

**Emergency Notice of Motion
Full Council 30 June 2021**

Findochty Harbour

This motion is put forward as an emergency motion to recognise the feelings of the community in Findochty and to provide certainty on the financial element of the following to them.

As local members for the Buckie ward we have been in communication with boat users in Findochty harbour. As council will know permission was given to replace the pontoons in this years capital program, an agreement worth nearly half a million pounds

Sadly the effects of the COVID pandemic and the complexity in the Marine Scotland license application amongst other issues has led to significant delays with the original plan. It is unlikely we will now see them installed until after most boat users will have removed their boats for the winter.

A previous full council agreed to charge pro-rata fees once the pontoons are installed. Currently officers are expecting that to be September 2021.

Recognising the delays as well as the fact the previous pontoons were broken last year we do not feel it is fair to charge users a pro-rata harbour fee when they will not get summer use of the pontoons.

We ask that Council approve –

- That all harbour fees for users affected by the pontoon replacement programme be waived for the 21/22 financial year.

Council officers advise that the financial impact of this decision would be approximately £17,000. This is on the basis that the council, in setting its charges for 21-22, had already agreed to charge pontoon users pro-rata for the financial year 21-22 based on the date that vessels were able to use the new pontoons. This date is estimated to be September 2021, subject to licence approvals.

Signed

Cllr Sonya Warren

Cllr Tim Eagle

Cllr Gordon Cowie