

Falmouth University degree student to spend some time embedded with Harbour staff to complete photography project. .

Training

Three staff members to undertake sea survival course at Levington.

One Staff member to complete RYA L2 Powerboat and VHF radio course.

Purelake

Fieldgate dock drain has been redesigned, solving the problem which until now sometimes restricted the drain off from the surface of the roads at Fieldgate Dock.

Maintenance

New fence adjacent to Office, painting of workshop fences.

Pontoons now have solar-powered cat's eyes.

Office roof solar panels working well. Wreck house gate has new lock shroud fitted.

Greenheart piles now stored on Cindery Island, marked by withies.

Operations

Ferry restart scheduled for 12th April.

Overnight visitors allowed.

Town hard mud clearance has been completed.

New Geo Signage is up, marking specific areas.

5083 Stakeholder meetings A public stakeholder meeting would be organised for late May, subject to Government guidelines.

5084 Other Users The **HM** explained to the Commissioners that this year it is likely that the Harbour will once again be populated by Stand-up Paddleboards (SUP) and Kayaks. Changes have been planned as to how these are managed. He also stated that a new swimming area would be defined.

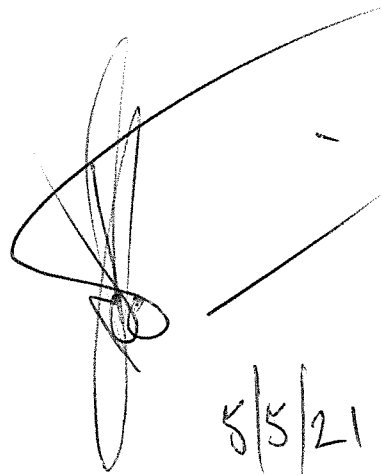
5085 Matters raised by Members **NT** Commissioner working groups when discussed at the next meeting, he would want to propose three new groups, **DN** suggested we could specify some actions at the same time. **FB** stated that the BSC now had a new committee boat. The Commissioners were keen that we meet in person for the next meeting. The **HM** would look for a local venue where we were able to maintain social distancing.

Next Meeting

18.30 Wednesday, 5 May 2021 TBC.

Meeting closed

12.30



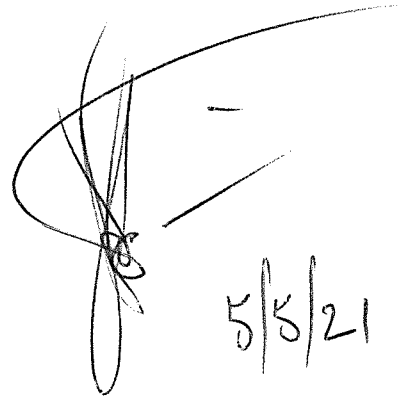
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7th Apr 2021

PART B **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

- 5079 Pilot Boat** The **HM** explained the process that had taken place for the selection of the Pilot boat, ultimately it had been the offering from Seaward that had best met the specifications laid down during the procurement process. He asked Commissioners to allocate up to £300,000 to procure the proposed vessel, with a likely delivery date of early 2022. Commissioners questioned him and **OE** regarding its utility as a workboat, its ability to push /pull and its ability to sit on the hard, suitable answers were given and it was proposed by the **Chairman** that up to £300,000 be allowed with an understanding that the vessel be in service in 2022. **AS** stated that the overall nett cost would be mitigated by the sale of Dracula when the new vessel is in service.
- 5081 Matters arising from those minutes** There was concern from Commissioners that they were always blamed for the BTC generated problems and unacknowledged when instrumental in BTC success. **FB** and **NT** were shocked that the **HM** had allowed BTC to use two of the former cindery pontoon timber piles to assist them in their project. . The **Chairman** was pleased that these piles were being reused but accepted it should be made clearer in future as to BHC's involvement in any project carried out on the waterfront.
- 5082 HM Report**
PMSC
Commissioners were prompted to read and sign the SMS or its soon-to-be-published update, as appropriate.
CBC
CYC committee member now a Director at CBC.
- 5083 Stakeholder meetings** There is a requirement for a Trust Port to engage with stakeholders regularly, to date that engagement has taken the form of Commercial or Leisure-Community stakeholder groups, independently chaired, but with the Agenda, contents, minutes and life support provided by the **HM**. It was therefore decided that Harbour Public stakeholder meetings would be organised two or three times a year. The Commissioners would welcome groups with a mutual interest to continue, inviting Harbour staff as they deemed necessary. The **HM** stated he had met with the chairman of the Leisure and Community stakeholder group who had agreed with this change although the **HM** made a commitment to her to assist in facilitating the meeting, handing over contact details and providing a conference room in which to conduct the meeting. He also made clear that all organisations, commercial, leisure or community were invited to visit the Harbour Office to engage in discussions and to date many had. Concerns were expressed that groups may fail to organise. It was agreed that this would be monitored, alongside the attendance at the new schedule of meetings. **FB** suggested that BHC refer to the new meetings as the Spring Harbour stakeholder meeting and the Autumn Harbour stakeholder and General meeting.
- 5084 Other Users**
Gill Clegg will be a tenant in the Hard Hut and from there would control the paddle boarders hiring her equipment and manage their use of the harbour with a support boat. Clacton Paddle boards and Kayaks too would use the hard to launch under the same parameters, but they were likely to lead little expeditions and would use VHF radios. **FB** stated foiling Windsurfers were emerging as a possible hazard in the future. The **HM** agreed and explained that he had spoken to them last year and would do so again, tacking up and down the channel was not a sensible use of the space.
- 5085 Matters raised by Members** **PH** stated that North East Essex is vulnerable to an increase in tourism when we come out of lockdown and thought that we would go back into a tiered system. She suggested a comprehensive contingency plan should be in place. The **HM** agreed we should have contingency plans, whilst **AS** stated that we

should be careful when planning using detail of past restrictions as the new restrictions are often very different.

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