

BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY GROUP HELD ON 12 March 2019

Present:

A Davies
J Thomas
M Morris
A Gibbons
A Goggin
D Hykel
J Addison
A Scott
F Brown
P Hatswell
N Taylor
C Spikesley
A Conroy
A Espin
J Robinson
R Vincent
B Williams
R Tabor
A Thomas
P Coupland
J Gibbons
M O'Connor
K Gould
P Hazelton

A Davies
J Thomas
Rowing Club
CYC
BWSC
Pilots

Chairman
Harbour Master

UCSC

In attendance:

W Coulet
O Evans
G Miller
Exo Environmental
Deputy Harbour Master
Morgan Marine

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
B Percival
B Hetherington
Purelake

186 Minutes of the Meeting of 16 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.

A Conroy mentioned that the Port marker appeared to be in the channel, HM stated he would look in to it.

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 30th 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 was concern raised by A Conroy that development below the Low water mark my impede vessel movements, J Addison was interested in how quickly the marina plans may be put into action, G Miller answered that he wanted to get to the planning stage by the end of this year, however all were welcoming of the new design and manufacturing facility proposed.

P Hatswell asked if a historical record of developments might be kept by Morgan Marine as it changes as it would make for a very interesting document. G Miller enchanted by the idea said he would look into it.

191 Matters raised by members

A Conroy congratulated the Harbour on the latest visitor guide, the HM re directed praise to P Hatswell and the Office staff for the publication, he also asked those present if they had any interesting stories or anecdotes that they may like to see in the guide to send them in.

192 Meeting closed 19.35hrs

193 Date of next Meeting

15th Oct 19