MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 April 2019 COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present:

J Addison

Chairman

J Thomas

Harbour Master

A Scott A Thomas N Taylor

4027 Apologies

F Brown, I Finch, P Hatswell, D Nicholson

4028 Minutes of Meetings held on 6th March 2019

It was agreed these were a true record. Proposed: N Taylor; Seconded: A Thomas

Matters arising from those minutes

Nil

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4030 HM Report

Shipping

4 x Ships: 2 x Scrap,1 x Cement,1 x Aggregate

Ferries

Ongoing - started last weekend

Charter trips - start Sunday 7 April, still taking bookings

Marketing

1322 likes Foot Ferry Facebook (145 since March), 1438 Likes Harbour

Facebook (73 since March).

Ferry Leaflets out x 5000 deposited around new caravan sites.

New destination 'Mersea Barns' - East Mersea Farm cafe

Coastal Guide, interview with Harbour Master

Site Marketing packs out on 21/03/19 to all local Holiday camps

Radio Essex HM interview

Port Marine Safety Code

Oil Spill response Training 20March with report to follow.

Staff Seasonal Training 23March

Dredging

East Basin Dredging continues until May.

Bathymetric survey to be conducted on Folly and North channel.

Maintenance

CVPbuoy in place.

Mooring Buoys: 20 left to service, including chain shortening.

Ferries: coding and service completed. Taxi: coding and service completed.

Commercial

Port of London Authority- continue to use Harbour as their base.

Byelaws New leaflet in process.

Police proforma is being produced to report speeding in the river.

Speed awareness course is being devised to deal with first time offenders.

Colchester Borough Council

Looking at funds for River Patrol during peak points of season

Stakeholders' meetings

A synopsis of the evenings' discussions was presented.

4031 Land Acquisition

The HM discussed the possibility of purchasing additional Land for the Harbour if an opportunity arose. The members were in favour of the idea. Any such opportunity would be decided on its merits, following appropriate investigations.

4032 Commissioners' Training Day

The Chairman asked the members to commit to a day in May when they would be able to take part in some training and strategic discussions The Chairman will canvass the Commissioners not present about their availability on either 22 or 24 May.

4035 Matters raised by Members

The HM thanked Commissioners for their clear guidance and decision

making over the past month.

Next Meeting Meeting closed Wednesday, 1st May 2019 at 1830hrs.

19.55hrs

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