

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****1 DECEMBER 1998****ARBROATH HARBOUR**
ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING UPDATE**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This Report gives an update on the activities and operations at Arbroath harbour together with administrative matters, and sets out the proposed Harbour Charges and Dues for 1999 - 2001 as discussed at the Harbour Sub-Committee on 20 November 1998.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee agree to:-

- (i) approve the schedule of proposed Harbour Dues and Charges to be applied in the period 1999/2001;
- (ii) note the ongoing progress with the other items in connection with the Harbour as described in this Report.

2 BACKGROUND

The information contained in this Report was previously discussed by the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 20 November 1998. In particular the Sub-Committee discussed the details of the proposed dues and charges and the amendments proposed at that time have now been incorporated into this Report.

3 DETAILS**(a) Review of Harbour Dues and Charges**

The bi-annual review of dues and charges has been completed after consultation with the harbour users and after discussion within the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 20 November 1998. The proposed fees and charges are attached to this Report as Appendix A.

Charges in general have been increased in line with published inflation figures namely approximately 7 - 8% accumulatively over the past two years.

The only charge significantly above this figure is for water consumption/usage at the slipway (washdown, water blast etc). The harbour will be levied a new NOSWA waste water charge calculated on actual water used, therefore it is deemed necessary to increase the existing charge to meet this additional cost.

(b) Westhaven Memorial

After consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Westhaven Fund, approval was given to proceed with erecting the Memorial close to the harbour office. Members will be aware that the Council donated £2,000 to the cost of the Memorial from the "Common Good Fund".

Whilst "offers of space" were made to the RNLI to include a plaque commemorating the loss of the lifeboat in 1953 no formal advice has been received whether they will take up the offer. It is understood however that some concern was raised by some members of the RNLI Committee that naming members of the lost lifeboat crew may cause some personal grief to surviving family relatives.

Work on the installation of the memorial has now commenced at the Harbour.

(c) VHF

In response to questions raised at the last meeting, it is confirmed that the Harbour Office VHF radio operates a dual watch on channels 11 and 16.

(d) Slipway - Winch Motor

A major breakdown was experienced at the slipway on 26 August 1998 when the electric motor erupted into flames burning out the coil and rotor. Repairs were completed over the weekend and the slipping schedule was not unduly interrupted.

However it should be noted that when the trouble occurred, a vessel was being lowered and there was concern that the lowering operation could not be completed. In the event this did not prove to be the case.

Committee members should be aware that the mechanical component of the slipway is approx 120/140 years old while the electric motor is 65 years - being purchased by Arbroath Town Council in 1933 for driving the pump at the swimming pool. Whilst both have served long and well concern must be registered regarding their future reliability.

(e) Fog Horn

A new fog horn at a cost of £3,350 (plus installation charges) has been procured. The new unit will be installed at the earliest practical opportunity.

This purchase was considered necessary when the existing fog horn (date of manufacture unknown) became inoperative due to a malfunction in the diaphragm unit. Spares for the original horn are no longer available from stock and would require to be custom made at a significant cost and as it has been susceptible to breakdowns on numerous occasions it was decided that a new horn was the most cost effective option whilst ensuring safety of vessels entering the harbour.

(f) Harbour Dredging

The annual dredging was completed on 3 May 1998 with the removal of 15,240 cubic metres of spoil.

This years dredging was the final year of a three year contract with Moray Council. A new contract for a two year period with an option for a further two years will be tendered (through Property Services) early in 1999.

Whilst cost will always be the major concern when awarding the new contract, it is believed that a more proficient operation would be attained using a backhoe dredger. Preference therefore will be given to tenders offering this type of equipment if cost competitive.

(g) Designated Ports

Despite the Convener of the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Sub-Committee and the Director of Roads having written to the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency (SFPA) in May of this year, the Council has recently received correspondence from the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency indicating that the Government's position has not moved on this issue ie Arbroath remains excluded from the list of designated ports. The SFPA letter is annexed to this Report for the information of members of the Committee.

