

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 Jul 2021  
COMMENCING AT 1830hrs**

<b>Present:</b> J Addison J Thomas D Nicholson P Hatswell F Brown N Taylor I Finch A Scott	Chairman Harbour Master
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**5102 Apologies**

Nil

**5103 Minutes of Meetings held on 2 Jun 2021.**

**Proposed;** F Brown, **Seconded;** D Nicholson.

**5104 Matters arising from those minutes**

Working group presentations postponed until August.

**5105 Shipping**

4 x Ships; 3 x Cement, 1 x Scrap since the last meeting.

**Commercial**

2 x Windfarm boats.

**Marketing**

**2797** likes Harbour Facebook (FB) (46 since Jun), **2832** Likes Foot Ferry FB (101 since Jun).

The Harbour Video: You Tube **3178** views up 336 since June.

Instagram **1014** 103 since June.

Twitter **493** followers up 20 since June.

Foot Ferry Video **520** in 2weeks

**Vessels**

Vessel Colne Horizon procured powered by an Air cooled Lister, Operational Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 21.

Visited Plymouth, The Green Tech Boat show 2021 with an aspiration to electrify vessels in the future.

**PMSC**

Point Clear, access to be restricted by bollards fixed on Ramp.

Swimming buoys to be positioned on beach by Tendring District Council (TDC).

**Staff**

One staff member has gone to Pioneer.

We have appointed a Head of Maintenance who will start at the end of July.

**BTC Licence**

The Licence is now with our solicitors.

**Gold Anchor Award**

We currently have 3 Gold Anchors once a report is received it will be circulated.

**Training**

One apprentice is on mileage building, two staff members have just passed their L2 Powerboat and one has completed their VHF licence.

**Maintenance**

Security enhancements on front door.

WiFi extender now connects Wreck house to office.

## **Operations**

Booking Page on Website is now live, we expect some teething problems.  
River patrol funding by Colchester Borough Council (CBC) is almost delivered.  
Senior Police visit was successful adding a foot based component to the Marine police.

Regatta Day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 21.

## **Pilot Boat**

1. The superstructure mould is prepared
  2. The hull mould is in the factory
  3. The engine hatch tooling is prepared to suit the engine choice
  4. Deck light plants will be fitted next
  5. Various drawings of structure and stern gear are complete
  6. Engines ordered
  7. Moulding: the superstructure will start Wednesday next week (14th)
- They are now ahead of schedule however Covid-19 has been rife and has taken hold of half of their workforce.

## **CBC**

The HM attended a meeting regarding the Hythe in attendance were  
Will Quince – Member of Parliament for Colchester  
Fabian Green – Parliamentary Assistant to Will Quince MP  
Apparently, a small piece of 4x2 had been obstructing the valve and causing the Haven Road to flood, more work still must be done. The next meeting will be about the Hythe dock itself.

## **Visitors**

There seems to have been a general increase in numbers. If Apr, May and Jun are added together there is an increase of 20% on a previous high in 2018.

## **5106 Colne Marina Process**

HM put up some notes regarding the statutory response required for safe navigation.

Consultation by the applicants has not happened and has therefore been transferred to social media and the press. There was a meeting at the sailing club, with no definitive outcome.

Many in attendance were incredulous as to why it was taking the Commissioners (BHC) so long to say no. Some even believed we were procrastinating and referred to the planning document of 2006 when permission was granted with conditions. BHC has statutory powers granted by Act of Parliament in the Brightlingsea Harbour Act 1927. These powers are underpinned by Byelaws which give the power to ensure 'Safe Navigation'.

### **The gathering of evidence**

Commissioners agreed to be put in teams to interview those wishing to give evidence as described in our public statement.

Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners received a statutory consultation letter on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 21 from Tendring District Council, an extension without timetable was agreed with the planning officer, no such statutory consultation request has been received yet from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).

The Harbour's statutory role is 'Safe navigation' and as such we will identify those stakeholders which would be impacted by the plans. Those identified will be contacted and evidence gathered which will enable Commissioners to deliberate, and decide whether it is possible to achieve safe navigation or not. The data and decision will then be submitted to MMO/TDC planning, published and circulated widely.

Anyone believing they have more evidence should approach the Harbour Master.

**5107 Matters raised by Members**

**DN** explained the Fisherman's Pier was scheduled for the first week in August.  
**PH** asked that if any commissioners were at the Regatta on Saturday that they visit her stall.

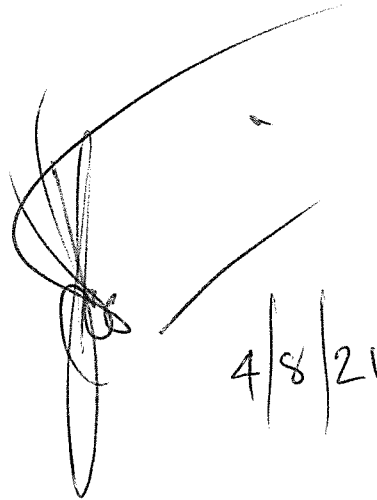
Next Meeting;

**18.30 Wednesday, 4 Aug 2021.**

**Venue: BHC Conference Room**

Meeting closed

**2100hrs**



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