



**Notes of the Annual Public Meeting of Great Yarmouth Port Authority
Held on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 2.00pm at Vanguard House,
South Beach Parade, Great Yarmouth, NR30 3GY**

Present:

GYPA Board	Guests
R Goffin - Peel Ports GY Port Director	L Pierce - Goodchild Marine
S.Lumber - Peel Ports-Head of Marine	J Rix - Prior Power Solutions
	S Pimlott - Prior Power Solutions
	R Card - RYA
	B Wilkins - NSBA
	P.Lines
	C.Lines

Apologies

A.Gale - GYPA Board Member	
K Skipper - Equinor	
S Goodchild - Goodchild Marine	
T Warnes - Greyfriars Project Management	
R. Gourlay - Equinor	
S. Turner - ASCO	
C.Balls - NSBA	

1.Welcome and introductions

Alastair MacFarlane, Chairman of GYPA welcomed everybody to Vanguard House for this the 2025 Annual Meeting. He introduced the GYPA Board Members present including the new Group Harbour Master Captain Cloggie-Holden, and 2 of the 3 new Board Members, Andrew Garner and Richard Musgrove. Apologies had been received from the third, Alistair Gale.

2.GYPA Report 2024/25

A MacFarlane (AM) then explained the role of the GYPA and its statutory duties and summarised the events of the last year.

3.Peel Ports- GY Outlook

Richard Goffin (RG), Port Director, Peel Ports-GY reported that total cargo volumes had increased by 23% over the previous year largely due to aggregate imports for large capital projects such as windfarms, roads and Sizewell C. Vessel activity increased by 9 % due mainly to work boat activity. Offshore oil and gas movements were 19% below previous levels.

Newsworthy events in the year included the safe handling of the cargo ship MV Ruby and the decision by Scottish Power Renewables to use Great Yarmouth for their EA 2 windfarm development.

Looking forward it is hoped that RWE will take an interest in the Operations and Maintenance Campus for their Vanguard windfarm and Peel Ports have announced that it plans to complete the Southern Terminal at Great Yarmouth.

4.GY Operations and Maintenance Campus Up-date

Greyfriars Project Management provided an up-date on the progress with the O and M campus which the Chairman (AM) presented.

In summary:

The storage area was handed over in April to Peel Ports.

Bird and marine surveys have continued as required.

The linkspans have arrived from Holland and installation has begun.

Fender backplate installation has also begun.

The site will be demobilised in March 2026.

Regular contact with the MMO, the Environment Agency and Peel Ports-GY has been maintained.

Looking forward the fender backplates will be installed, pontoon performance will be monitored over winter and Berth 1 will be dredged.

Completion of this phase March 2026.

5.Questions and Closing remarks

The Chairman (AM) opened up the meeting for any questions.

Q1 What do you do with the dredge spoil?

RG stated that more dredging will be required and that this is the Borough Council's responsibility.

Q2 What do GYPA and GY Port Company do?

AM stated that GYPC is the owner of the port business and acts as the agent for the Port Authority in its capacity as the statutory harbour authority (SHA). GYPA is a Trust Port.

Q3 Who sets the charges?

AM The GYPC proposes the charges annually and they are submitted with supporting information to the GYPA Board for approval.

Q4 Is there a Harbour Revision Order planned?

AM All ports review the laws that they operate under from time to time. To change them would require an HRO.

Q5 What has happened with the Haven Bridge since the last meeting?

AM The lift charge was not introduced and the transit charge was retained.

Norfolk CC own the bridge and Peel Ports-GY operate it.

RG The recent repairs to the bridge were electrical and hydraulic, not structural. In the last year there have been 83 bookings for bridge openings and 17 failures to open. This was reported back to Norfolk CC.

RG One fundamental concern is safety of staff and sometimes pedestrians interfere with the barriers.

A 20% failure rate was unacceptable to Broads boat users.

RG Happy to support lobbying/meetings.

Q6 Have Norfolk CC always owned the bridge?

RG No the bridge was transferred in 2012 from GYPA.

Prior used to service the bridge.

Preventative maintenance is the key. The GYPA Board appreciates that NCC has limited resources generated from ratepayers.

Q7 Visitors from overseas can view Great Yarmouth negatively?

AM Great Yarmouth is a working river port.

Q8.Would a pontoon by the Town Hall improve matters?

RG This quay is Borough Council controlled.

Q9 From a leisure perspective how can you justify a transit charge and a berthing charge?

RG A conservancy charge is raised to recover river operational costs.

Q10 Who do you consult on charges?

Charges are proposed by GYPC after benchmarking and taking costs into account. They are then approved or otherwise by GYPA annually. There are also stakeholder meetings.

Q11 Resident small craft status definition?

RG .As per licence application form and latest Port Dues and Charges.

Q12 Who maintains the Ferry Steps?

AM Don't know. They are not on GYPA land. They do not appear to be designated an NCC right of way.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending the Annual Meeting and the meeting closed at 3.30pm.

A.MacFarlane
Chairman

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