

Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners

Stakeholders Meeting

1830hrs BSC 22 Mar 2022

Chairman J Addison

Harbour Master J Thomas

4 x Commissioners

25 x Stakeholders

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, June 2022

Refurbish workshop, in progress.

Wreck house improvements, ongoing.

Engine Replacements.

Pontoon Repairs.

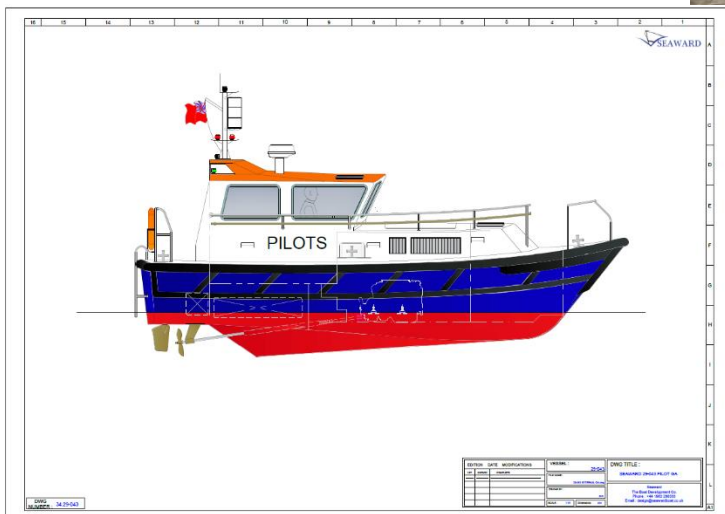
Dredger / Marina.

Fuel Barge Regular servicing.

Website/IT/ Booking Platform, App.

We must transfer at least £63000 to reserves annually

Pilot Boat



ACTIVITIES

Leisure Moorings

Waiting lists.

Marina

Showers/Toilets, Superfast Wi-Fi, Being Dredged.

Taxi

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

Visitors

Price up 3% on last year inflation, Numbers last year increased by 30% season, 37% on year.

Ferry No increase in price forecast, Charter Ferry successful and will develop through this year, 54% increase on 2019.

Wharf and commercial activity Ships 42 from 46, Slight reduction on Wharf ,10% overall increase more windfarm traffic.

Colne Navigation Trinity House: "These are some of the best in the UK and the best we've ever seen them here."

Schools Engagement Schools week ,back on track, IFCA.

Charitable Causes RNLI, Brightlingsea in Bloom, 1st Responders, Regatta, Regatta Fireworks, CYC Fireworks, Christmas trees, St Helena's hospice, Shipwrecked mariners' society, Porridge and pens, The seafarer's charity, CYC beach clean.

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 will be increased to - 2 m below cill, 1m below CD mud will always be kept in suspension. Regular dredging takes place with a more comprehensive dredge every few years. Dredging happening now.

This Year

River management, PWC control new parking facility PC, Property purchase next to Kovalam, Electric boat for charter.

We want to help people see us as we are;

Video

- What we do.
- What does the inside of a boat look like.

Collaboration

- Work more closely with local businesses.
- Work more closely with the Council/MP,CBC, TDC, BTC, StOPC
- Working with Holiday Parks.

Social media - Website development.
- Facebook – 3.1k and 3.3k on both sites.
- Ferry Booking Platform.
- Harbour App out now, useful and will be used to pass on information in addition to social media platforms.

Questionnaire - What everybody wants.
- Let's ask everybody, Resident Mooring holders, Paddle-boarders, Dinghy sailors, Crabbers, visitors, ferry users, fisherman, kayakers, rowers.
- How we ask, we listen.

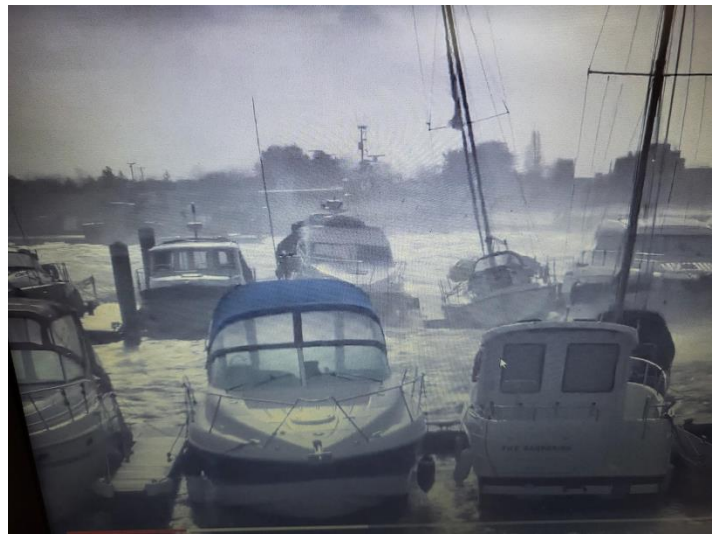
Environmentally better

Policy, Living it, setting the example.
Beach Clean
Crabbing Lines
Electrical systems – Fittings, Wksps, Solar – office, pontoons

Prepare future staff

Apprenticeship Our first apprentice now at ABP (Headhunted).
Our current apprentice will move on early next year.
Latest apprentice starts in April.
Kickstart Our first one now employed as a fencer, will work in the Harbour over summer.
Second employee now employed in the Fashion Industry designer.
We have recently taken on three they will move on at the end of summer we will ensure they are prepared in terms of CV interviews etc.

Storm Events



1. If you don't expect to return in the near future, prepare the boat for a blow before you go.
2. Double up lines.
3. Leave spare lines and fenders available.
4. Roller Headsails should be wrapped up or removed.
5. Keep fenders low.
6. Spray hoods down.
7. Booms tied down.
8. If need help ask before the storm.
9. Use 4 x separate lines.
10. Secure loose items to the deck.
11. Remove pontoon furniture for the winter.

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.

Comments from stakeholders

Stuart Piers wished to seek assurance that he would be able to access the water next season, the **HM** assured him that would be the case.

Following a question about how they can get involved the **Chairman** explained that vacancies for commissioners will arise this year and will be advertised in April or May.

Andy Conroy asked if he might be included in any investigations into anti-fouling. **HM** said his request is noted.

Adrian Espin asked that any successful eco anti fouling discovered be communicated widely to the public, the **HM** said he would.

There were a number of questions regarding the Boat park which were addressed by the **Chairman**, however it was caveated with the statement that the **BHC** did not own the Boat park but managed it on behalf of the council. He did assure those assembled that there would be improvements in security, in the next few months. He also stated that we were not yet managing the Fishing/Heritage pontoon.

Questions were asked by on Boat park charges, water supply , future plans and improvements. **Cllr John Carr** gave some answers based on improving the waterside, that the boat park for too long had been too cheap. The **HM** also reminded stakeholders that plans would be presented to them in consultation before any significant changes will take place.

Matters discussed not within the purview of BHC

There was concern about the number of vehicles using the roads to and from the Wharf, there was no definitive answer however it was believed that it was unlikely it would get significantly busier.

Chris Bailey wished to advertise the fact that a New Neighbourhood plan for Brightlingsea was being generated, input was wanted from younger citizens who can have their say.

There was general agreement that improvements were needed, those improvements were driven by increased business revenues. More visitors would increase revenues in the town and businesses bordering the harbour, like the chip shop extended opening and the new seaside convenience store.

Meeting Closed 2000hrs