

**Minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held
on Thursday, 20th October 2022 in the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington at 11.30am**

Present: Cllrs J Cann and B Sherborne

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Mr J Wilson, Fremington Quay Environment Group

1 member of the public

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Apologies

Cllrs H Walker and S Haywood.

The meeting was inquorate and could not proceed. Those present had an informal discussion the notes of which are attached as Appendix A.

Meeting ended at 11.32am

Signed:  Dated: 30.3.23

Informal Notes of Fremington Quay discussion held on 20th October 2022.

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A member of the public reported that he and another resident had erected a "quiet lane" sign on the BOAT Road, a pedestrian had recently been hit by a wing mirror of a car and knocked over. Recently there had been quite a bit of drug dealing at the Quay which had been reported to the Police, the Police were acting on registration numbers, it was agreed to ask the Wardens to keep an eye out and report as and when witnessed. Some of the reflectors and posts erected along the BOAT Road had been damaged and the resident was looking to replace. The resident would like to see a bird hide erected the waterside of the lane about halfway down the BOAT Road by the outlet on the pill side it was noted that this is likely to cost between £5,000 and £10,000.

Mr Wilson provided an update on the works to the lookout tower it was noted that the Tower has now been redecorated in the railway cream and green colours to match Instow, Bideford and Barnstaple railway signs, the agreement was that the cost would be split 50/50, so the contractor will be asked to raise an invoice to the Parish Council. However, whilst doing the decorating, it was found that all of the windows have rot to some degree, with 4 definitely needing full replacement. To just repair the damage was quoted at £3,150.00, but it was uncertain how long such repair would last. To replace all of the windows with new hardwood versions would be better in the long run but would cost £6,011.00. Those present agreed that replacement would be better long-term. Mr Wilson confirmed that the group would be applying to entrust to cover the costs and it was suggested that applications could be made to District Councillors to contribute towards the cost. The decorating also discovered that the fascia boards, cast iron guttering supports and the gutters themselves were corroded or rotting and needed full replacement. Cost was quoted at £1,525.00, the Executive Officer agreed that to the works and the Committee has a budget to cover the cost, the invoice will be sent to the Parish Council, this support will also aid the application to entrust for the windows.

Mr Wilson reported that work was underway to define the content of the AV Kiosks that the group had planned, in the areas of Pottery, Railways, the Quay, Geology and Fremington. Other topics to be tackled are Flora & Fauna, and Maps. The group is also seeking drone video of key areas.

Redecoration of the cafe seating area will start in week commencing 21-11-22. It is expected to last for 5-6 days, and the cafe will be closed for that period. The sepia pictures will be removed, as it is inconvenient to view them over the heads of people eating. Instead, the wall between the cafe and the Heritage Centre will show a Timeline with three strands

– local, regional, and national. On the opposite side, there will be graphics of superlative quotes like "At its peak, the railway line carried 400 people a day" or "The Quay could accommodate up to 4 vessels at a time, often with a couple of others waiting". In the main Heritage Centre, they are painting over the huge photo of unnamed men. The graphics plaques that are currently on the two tabletops will be removed and put onto the wall in an appropriate sequence.

The first large table will then prominently bear the railway model, along with graphics showing the layout of the Quay/railway/sidings, a map to the line from Barnstaple to Bideford, and artifacts like tickets and timetables. This will leave us with the second table needing a new home. In the space freed up, we will set up the two AV Kiosk screens, and a small seating area suitable for local groups to use. There will also be a projector and screen.

Mr Wilson advised that the group intend to set up a "Friends of Fremington Quay" group. We do not have anybody on site, to tell people about the site and heritage, and it is hoped that we can attract some local residents to take on this role a couple of pre-set days a week. I wrote an article for the "Insight" free-circulation magazine and that has attracted three local people, with a broad range of background and experience, who would be interested in setting this up. The Executive Officer suggested that once constituted the group could apply for a small grant from the Parish Council.

