

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2015

ARBROATH HARBOUR – CHARGING REGIME APRIL 2015 ONWARDS

REPORT BY HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report advises committee of the level of charges which were proposed and discussed at the meeting of the Arbroath Harbour Consultative Committee held on Friday 5 December 2014, and makes recommendations for the introduction of charges leviable at the harbour from April 2015.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the proposed charges which were brought forward to the meeting of the Arbroath Harbour Consultative Committee (AHJCC) held on Friday 5 December 2014; and
- (ii) agrees to the proposed Schedule of Charges as now set out in this report to apply for financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are prosperous and fair.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The charges levied for the services provided by the council at Arbroath harbour in recent years have been reviewed on a biennial basis and endure for a two year period until the next review. Although the charges are determined by the Communities Committee following recommendations by officers, the views of the harbour users are sought through the AHJCC at their winter meeting prior to the spring in which the revised charges are implemented.

3.2 In general the charges are reviewed against the general inflationary increases, a view of the overall market sector which prevails, and any anomalies which may have arisen over time in the charges which are levied.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 Proposed charges for financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17 were brought forward to the AHJCC at their meeting held on 5 December 2014. These proposed charges are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

4.2 The representative of fare paying passenger boat owners observed that he felt that an overall percentage increase was unfair for the owners of larger fare paying passenger vessels as this resulted in larger increases in absolute values for the owners of those larger vessels. A flat rate increase for each boat user was suggested.

4.3 In response, it was made clear that the charges are agreed by the Communities Committee based on the recommendations from officers and the views expressed by the AHJCC. The charge review needs to reflect general inflationary movements in the interim period and the

distribution of the proposed amendments in the charges is considered fair and reasonable overall.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Notwithstanding the views expressed at the AHJCC meeting of 5 December 2014 by user representatives it is recommended that the schedules of charges be confirmed as attached in Appendix 1 to this report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Setting the charges at the levels proposed for 2015/16 and 2016/17 based on the same usage as in preceding years would result in an increased annual income to the council through the Roads & Transport business unit revenue account of circa £6,000.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

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

Appendix 1

ARBROATH HARBOUR

Biennial Review of Charges April 2015 to March 2017

Proposed charges in 2015/16 and 2016/17 against present charges in 2014/15

Schedule A - Charges for Compound Berthing

	Schedule A Charges for Compounded Berthing	Present charge £	Proposed Charge from Apr 2015 £	Proposed Charge from Apr 2016 £	Increase in first year %	Increase in second year %	Increase From 2014/15 to 2016/17 £
1	Fishing Boats						
	Increase charge from £229 to £239 per annum or part thereof	229.00	234.00	239.00	2.18%	2.14%	10.00
2	Pleasure Craft (for personal use)						
	Increase charge from £258 to £268 per annum or part thereof	258.00	263.00	268.00	1.94%	1.90%	10.00
3	Craft employed carrying up to 12 fare paying passengers						
	Increase charge from £493 to £513 per annum or part thereof	493.00	503.00	513.00	2.03%	1.99%	20.00
4	Craft employed carrying over 12 fare paying passengers						
	Increase charge from £740 to £770 per annum or part thereof	740.00	755.00	770.00	2.03%	1.99%	30.00
5	Visiting fishing boats yachts pleasure craft and all other vessels not granted compounded berths						
	Increase charge for up to 24 hrs from £14.50 to £15.50	14.50	15.00	15.50	3.44%	3.33%	1.00
	Increase charge for up to 48 hrs from £27.50 to £28.50	27.50	28.00	28.50	1.82%	1.79%	1.00
	Increase charge for up to 1 week from £44.00 to £46.00	44.00	45.00	46.00	2.27%	2.22%	2.00
6	Pleasure craft for personal use summer berthing only						
	Increase charge from £192 to £200	192.00	196.00	200.00	2.08%	2.04%	10.00

