

SCARBOROUGH HARBOUR FISHING TASK GROUP
NOTES OF A PRIVATE, INFORMAL MEETING WITH LOCAL TRADERS
– 12 FEBRUARY 2018

Present:

Members of the Task Group:

Cllr Mark Vesey (Chair)

Cllr David Chance

Cllr Paul Cross

Cllr David Jeffels

Cllr Janet Jefferson

Plus 18 members of the public and traders.

Importance of the harbour and future development

- Best free show in town, year round work and jobs.
- Shops and cafes are side attraction to harbour which is the main reason people visit.
- Fishing and harbour supports local people and small businesses.
- Commercial development of West Pier would be an easy option for SBC but would put other traders out of business the other side of the road. Several units already empty and only just enough customers to keep others afloat.
- Car park revenue should support harbour development and repairs.
- Car parking vital in summer and useful in winter to bring people to seafront.
- Traders would lose income if reduced parking available.
- Park and Ride closes too early.
- Need to encourage evening visitors from caravan sites etc.
- Flamingoland on Futurist site may bring in many more visitors by car.
- 80% of visitors return up to four times a year. Had many disruptions with marine drive work and now water quality. Don't want any more discouragement.
- Why not allow campervans to park on pier overnight, best view in town?
- Only five scallop processers in the whole country and the processers own the boats. Very small industry but powerful, multimillion pound businesses.

- Harbour is our heritage, can be enhanced but sympathetically and on a small scale.
- Traditional crab stalls and pots give great atmosphere attracting visitors
- Rents from all harbour businesses should go back into harbour investment.
- Don't want big chains coming in where money goes out of town and they have no commitment or support for events like Seafest.
- Harbour income from fishing and leisure industries for the period 2011-2016 is comparable
- Need more moorings for visiting yachts and facilities which would bring in income.
- Extra capacity by the harbour walls could be assessed for leisure craft but dredging cannot be carried out close to the wall because there is a risk of collapse
- Need sewage pump out facility for boats to improve water quality.
- West Pier space vital for events like Armed Forces Day, Goldwings, Seafest and maybe others in future
- If Bridlington gets a marina we may lose some boats as there will be better facilities there. Therefore we need to upgrade our leisure facilities in order to compete with Bridlington e.g. a boat hoist which could be used by leisure and fishing vessels, and deter boats going to Bridlington and Hull instead
- Against residential or hospitality development on the West Pier – there would be noise nuisance issues which make the hospitality and fishing sectors incompatible
- Possibility of flexible awning over an event space to give more protection from the elements
- Support for small, incremental development which promotes the heritage of the harbour including fishing c.f. Tobermory which has an aquarium showing visitors examples of local catches