

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 Aug 2019
COMMENCING AT 1830hrs**

Present: A Scott Deputy Chairman
O Evans Deputy Harbour Master
D Nicholson
P Hatswell
I Finch
A Thomas
W Coulet Exo Environmental

In Attendance

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Apologies

J Thomas, F Brown, J Addison

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Minutes of Meetings held on 3 Jul 2019

It was agreed these were a true record.

Proposed: D Nicholson Seconded: I Finch

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Ferry Landing Presentation

W Coulet gave a presentation on the Ferry Landing Stage, discussions on the location, who should build it and how much it would cost. It was decided a working group be set up to answer these questions and other concerns. Action: AS to agree working group with HM.

Members also asked questions on the detail; DDA compliance and manoeuvring the ferry onto the pontoon. O Evans suggested that manoeuvring the ferry is an operational matter, however a plastic pontoon will be positioned in its likely location (and other suggested locations) so members would be able to visualise it. DHM to arrange this test. W Coulet then left the meeting.

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Matters arising from those minutes

N/A

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HM Report

Marketing

1684 likes Foot Ferry FB (119 since Jul), 1668 Likes Harbour FB (117 since Jul).

Ferries

Last minute evening Charter was run for dinner at Wivenhoe, fully subscribed opening possibilities of an extended charter programme.

PMSC

Phone and Tablet in operation.

Loan worker system is now in operation and was demonstrated to the commissioners. Concerns of staff privacy were allayed, tracking staff during working hours is lawful and necessary to manage lone working.

Members made a number of comments regarding safety on the wharf, Deputy HM will ensure this has been followed up.

Showers and toilets

Updated pictures of the new facility in the marina were shown

Speeding in the River

Day of Action Regatta Weekend.

River patrols on going (17 so far).

Many obvious examples of compliance.

Shipping

6 x Ships; 1 x Cement, 4 x Woodchip, 2 x Stone

An annual summary detailing the ships was displayed:

14 x Scrap to Portugal, Lithuania, Latvia, Spain.

11 x Bagged Cement from Portugal

14 x Aggregate from London/Cornwall

1 x Slag from Holland

7 x Recycled Wood chip to Middlesbrough

Bibby Hydrographic continuing with their survey in the Blackwater, operating from the Harbour

47 Ships in total
The same period last year 28 Ships

Dredging

East Basin Dredging Continues. O Evans Commented on the success of dredging C pontoon.

Maintenance

Dracula shafts and hull remediated & full Dracula survey (Passed)

Marina electrical certificate issued.

New life saving buoy pedestals installation started in marina.

PAT Testing ongoing.

Fuel gun replaced

Criminal activity

2 X Counterfeit £20 notes passed through Harbour. Police, Harbour staff and local business have been made aware.

Visitors

A visual representation of visitor numbers was displayed concluding that the figures were similar to last year, though the weather had been somewhat worse.

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Matters raised by Members

F. Brown had seen comments that the harbour live wind readings tend to "under read" compared to actual conditions outside the harbour. The DHM commented that the instrument location on the end of the pontoon means that it reflects the conditions in the harbour, rather than the River Colne or Blackwater. Conditions outside the shelter of the harbour are likely to be different: prudent skippers will allow for this when planning their activities. F Brown had also been approached regarding night navigation into the creek; leading lights and visibility of lights on navigation aids within the harbour.

The DHM responded that the main channel is dredged to 1m below CD, confirmed by bathymetric survey Feb 19. The DHM and Pilots are happy that the leading lights are set correctly. Trinity House set the brightness of navigational lights and BHC complies with this. The DHM reported that Trinity House had recently inspected and had been very happy with our navigation aids (even with the light pollution), including viewing the lights at night. The DHM commented that background light pollution happens in many harbours and is part of modern life for seafarers.

Commissioners are requested to direct stakeholders to the Harbour office rather than act as intermediaries.

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closed

Wednesday, 4th Sep 2019 at 1830hrs.

2115 hrs



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