

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 07 Sep 2022

COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present: A Scott Chairman
J Addison
J Thomas Harbour Master
I Finch
N Taylor
P Foley-Brickley
D Stoker

5217 Apologies

D Nicholson (Late Arrival)
P Hatswell
F Brown
C Watkins (1st Meeting)

5218 Minutes of Meetings held on 3rd August 2022.

Proposed; **JA** , Seconded; **NT**

5219 Matters arising from those minutes

JA formally passed control to Chair incumbent.

5220 HM Report

Shipping

3 x Ships; 2 x Cement, 1 Stone.

Tug used for ship carrying stone as it had a failed bow thruster. Bow thrust repair at the wharf before the ship left Brightlingsea

Marketing

3375 likes Harbour FB (62 since Aug), 3748 Likes Foot Ferry FB (221 since Aug).

Harbour App 774 downloads

TikTok 38

Harbour Entry 1207 views up 194 since Aug.

Foot Ferry Video 4164 up 498 in Aug.

Harbour Instagram 1149.

Foot Ferry Instagram 889.

Twitter 630 followers.

PMSC

Personal watercraft.

Security Stood down for year as of Sunday, quiet end.

Four prosecutions in pipeline.

Meeting 13 September with St Osyth/Orchards, police.

Meeting in October with Clubs, Steve Heppell to chair.

Chair stated that the Commissioners will review the management of craft in the harbour, including PWCs, once the 2022 season has finished.

Crabbing Workshops x 160 participants.

Maintenance

Buoy repair upriver after light failed.

Ferries Remediation after taking on a lot of water. Cased by leak on a hose.

Repaired launch HM1 following insurance damage.

No 9 buoy replaced as part of normal maintenance schedule.

Operations

River Patrol schedule now on standby.

Ferry moves to reduced timetable.

Charters to Wivenhoe sold out.

Harbour Tours.

CBC

Not yet committed financially to River patrol.

Pilot boat

Boat Surveyor visited with DHM.

Coding before launch, probably W/C 12/9.

We have benefitted from upgraded equipment.

Delivery due beginning of October.

5221 BTC Agreement

The retiring **Chairman** described the situation regarding the draft licence to operate the Jetty, Boat park and hard. There was a discussion by members which concluded that the Chairman would write to the town council.

5222 Visitors

There had been a noticeable increase in the number of visiting yachts over the last few years, exclusive of Covid year. Data was displayed.

The Commissioners agreed that they will need to consider the strategic implications of this visitor growth, as at some point the harbour may potentially be overwhelmed.

Discussions took place but no definitive outcomes were uncovered. Commissioners would continue to follow the data to decide next steps.

5223 Matters Raised by Members

NT referred to an anecdote regarding a German yachtsman that regularly visited Brightlingsea and stated that it was the best little harbour in Europe because of its friendliness and helpfulness. It was his closing statement following his eight year tenure as Commissioner.

IF stated his three years as a Commissioner had been a privilege.

JA formally stood down following twelve years as Commissioner and Chairman, he wished the harbour well for the future. He asked the Commissioners to continue being guided by the BHC aim of preserving the unique character of the harbour.

HM thanked the outgoing Commissioners for their service. He then asked that new incumbents get in touch to arrange a day at the harbour where they might immerse themselves in the operation to gain insight into the day to day functioning of the harbour.

Next Meeting; **18.30 Wednesday, 5 Oct 2022**

Venue: Wreck House

Meeting closed **2005hrs**

Approved
An &rew Scott
5 Oct 2022