

Kyson Fairway Committee Annual Public Meeting

5th April 2025 - Woodbridge Cruising Club

Present - B.Grundy, M & B.Peak, R.Guthrie, M.Hodd, S.Copsey, P.Masters, H.Ryan, C.Cobb, M.Richardson, M.Lis, T.Grundy, R.Whittle, S.Molynue

6 Members of the public/ Mooring holders

Apologies - J.Masters, J.Symes

Minutes from 2024 APM - No objections

Chairs Report -

In the last 12 months we have had 1x Trustee stand down and another pass away, and introduces S.Copsey (Past Chair) and P.Masters and x2 new Trustee's to the committee.

The two abandoned boats that were spoken about at the previous APM have since been removed and sold for a nominal fee to save the expense of having them disposed of.

Over the winter East Suffolk Council held an open consultation for a company wishing to hire out jet ski's on the Deben as a tour business, this committee wrote a letter not in favour of the licence stating that we did not wish to see this kind of craft become a popular culture on the river, especially on the upper reaches where we hold our lease.

Woodbridge Boatyard are currently going through the application process for a dredge licence to dig they're frontage out and place the spoil on Loder's cut island, the committee wrote a letter in full support of this application.

The committee is still in ongoing progress of working with the River Deben Association to gather the support of other river users, committees and businesses to have the Byelaws changed to recognise the new generation of river users such as the wild swimmers, paddlers and large motor cruisers and speed boats.

The committee agreed over previous meetings to have x2 new buoys in place in our district highlighting 'SLOW - NO WASH' placed at either end of the district in an effort to combat river users speed and wash. The Chair wished to thank Thomas Yeung (DEP Chair) for his time and efforts on behalf of the Fairway Committee to attempt raise funding from Woodbridge Town Council.

Secretary's report

The couple of outstanding renewals for this year are now sorted.

I have had 9 new enquiries and issued 4 new licenses since the last committee meeting in January. Although some of these were enquiries from the previous quarter, we do have 5 enquiries that are still in progress.

There are currently 133 mooring occupied.

There isn't anyone on the waiting list for a mooring.

I have sent Tam the list of 21 empty older unused moorings that need to be removed, these have started and a reminder to the mooring holders in the public gallery that it is in the T&C's that it is the mooring holders responsibility to have the site cleared or pass on the tackle when relinquishing the mooring.

I will be starting to do mooring checks again in May and a reminder to the mooring holders in the public gallery it is they're responsibility for the mooring to have the correct number for the mooring on display as pr the T&C's.

1X Mooring holder asked if there was a database of all the mooring numbers, vessels and owners to which yes there is, each Fairway Committee has a full list of all the mooring holders, the KFC even an electronic file on all the moorings positions in out district thanks to the effort put in by our Secretary.

Another question was as part of the database does each mooring have a maximum draft for the boat on the mooring - the answer being we only allocate as per what has been on the mooring previously and it is the mooring holders responsibility to ensure the mooring site is suitable for the their craft (I.E draft, able to take the ground etc)

Treasurers report

Our Finances are mostly the same as reported in the January meeting however our income is down roughly £1000 from last year - Secretary confirmed that 11 customers had relinquished they're moorings over the renewal period which would account for the downturn in income.

1x Mooring holder asked about the funds being held and its potential use, the Chair answered with contingency for abandoned boats removal, potential legal costs, upkeep of the navigation buoys but there is potential for some of the money to go towards a pontoon for Woodbridge, just awaiting a meeting with Ruth Leech, the RDA, WTC to see the potential of the idea.

A.O.B

Nil bough to the table

Meeting closed at 2005