only receives the landing dues for these catches in contrast to lobsters. There are currently four. SBC should actively market the area to the processing industry
- Need a harbour business manager.
- Who monitors scallop landings to see if they pay full dues on all caught?
- Scallops get trucked away for processing and consuming, why not use more here?
- Need to promote Scarborough as 2nd biggest shellfish landing port in UK (USP).
- Many boats landing in Hartlepool incur 2% fees, here it is 3 or 4%. Unfair as crabs don't use facilities.
- 2% discount to scallop boats unfair on other boats and does it make business sense?
- Fuel prices rising and SBC rent for warehouses, pushing industry to its end!
- What jobs in future for youth?
- We should look at how Bridlington run their harbour since the catching sector's perception is that Bridlington Harbour outperforms Scarborough Harbour