

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 07 Dec 2022

COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present: A Scott Chairman
J Thomas Harbour Master
P Hatswell
C Watkins
D Nicholson
P Foley-Brickley

5241 Apologies

D Stoker
F Brown

5242 Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd November 2022.

Proposed; PF , Seconded; DN

5243 Matters arising from those minutes

N/A

5244 Presentation from St Osyth Boatyard

Mr A Harman, B Harman, J Harman and Cllr J Lockwood (SOPC) visited the Harbour to ask Commissioners to consider dredging the Folly. Their concern was access to St Osyth was limited due to the charted depth of the folly and the limited access for longer vessels through the south channel. The **Chairman** explained that later in the meeting Commissioners would discuss the issue and ask the **HM** to report back to them.

5245 HM Report

Shipping

2 x Ships; 2 x Cement.

Marketing

3849 followers (16 since Nov), **4139** Followers (-1 since Nov).

Harbour App **811** downloads (160 android interactions a day, Apple not published).

TikTok **43**

Harbour Entry **1302** views up 23 since Nov.

Foot Ferry Video **4391** up 48 in Nov.

Harbour Instagram **1157**.

Foot Ferry Instagram **900**.

Twitter **635** followers.

PMSC

Club advisory group meeting with CYC and BSC, useful discussion recommendations made. HM to send other Commissioners meeting notes from DN and BSC / CYC when received

Designated Persons Visit 5 Dec, he conducted an inspection and will submit a report to Commissioners in due course. **CW** is the BHC direct contact for the Designated Person. Commissioner Induction, now complete.

BPA Commissioner briefing. The **Chairman** to circulate a copy of the BPA slides to Commissioners

Stakeholders update, a discussion on what passed at the meeting on 22 Nov 22. Summary of that meeting has been published on the BHC website.

EA Rescue update. **HM** updated Commissioners on the outcome of incident.

Maintenance

Buoys repair.

Taxi in.

Showers and Toilets.

Life jackets and Pilot Jackets in for service.

Nav Light replacements.

Operations

Essex Uni – Anti foul, we await a formal response with details.

Visitors Guide complete.

Santa's Grotto.

Staffing

Head Of Maintenance – appointment has been made. Starting Early Jan 2023

5246 Discussion St Osyth Boatyard

DN gave a Presentation on the Folly and access to the St Osyth Creek, based on previous charts, OS maps, surveys and photographs. This included the history of the channels.

5247 Pricing

Inflation is currently running at 11.1%. HM believes local marinas are planning fee increases of 10% or more for 2023. BHC Fuel and Electricity costs have increased by 50%.

The HM also commented that BHC has some of the lowest Harbour Dues in the country and we don't charge Harbour dues for Paddleboards, Canoes and kayaks.

Eg, Harbour Dues for 15m boat

Brightlingsea Harbour Dues £64.00

Crouch Harbour Dues £101.50

Wells next to Sea £32/m £510.00

Ramsgate £334.38

Chichester £211.45

The Commissioners agreed the HM's proposed fees for 2023. This results in an increase of around 9%; 2% less than the current inflation rate.

Proposed DN Seconded PF

5248 BTC

The Chairman gave an update on the meeting regarding Jetty, Boat park and Hard.

5249 Stakeholders Meeting Feedback had been positive, the question set had made the presentation more interesting. There had been a real enthusiasm regarding Stone point, Dredging and longshore drift. There had been 50 persons + 6 commissioners in attendance, the summary is published on the website along with the Accounts.

5250 The Lobster Hatchery grant request

A letter had been received regarding grant funding for the Thames Estuary Lobster Hatchery CIC asking for some funding for their venture.

5251 Matters Raised by Members

DN asked the HM if he could get the two end sections of the jetty inspected by a marine surveyor to identify remediation required. HM agreed to arrange.

Next Meeting; **18.30 Wednesday, 1 Feb 2022**

Venue: Wreck House

Meeting closed **2108hrs**

Mr Crew
1/2/23