

BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 16 March 2020

Present:

D Potter	Orsted	Chairman
J Thomas	BHC	Harbour Master
B Haward	Oyster Fishery	
O Evans	BHC	
A Scott	BHC	
N Taylor	BHC	
A Hollis	Oyster Fishery	
M Morris	UCSC	
R Vincent	UCSC	
C Watkins	Sail Trg	
In attendance:		
W Coulet	Exo Environmental	
I Reader	Exo Environmental	

210 Introduction & Apologies for absence

The HM 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

211 Minutes of the Meeting of 14 Oct 2019.

Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting

212 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

213 USAR

William Coulet gave an update on the USAR dredging project, the depth level reduction in Fieldgate dock, the international award winning work that had occurred on the saltmarsh.

214 Harbour News

The HM reported on the following;

Shipping - 17 Ships on Wharf since 14/10/2019.

Commercial Activity - Survey vessels

Windfarm work ending

Out of season storage

Maintenance

- Pressure washing
- New engines on Ferry and Controls
- CCTV Revamp
- Taxi Refit including covers
- Trinity house desktop excellent report.
- Planking.
- Pile Blackening.
- Concrete pan in wreck house.

- PPE servicing
- Flares replaced
- Fire Extinguishers
- Dracula Compass Swung
- Boat Park Clearance
- Inner bench Head serviced
- Mooring chain remediation.
- Town Jetty refurbishment
- Hard Hut step.
- SMS inspection.
- Fuel berth Maintenance

Maintenance to do

- Boat Park upgrade.
- Office Entrance.
- Workshop rear.
- Office outside painting.
- Some other moorings.
- 2nd Ferry in.
- Colne Guardian anti-foul.
- Town Jetty.

Marina

- Dredging continues.
- Enhanced dredging scheduled for the Winter.
- Toilets and showers - coding system.
- Wi-Fi Enhancement

Dredging

- Hampered by weather, Maintenance Dredging will continue.
- Folly small dredge completed.
- Dredged between pontoons.

The season

- Starts 4th April
- Beach clean - 09.00 -10.30 Sunday 29th
- Ferry - Colne Connection- Prices Frozen once more.
- Taxi - Prices frozen once more.
- Charter -
- Wivenhoe trip -
- Regatta 4-5 July -

Respect the River

- Patrols once again conducted up River and locally.
- CBC looking to improve the River.
- Days of Action once again.

Safety

- Letting people know you are afloat.
- Wear a Lifejacket.
- Have a radio.
- Don't leave a lifejacket in the tender. C Watkins asked where people could leave life jackets, HM Replied in the lockers in the toilets.
- Have a torch at night.

Crabbing

- Aim for a no plastic zone.
- Big plastic bin.
- Replacing line.
- Tin buckets.

The Future

One-year objectives:

- To finalise with Brightlingsea Town Council an updated Licence/Lease agreement regarding managing and maintaining the Boat Park, Hard and Town Jetty

Three-year objectives:

- To establish a permanent ferry landing stage at Point Clear
- To establish a designated parking area for short-term use by mooring holders and visitors
- To establish access to power and water for certain harbour moorings, using modern technologies wherever possible.

Capital Equipment Replacement

Strategy endorsed, with aim to replace, as and when necessary, with more environmentally friendly equipment.

Posts on Hard

It was agreed that further consideration should be given to the environmental impact of current use and ways to mitigate this.

A Scott gave a presentation on the provision of power to the visitor's pontoon in line with one of the three year objectives; To establish access to power and water for certain harbour moorings, using modern technologies wherever possible. It would be likely solar powered and located up to 9m west of the pontoon. Stakeholders were invited to comment however given the number available it was thought a further meeting would be needed.

215 Other stakeholder News

G Dowd made a statement to be read out by the HM; We have now received structural and maintenance surveys of the already built blocks around the marina.

We will organise a meeting with residents and occupants/neighbours when safe to do so, probably mid-summer now, to agree priority for works required, including decorations or cleaning of render.

216 Matters raised by members

Nil

217 Meeting closed 19.15hrs

218 Date of next Meeting

12th Oct 20