

# BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 11 March 2019

Present:

D Potter	Orsted	Chairman
J Thomas	BHC	Harbour Master
G Constable	Waterside Boatyard	
P Hickman	Hickmans	
O Evans	BHC	
G Miller	Morgan Marine	
M Allen	Pioneer Trust	
R Morgan	Morgan Marine	
S Haigh	Coach house	
C French	CYC	
R Marks	Pioneer Trust	
S Haigh	Coach House	
C French	French Marine	
R Haward	Oyster Fishery	
B Haward	Oyster Fishery	
B Hetherington	WSC	
J Pitt	Landowner	
C Olaoi	IFCA	
A Harman	St Osyth Boatyard	
J Harman	St Osyth Boatyard	
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A Goggin	Essex CC	
M Morris	Rowing Club	
A Tage	Olivers Wharf	
J Cooper	Pioneer Trust	
In attendance:		
N Taylor	Commissioners	
P Hatswell	Commissioners	
W Coulet	Exo Environmental	

**185** Introduction & Apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed members to the group, which includes a number of new members ensuring that all stakeholders are represented. Apologies were received from:

G Dowd Purelake

**186** Minutes of the Meeting of 15 Oct 2018.

Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

**187** Matters Arising from the Minutes

Items raised at the last meeting would be covered later in the meeting.

**188** USAR

William Coulet briefed those in attendance about depths in Fieldgate Dock following a Drone survey in Feb 19. It appeared that a small increase in accretion had occurred towards the west with a reduction in sedimentation in the east. This variability is consistent with seasonal variation often experienced within our environment.

## 189 Harbour News

HM introduced Owen Evans the new Deputy Harbour Master  
**Shipping** - 18 Ships on Wharf since 1/4/18.

**Commercial Activity** - Bradwell working with PLA and Red 7.

### **Maintenance**

- Cindery Piles.
- Power washing of all pontoons complete.
- Ladder additions and replacements ongoing.
- Town Jetty repairs, refurbishments.
- Boat Park clear up.
- Ferries, Taxi, launches ongoing.
- Welfare room upgraded.
- Moorings re-set.
- Hythe Clearance another 8 trolleys.
- Oil spill response Exercise.

### **Marina**

- Dredging continues until May D pontoon and fairways to do.
  - Sloping pontoon now level.
  - Basin Lights now in West Basin.
  - WIFI still in cabin we will persevere but once construction finished will be fine.
  - Showers and toilets complete by May.
- Code has now Changed East Basin

### **Dredging**

- Fuel berth.
- Main Channel.
- Minters Hard and Town Jetty.
- Cindery/ St Osyth/ Turning Circle.
- Creek Mouth.
- There is still more to do and we will, little and often.

### **Preparing for the season**

- Supermarkets, Leaflets x 5000.
- Things to do in Essex x 100000 reach.
- Visitors Guide sent out to Harbours and Marinas.
- Social Media - 1.3k and 1.4k on both Facebook sites
- Colne connection Charters start 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 19.
  - Wivenhoe Black Buoy
  - Nature/ Bird watching
  - Coastal Walks
  - Harbour Tours
- Colne connection Scheduled, timetable out.
- Taxi phone redirect from Office out of hrs.
- Numbering of Buoys, coloured markers on pontoons, name plates.

### **Respect the River**

• *In response to last stakeholders meeting Liaise with others to ensure appropriate monitoring in the Harbour and River is maintained and enhanced.*

In association with CBC, Wivenhoe TC, Colne watch, naturalists, bird watchers, Rowhedge TC and Marine Police.

- Will reproduce speed leaflets.
- Look at ways of signposting speed limits.
- Continue prosecuting.
- Run Days of Action x 4 May Jun Jul Aug.
- RHIB patrol.
- In talks about reinstating River Patrol

### **Safety**

HM spoke on Stakeholders responsibility to act in a safe manner, video of canoeist shown crossing the Bow of a ship leaving Brightlingsea and reported on this day someone had fallen in and was not wearing a lifejacket.

### **190 Other stakeholder News**

Gerry Dowd from Purelake had asked the HM to state to those assembled that The Toilets and showers, Building works and passage through Fieldgate dock would be complete by Easter.

Graham Miller from Morgan Marine spoke about his acquisition of Morgan Marine and his plans to develop the business to include Morgan Marine Applied Science. He answered questions from those assembled on future plans particularly on his marina development, stating there would be more consultation and better drawn plans. There were concerns raised by P Hickman, R Marks and A Harman that development below the Low water mark my impede vessel movements, A Tague believed there may be issues relating to a ships bow thruster in close proximity of the marina, however all were welcoming of the new design and manufacturing facility proposed. J Pitt made it clear that Oyster layings should not be compromised and the Harbour Commissioners has a responsibility to ensure that.

A Tague suggested there may be more cargos at the Wharf in the future.

B Hetherington suggested that he had received some grant funding for the Nottage to deliver some courses on river use not necessarily for mariners.

### **191 Matters raised by members**

A Goggin made all aware that there is grant provision from Essex county council for small and medium businesses who develop innovative environmental products. Contact him for further information.

P Hickman was concerned for the 8<sup>th</sup> year that the number of moorings in the South Channel made it very difficult to tow vessels, the HM said he would invite him to visit the area in a launch and investigate.

R Morgan asked about charging on the Hard and Jetty, HM explained that BHC had been directed not to charge by the town council, however it was a subject that would need revisiting as someone has to pay for the maintenance.

**192** Meeting closed 19.45hrs

**193** Date of next Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> Oct 19

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