

# Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners

## Annual Presentation of Accounts and Stakeholders Meeting

1830hrs CYC 16 Nov 2021

**Chairman** J Addison

**Harbour Master** J Thomas

4 x Commissioners

25 x Stakeholders

### Financial Report

The Chairman made a financial statement relating to Financial year 2020- 2021, the Harbour had made a net surplus of £87,564. The full set of audited accounts will be available on the Harbour Website.

### Environmental Update

William Coulet gave an update on the harbour's dredging and pointed out a handbook written by EA ,CEFAS and ABP Mer which featured the dredging project 2016-2020, and the successful international award-winning work that had occurred on the saltmarsh. There was a presentation regarding the bathymetry in the Harbour and at Fieldgate dock, it was clear that very little change had occurred in the last 6 months. The Harbour would continue to monitor every 6 months or 12 months at a minimum. It was pointed out by a stakeholder why it was important to keep this historical data, all agreed.

### Harbour Development /Plans

#### Stakeholders

The HM restated the qualification of a harbour stakeholder which is simply that they believe they are.

#### CAPITAL SPENDING

**Equipment- Plan until 2050 £1,362,819.50**

Replace pilot workboat.

Wreck house improvements.

Engine Replacements.

Pontoon Repairs.

Dredging / Marina Spring 2022.

Dredging Harbour

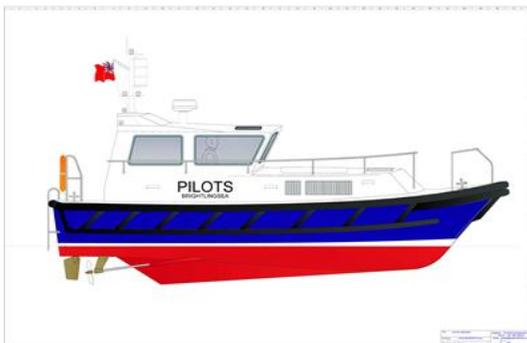
Website, booking platforms/IT.

Second Charter Boat – Electric

We must transfer at least £63000 to reserves annually.



#### Pilot Boat



## ACTIVITIES

**Leisure Moorings** Pontoons full, some fore and aft remain.

**Marina** Showers/Toilets deep clean, Marketing Screens, Superfast Wi-Fi. Full Summer/Winter.

**Taxi** Popular still, cash price £1.50 frozen and Children still free.



**Wharf and commercial activity** 21 x ships since May, there has been a consistent improvement in ships on the wharf in last 6 months.

**Colne Navigation Trinity House:** All in good order and subject to regular servicing, they were inspected 13th July by a new inspector, who was impressed, 2 x fishery buoys as faded.

**Community Commitment** Harbour Christmas, Christmas tree entry, Jubilee Events, Environmental clear ups.

**Schools Engagement** Schools week, successful and will be enhanced next year.

**Charitable Causes** RNLI, Brightlingsea in Bloom, 1st Responders, Regatta, CYC Fireworks, Christmas tree festival, Little Terns habitat work, St Helena's hospice, Shipwrecked mariners society, Porridge and pens and the seafarers charity.

### Apprenticeships

#### Kickstarts

#### Staff Training General

Oil Spill response Exercises MCA

#### Trg Permanent Cadre : x 12;

3 x P2 Oil Spill Response

2 x Level 2 RYA

5 x First Aid

4 x VHF Radio Certificates

2 x Pilotage Training

1 x Fire fighting

1 x Sea Survival

1 x PSSR

2 x Apprentices training

1 x Navigation

1 x Day Skipper Theory

#### Trg Non Permanent Cadre : x 26;

2 x Advanced Powerboat preparation

Pilot Boat Operations

2 x Kickstart – 3 x next year

1 x Navigation

### Maintenance Dredging

## Main Channel

- The deepest part is approx 10m west of leading line with depths above 1m all way down, we will correct this over the year.
- The Town pontoon to Oliver's Wharf and Fuel Barge, maintaining a depth of 0.75m below CD, we continued to achieve and will run down again this year.
- Area of the Fuel Barge, maintaining a depth of 0.75m below CD, once again achieved.

## Leisure Harbour

- The pontoons and some moorings in the South channel dredged to a depth of 0.75m below CD.

## Leisure Marina

- The Marina Depth, mud will always be kept in suspension. Dredging to take place in Spring 2022.

## This Year

Increased Colne connection Charters, digitise booking platform, Harbour tours increased. Approx 33% rise in revenue. We want to help people see us as we are;

- Video - What we do. (YouTube)  
- What does the inside of a boat look like?
- Collaboration - Work more closely with local businesses.  
- Work more closely with the Council.  
- Working with Holiday Parks.
- Social media - Website development.  
- Facebook 3k likes on both sites, Insta, Twitter .

Environmentally better

Policy, Living it, setting the example, beach clean.

Prepare future staff

Apprenticeship scheme one head hunted, search for next one ongoing, potential early appointment Mar 2022. Three Kickstart roles.

## PWC

					River Patrol and PWC security						
Point Clear security					River Patrol						
Date	PWCs Denied access	Anti Social behavior	Compliments to guards	Complaints to guards	Other	PWCs observed Wivenhoe	PWCs observed Rowhedge	PWCs observed Colchester	PWCs observed Colne	Warnings	Compliments to staff
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1. 2 x Prosecutions + 1 in pipeline.
2. A commitment of funding from CBC year.
3. A plan including Orchards, BTC, St OPC, Tower estate and BHC to control access to water next year.

Cllr Carr made it clear that BTC were very much part of this initiative and were keen to support it financially.

## 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. We are taking part in a university research programme on anti-fouling.

**Comments from stakeholders**

**Stuart Piers** asked how much his Harbour Dues are likely to increase next year for a Jet Ski launching from a trailer, the **Chairman** explained that the pricing for next year is set in December, however it's usually based on CPI September which this year was 3.1%. Based on a quick calculation should be around £65.00.

**Bill Williams** asked if we did any water quality research and if so, could we publish it? **HM** answered we had done so in the past for various projects and would look into doing so regularly say before, during and after the season and publish on the Website.

**Meeting Closed** 2000hrs