(h) Development Site and Former Birse's Building

The Council has advertised for interest in respect of potential re-development on that area of the harbour occupied by the former Birse's building behind the winchhouse and next to the burn. The advertisement was placed in the Courier on 7 October and applications were to be lodged by 3 November.

The applications are currently being scrutinised by officers of the Council with a view to reporting separately to Roads Committee and Personnel and Property Services Committee at their meetings on 1 December 1998.

(i) **Hatton Waste Water Treatment Works**

The harbourmaster has been consulted with regard to a site investigation to be undertaken for the proposed extension to the existing outfall sewer from Inchcape Treatment Works as part of the above project. This outfall will only function as a storm water overflow in times of peak discharge when the new Works are in operation. Following discussions an investigation is being carried out by NOSWA's Concession Company "Catchment" to adjust the line of the outfall so as to minimise any potential conflict with existing or future harbour developments.

4 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

Dr Bob McLellan
DIRECTOR OF ROADS

NOTE

No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

DG/JSG
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PROPOSED HARBOUR DUES 1999 - 2001

	Item	1998/1999	1999/2001	% Increase	Comments
1	Fishing vessels. Compounded charge	£150	£160	6.5%	Annual
2	Pleasure Craft (for personal use). Compounded charge	£150	£160	6.5%	Annual
3	Vessel employed carrying up to 12 farepaying passengers. Compounded charge	£325	£350	7.5%	Annual
4	Vessel employed carrying over 12 farepaying passengers. Compounded charge.	£600	£640	6.6%	Annual
5	Visiting fishing boats, yachts, pleasure craft etc and all vessels not granted compounded charge.	£7.50 £14.00 £22.00	£8.00 £15.00 £24.00	6.7% 7.1% 9.0%	Up to 24 hours Up to 48 hours Up to 1 week
6	Pleasure craft (for personal use) (subject to space being available within the harbour)	£100	£110	10%	Period 1 May to 31 Oct (Summer berthing only)

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

	Item	1998/1999	1999/2001	% Increase	Comments
1	Fish dues	3p in £	3p in £	-	No change
2	Fish box charges	5p per box	5p per box	-	No change
3	(a) Slipway charges (local vessels) 1st day Thereafter	£40 £30	£55 £30 (per day)	- -	> 7.8% increase calculated on 1 week basis.
	(b) Local vessels under 15 tonnes using upper cradle when lower cradle used by vessel paying charges 3(a) or 4.	£30 £20	£40 £20 (per day)	- -	> 7.6% increase calculated on 1 week basis.
4	Slipway charges (outside vessels) 1st day Thereafter	£50 £40	£70 £40 (per day)	- -	> 8% increase calculated on 1 week basis.
5	Boats fitting out/doing repairs	£20	£22	10%	Per week or part thereof
6	Consumption of water : usage @ slipway - wash down : usage @ slipway - water blast : domestic usage	£15 - 50p/1000 ltr	£20 (per day) £25 (per day) 50p/1000 ltr	25% - -	To cover increasing water and sewage charges. New charge No change
7	Use of power points	£5	£5	-	No change
8	Vessels undergoing repairs/painting on pier, per week or part thereof	-	£10	-	New charge.



ANNEX

SCOTTISH FISHERIES PROTECTION AGENCY

An Executive Agency of the Secretary of State for Scotland

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5 November 1998

Dear Sir/Madam

FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF WHITEFISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS

I am writing to advise you that Ministers have today announced that arrangements for the prior notification of whitefish and shellfish landings by vessels of 20m overall length and above will operate from 5 January 1999. A copy of the statement made to Parliament is attached.

The measures follow closely the proposals set out in our consultative paper of 3 March. The new arrangements require that prior notification must be given for all whitefish and shellfish landings made by vessels of 20m overall length and above except where landings are made into a designated port during specified hours. Where landings are made into designated ports during specified hours the master or his representative will be required to submit a completed logsheet before discharge of catch starts.

