

To receive a report on the Pontoon and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Report to:

Services Committee

Date of Report:

25.04.26

Officer Writing the Report:

Town Clerk

Pursuant Minute:

Service Committee held on 9 October 2025 / minute 58/25/26

Officer's Recommendations

Members are asked to:

1. Note the completion of the pontoon survey.
2. Delegate authority to the Town Clerk to work with Primrose Marine to implement a weekly programme of visual inspections.
3. Delegate authority to the Town Clerk to appoint Primrose Marine to provide:
 - a report detailing the scope and costs of an annual mini-maintenance programme; and
 - indicative longer-term maintenance requirements and associated costs, to enable the Town Council to plan and budget accordingly, and to ensure the pontoon remains safe and complies with insurance requirements.

Report Summary

Remedial work to the pontoon has been carried out successfully by Voyage Boat Yard. Myself and the Chairman of Services met with Voyage and Primrose Marine in March whilst the assessment took place by Primrose Marine to understand the quality and completion of the works undertaken.

Following the site meeting, Primrose provided the following review:

The repair works undertaken on the Jubilee pontoon main walkway have successfully restored the structure to a safe and functional state.

The three-section articulated system is now operating as intended, providing reliable access between the shoreline and pontoon.

Continued maintenance will be essential to preserve these improvements and ensure long-term performance in the location in the marine environment, we would suggest that a weekly visual inspection is carried out to the various articulations of the walkway and pontoons, especially after any adverse weather, I'm happy to help with some guidelines around this, an annual mini maintenance period and in the longer term it would be a good idea to start thinking about a planned overhaul of the walkways, being removed from site, areas below the deck boards removed and replaced (consider these in stainless steel ?) and everything else grit blasted and hot zinc sprayed, epoxy coated and then finished in a durable polyurethane top coat, this will greatly extend the working life of the structure, this will come as a significant investment however the alternative would be far more costly.

Full report to follow.

Budgets

Budget Codes:

6522 Pontoon (Maintenance Cost)

Budget Availability:

£3,207

Budget Codes:

6584 EMF Pontoon Maintenance Costs

Budget Availability:

£9,960

Signature of Officer:

Town Clerk