Schedule B - Sundry Charges for Services

	Schedule B Charges for Services	Present charge £	Proposed Charge from Apr 2015 £	Proposed Charge from Apr 2016 £	Increase in first year %	Increase in second year %	Increase From 2014/15 to 2016/17 £
1	Fish landing dues						
	Maintain the percentage of value of landed catch at 2.8%	2.80%	2.8%	2.8%	0%	0%	0%
2	Slipway Charge						
	Revise charges as follows:						
	Vessels less than 12m						
	First day from £122 to £128 per day	122.00	125.00	128.00	2.46%	2.40%	6.00
	Thereafter from £67 to £70 per day or part thereof	67.00	68.50	70.00	2.24%	2.19%	3.00
	Vessels more than 12m and under 18m						
	First day from £135 to £141 per day	135.00	138.00	141.00	2.22%	2.17%	6.00
	Thereafter from £73 to £76 per day or part thereof	73.00	74.50	76.00	2.05%	2.01%	3.00
	Vessels 18m and over						
	First day from £139 to £145 per day	139.00	142.00	145.00	2.16%	2.11%	6.00
	Thereafter from £78 to £81 per day or part thereof	78.00	79.50	81.00	1.92%	1.89%	3.00
3	Boat Hoist Charges						
	Lift out & set on blocks/stands (£ per lin. M)	15.00	15.00	To be revised in December 2015			
	Lift and return to water (£ per lin. m)	15.00	15.00	To be revised in December 2015			
	Lift out, hold & return to water (max. 2 hours) (£ per lin. m)	20.00	20.00	To be revised in December 2015			
	Boat shored on blocks/stands (£ per day)	20.00	20.00	To be revised in December 2015			
4	Boats fitting out doing repairs or tying up						
	Increase charge from £63 to £66 per week or part thereof	63.00	64.50	66.00	2.38%	2.33%	3.00
5	Wash Down Facilities						
	Vessels less than 12m Set charge for wash down at slipway to £51 rising to £53	51.00	52.00	53.00	1.96%	1.92%	2.00
	Vessels more than 12m and under 18m Set charge for wash down at slipway to £61 rising to £63	61.00	62.00	63.00	1.64%	1.61%	2.00
	Vessels 18m or over Increase charge for wash down at slipway from £71 to £73	71.00	72.00	73.00	1.41%	1.39%	2.00
6	Power Points in Fish market						
	Increase charge from £15 to £16 per day or part thereof including weekends	15.00	15.50	16.00	3.33%	3.23%	1.00

Schedule C - Sundry Charges for Pontoon Berths

	Schedule C Sundry Charges for Pontoon Berths	Present charge £	Proposed Charge from Apr 2015 £	Proposed Charge from Apr 2016 £	Increase in first year %	Increase in second year %	Increase From 2014/15 to 2016/17 £
1	Annually From 1st April to 31st March						
	Increase charge from £105.00 to £109.00 per metre excl. VAT	105.00	107.00	109.00	1.90%	1.87%	4.00
2	Summer Season From 1st April to 30th September						
	All Season						
	Increase charge from £85.00 to £89.00 per metre excl. VAT	85.00	87.00	89.00	2.35%	2.30%	4.00
	Monthly						
	Increase charge from £26.50 to £27.50 per metre excl. VAT	26.50	27.00	27.50	1.89%	1.85%	1.00
	Weekly						
	Increase charge from £11.00 to £12.00 per metre excl. VAT	11.00	11.50	12.00	4.55%	4.35%	1.00
	Daily (any length)						
	Increase charge from £22.00 to £24.00 per day incl. VAT; no free utilities	22.00	23.00	24.00	4.55%	4.35%	2.00
3	Winter Season From 1st October to 31st March						
	All Season						
	Increase charge from £42.00 to £44.00 per metre excl. VAT	42.00	43.00	44.00	2.38%	2.32%	2.00
	Monthly						
	Increase charge from £13.00 to £14.00 per metre excl. VAT	13.00	13.50	14.00	3.85%	3.70%	1.00
	Weekly						
	Increase charge from £6.50 to £7.00 per metre excl. VAT	6.50	6.75	7.00	3.85%	3.70%	0.50
	Daily (any length)						
	Increase charge from £20.00 to £22.00 per day incl. VAT; no free utilities	20.00	21.00	22.00	5.00%	4.76%	2.00