Details of the ports and specified landing times are attached. You will note that there have been no changes to the list of designated ports proposed in March, but as a result of comments from the industry, changes have been made to the specified landing times in a number of ports. As Ministers have emphasised, the arrangements will be kept under close review and changes will be considered where this is justified by changing circumstances.

We shall be writing to the owners of vessels of 20m overall length and above later this month to set out the detailed arrangements for the prior notification of catch. In the meantime if you have any questions about this letter please do not hesitate to contact Alistair Stewart (0131 244 6093) or myself (0131 244 3119).

Yours faithfully


DAVID J TERRY

P.E. Du Vivier, Chief Executive

J.B. Roddin, Director of Corporate Strategy & Resources. R.J. Walker, Director of Operations

Capt W. A. Brown, Superintending Captain.

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LIST OF DESIGNATED PORTS

ENGLAND AND WALES

Port	Designated landing times		Designated landing locations (where appropriate)
	From	To	
North Shields	17.00 (1 Oct - 31 Mar) (Mon-Fri) 23.00 (1 Apr - 30 Sep) (Sun-Thu)	23.00 (1 Oct - 31Mar) (Mon - Fri) 07.00 (1 Apr - 30 Sep) (Mon - Fri)	
Scarborough	23.00 (Sun - Thu)	07.00 (Mon - Fri)	West Pier
Humberside (Hull and Grimsby)	23.00 (Sun - Thu)	07.00 (Mon - Fri)	Hull, Albert Dock Grimsby, Fish Dock Market Quay
Lowestoft	23.00 (Sun - Thu)	08.00 (Mon - Fri)	Waveny Dock
Plymouth	08.00 (Mon - Fri)	20.00 (Mon - Fri)	Sutton Harbour, New Fish Market
Brixham	20.00 (Sun - Thu)	04.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Newlyn	05.00 (Mon - Fri) 05.00 Saturday	17.00 (Mon - Fri) 09.00 Saturday	
Milford Haven Dock	08.00 (Mon - Fri)	17.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Fleetwood	22.00 (Sun - Thu)	07.30 (Mon - Fri)	Wyre Fish Dock

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Eyemouth	00.01 Monday	17.00 Friday	
Pittenweem	01.00 Monday	1700 Friday	
Aberdeen	01.00 Monday	09.00 Friday	Palmerston Quay & Commercial Quay
Peterhead	00.01 Monday	09.00 Saturday	Peterhead Harbour excluding Peterhead Bay
Fraserburgh	00.01 Monday	09.00 Saturday	
Buckie	00.01 Monday	08.00 Saturday	
Lerwick	04.00 (Mon - Fri) 14.00 (Mon - Fri)	10.00 (Mon - Fri) 22.00 (Mon - Fri)	All piers, quays and docks within harbour limits excluding those in Dales Voe
Scalloway	04.00 (Mon - Fri) 14.00 (Mon - Fri)	10.00 (Mon - Fri) 22.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Kirkwall	04.00 (Mon - Fri)	16.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Scrabster	07.00 (Mon - Fri)	23.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Kinlochbervie	12.00 (Mon - Thur) 08.00 - Friday	22.00 (Mon - Thur) 16.00 - Friday	The new fishmarket quay lying to the north of the ice factory quay
Lochinver	12.00 (Mon - Fri)	22.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Ullapool	12.00 (Mon - Fri)	22.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Stornoway	12.00 (Mon - Fri)	22.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Portree	12.00 (Mon - Fri)	22.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Mallaig	12.00 (Mon - Fri)	23.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Oban	12.00 (Mon - Fri)	22.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Campbeltown	12.00 (Mon - Fri)	23.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Troon	12.00 (Mon - Fri)	22.00 (Mon - Fri)	

Northern Ireland

Ardglass	09.00 (Mon - Fri)	21.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Kilkeel	06.00 (Mon - Fri)	22.00 (Mon - Fri)	
Portavogie	09.00 (Mon - Fri)	21.00 (Mon - Fri)	