

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 Sep 2019
COMMENCING AT 1830hrs**

Present: J Addison Chairman
J Thomas Harbour Master
D Nicholson
P Hatswell
I Finch
A Thomas
N Taylor
F Brown
Cllr J Carr BTC Town Hard Liaison

In Attendance

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Apologies

A Scott

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Minutes of Meetings held on 7 Aug 2019

It was agreed these were a true record.

Proposed: D Nicholson Seconded: A Thomas

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BTC Liaison

Cllr J Carr gave a presentation on a draft Heritage Pier for the Commissioners to comment and report back. It was hoped that Commissioners would undertake the maintenance component of the structure and manage the asset in the same way they do the other assets owned by BTC. The Chairman was keen to point out that the commissioners would be pleased to, provided an updated licence was in place. Cllr Carr also emphasised that the BTC wished to reinvigorate its relationship with the Commissioners and he had arranged another visit enabling Councillors to see the Harbour in more detail.

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Matters arising from those minutes

D Nicholson asked if at the next meeting Commissioners could discuss Pilotage operations, Pilots and ship turning. The Chairman agreed this would be an agenda item and directed the HM to provide documentation for the Commissioners to enable them to prepare.

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HM Report

Shipping

5 x Ships; 1 x Cement, 2 x Woodchip, 2 x Scrap

Marketing

1801 likes Foot Ferry Facebook (117 since Aug), 1791 Likes Harbour Facebook (123 since Aug).

ITV News clip, showcased Brightlingsea on coastal erosion.

USAR Meeting 19th Sep 2019,

Ferries

Orchards meeting took place on Point Clear with Borne Leisure who were in favour of a ferry landing stage, the HM indicated that a contribution from them would be very much appreciated.

PMSC

Designated Person (DP) inspection by our qualified DP internal auditor takes place next month.

All life rings have been attached to pedestals.

MCA recently undertook their 3 year visit; they were happy and have nothing further to report.

Byelaw Enforcement

River patrols continuing (22 so far) at the moment funded entirely by Commissioners, although assurance has been given of a contribution from Colchester Borough Council (CBC).

Many obvious examples of compliance have been noted.

Some violators rebuked - Jetski, Foilers and Yachtsman.

Dredging

Marina East Basin Dredging Continues, with more substantial dredging planned during the winter. There is the possibility of dredging Morgan Marine provided EU funding is made available.

Maintenance

Dracula gearbox replaced.

Jetty cross member parted recently.

Scheduled Office front door and rear workshop repair

The Colne Worker (Chain Barge) back in action after complete refurbishment.

Orsted

Recent meeting - content with our service provision.

Discussion on Launch Maintenance developed.

Gunfleet is credited as the most efficient wind farm.

Commercial

CWind VIP visitors.

Air show Operators are making use of the Harbour to deliver viewers to a suitable vantage point.

CBC

Notes from a meeting with HM to Cabinet who will take forward and report back, A new impetus for improving the River Colne had been observed.

Training

VHF course: two members of the administration staff completed successfully last weekend.

Local schoolboy volunteered for work experience, BHC will support his completion of Level 2 RYA

Another member of casual staff will be supported to complete his Commercial endorsement.

Visitors

An update on the latest figures was delivered noting a gradual increase in numbers over the last 3 years.

4073 1 Yr and 3 Yr Objectives

The Chairman wished to clarify that Commissioners should consider the objectives as priorities for the HM to progress.. They do not require business plans or detailed programmes at this stage. These will be produced when decisions to allocate significant financial and/or human resources are required.

4074 Commissioners Role

The Chairman made it clear to Commissioners that conflicts of interest must always be declared when a Commissioner is engaged in activities involving the harbour.

4075 Matters raised by Members

N Taylor suggested that a review should be conducted on the current local Byelaws, the Chairman agreed and stated he would do that.

F Brown suggested that a Ferry sign is erected at the corner of the Dinghy park fence outside the sailing club to direct customers to the Ferry, P

Hatswell advised that the BTC was taking this up in their plans, HM would follow with interest.

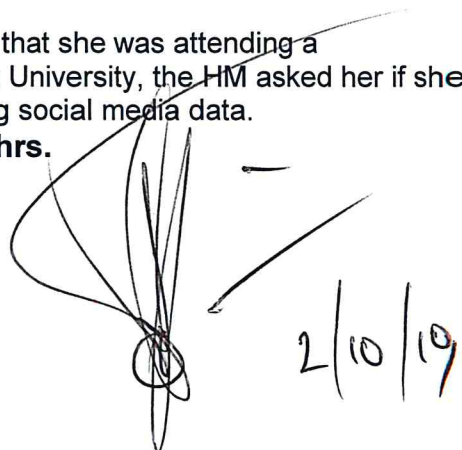
A Thomas asked if the Harbour had any access to the Purelake development for vehicles using the Bollards, it seemed there were signs up that suggested it was possible to take a vehicle there provided hazard lights were left on. The HM was unaware of this scheme. However, he was clear that he had no special access, had no key and following conversations with the Project and Site manager it was not likely that he would get one.

P Hatswell advised those in attendance that she was attending a presentation on data gathering at Essex University, the HM asked her if she may ask a question regarding harvesting social media data.

Wednesday, 2nd Oct 2019 at 1830hrs.

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