# Minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 11.30am via Zoom.

- Present: Cllr F Biederman (Chairman), J Bell, L Goodger, S Kingdom, and H Walker Mrs V Woodhouse (Executive Officer) and Mrs J Wood (Administration and Projects Manager) Cllr A Rennles 1 Member of the public
- 2103/32 Apologies None.
- 2103/33 **Declarations of Interest** None received.

## 2103/34 **Public Participation**

A member of the public raised concerns about the level between the BOAT road and the verge which is dangerous for cars.

The Chairman confirmed that he will investigate but did feel that if you build the level up it does encourage cars to leave the road and drive on the verge.

A member of the public conveyed thanks for the works that had been completed to the Quay Wall by the North Devon Council and complemented the Maintenance and Amenities Operative on the work he had undertaken at the Quay and did not feel that a funfair would be conducive to the ethos of the Quay.

# 2103/35 Chairman's Reports

The Chairman raised concerns about the level of visitors to the Quay and the increase that is likely to be experienced once restrictions are lifted and over the summer months. The Chairman suggested that, in conjunction with the Executive Officer, they pursue signage to inform visitors that the BOAT Road is s shared space. Cllr Walker asked if no overnight parking signage could be erected in the large passing bay. It was noted that any signage would require permission from DCC as the Highways Authority and agreed for the signage to be re-visited.

## 2103/36 Minutes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as a correct record.

#### 2103/37 Children's Attractions

Members considered a request for children's attractions on the green area at Fremington Quay aimed at families during the holiday period and after the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. The applicant had explained that the site and footfall, of which they are hoping to utilise, would command two or three children's attractions and maybe a candy floss/sweet stall, any rubbish

from the sale of goods would be disposed of by the operator and therefore would not impact on the area and the applicant did not feel that the food offer would be in competition with the café.

Members did not feel that the proposal was appropriate for the Quay, it is a natural environment and not the right place for children's attractions, it would attract additional visitors to the area and there are already parking issues and it would negatively impact on the residents of the Quay. There were concerns that any sales of food would have an impact on the café and there is a risk that litter will make its way along the Tarka Trail and to other areas. The Committee noted that the area will experience an increase in visitors this year due to the pandemic and for these reasons the Committee did not feel it could support the request. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to refuse the request for children's attractions at Fremington Quay.

Meeting ended at 12pm.

Signed: ..... Dated:.....