

BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 07 Jun 2023

AT THE WRECK HOUSE COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present:

Andrew Scott – Chairman

James Thomas – HM/CE

Daniel Stoker - DS

Patric Foley Brickley - PB

Duncan Nicholson - DN

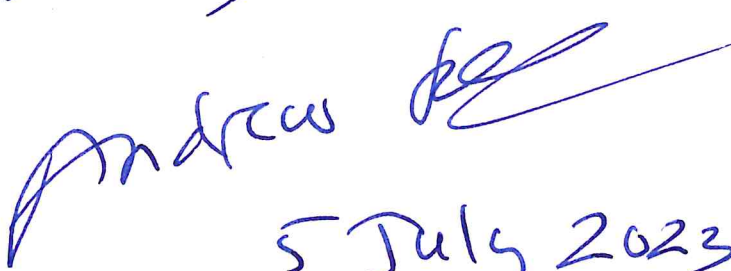
Colin Watkins - CW

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
5279	Apologies Fiona Brown - FB	
5280	Minutes of Meetings held on 3 May 2023 Proposed, PB , Seconded CW	
5281	Matters Arising from those minutes The Chair has contacted Mr B Hetherington, stakeholder, to discuss concerns Mr Hetherington has raised in public about the Harbour. Pilots A new pilot has been appointed. One pilot has resigned. In addition BHC have a new pilot in training. The pilot cadre is now three active and one in training. The pilot who resigned wrote to the Chair, stating he had some concerns as to the suitability of the new pilot boat. The Chair asked the Commissioner responsible for navigational safety (Colin Watkins, CW) to investigate those concerns. CW has significant professional sea experience, including vessel commands. Having investigated the concerns, CW reported back that he; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had spoken with both the Harbour Master and Deputy Harbour Master,• Viewed the Coding and Safety Certificates,• Viewed the Record of Safety Drills,• Viewed the training logs of the vessel's crew, Inspected the vessel Colne Leader and personally rigged the MOB recovery equipment. CW noted that the Colne Leader is Coded as a Small Work Boat with Pilot Boat Endorsement. As such it meets all the requirements set down by the MCA and YDSA and in many areas exceeds them. Other Brightlingsea Pilots continue to use the vessel and express satisfaction with its operation.	Chairman

	<p>CW informed the Chair that he is content that the vessel is “fit for purpose.”</p> <p>The Blessing of the waters had been a great success and BHC has been thanked for their support.</p>	
5282	<p>Chairmans Remarks The Chairman stated that Pamela Hatswell had resigned as a Commissioner for personal reasons. Fiona Brown ends her tenure at the end of the year.</p> <p>Decision Given the approaching summer holiday season, the Commissioners decided to start the recruitment process for both these roles in the early autumn.</p>	Chairman
5283	<p>Harbour Master Report:</p> <p>Shipping 5 x Ships in the last month; four of which carried Cement and one Scrap. Two more ships are expected in week commencing 12 June 2023. . As the HM expected, there has been an increase shipping movement involving the wharf.</p> <p>Marketing Facebook;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brightlingsea Harbour 4,058 followers (53 since May), • Foot Ferry 4686 Followers (201 since May). <p>Harbour App 916 downloads. TikTok 48 Harbour Entry 1544 views, up 98 since May. Foot Ferry Video 5151, up 280 in May. Harbour Instagram 1214. Foot Ferry Instagram 984. Twitter 650 followers.</p> <p>PMSC Blessing of the waters, wash up points were discussed and would be addressed prior to next year’s event, Members agreed that they would fund the harbour expenses for the 2024 Blessing event.</p> <p>Decision <u>Commissioners agree to spend up to £500 to allow the Harbour Team to support the 2024 Blessing of the Waters event.</u></p> <p>Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) A reminder for those commissioners wishing to take part in a PMSC briefing webinar dates are ; PMSC Cse 30 OCTOBER 2023 PMSC Cse 3 NOVEMBER 2023 PMSC Cse 1 DECEMBER 2023</p> <p>A boat originating from St Osyth Boatyard was moved to Colchester Hythe. On arrival at the Hythe it took on water and was found to be unfit for habitation. It has since been burnt out and dumped.</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>HM</p>

	<p>DS pointed out that much rubbish had been appearing in Wivenhoe. He mentioned that two oil containers, concealed within a plastic box, had washed up. Also that one of the old clinker built Folk Boat yachts, formally moored outside the Nottage, had now been dumped on the other side of the river next to the original ferry landing. HM to follow up with CBC.</p> <p>St Osyth have appointed two Councillors to take on the Personal Watercraft (PWC) brief, Cllr Susan Ball and Cllr Jake Moore. It was anticipated that they would meet with HM shortly.</p> <p>Maintenance Electric Boat to be launched for sea trials next week. The HM is expecting a visit from LoCASE (electric boat grant provider) to validate our £5K claim on 19 June.</p> <p>Water supply to BHC offices restored, following a failure in the pipe on our boundary.</p> <p>Corroded items on Colne Leader have been replaced under warranty by Seaward.</p> <p>Operations An additional Windfarm Work Boat is likely to be based in the Harbour until August. Toilet entry fobs will go live imminently. Schools' week is in operation with many positive remarks. Social evening for staff and Commissioners will happen in Brightlingsea Museum once dates are agreed.</p> <p>CBC Wreck dumped and burnt out at the Hythe, will follow up. Hythe Task Force meeting 30th Jun with Health and Social care minister and Colchester MP Will Quince.</p> <p>BTC Swimming Buoys will be in place soon HM is working with BTC to get Tendring District Council to take a more proactive role in managing PWC access from Piont Clear.</p> <p>Visiting boats to the Harbour in May 2021 330 2022 325 2023 309 Given the poor weather in May, the HM believes the May 2023 visitors numbers to be very good. Between 2013 and 2020 the average number of visiting boats in May was 221.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>5284</p>	<p>Commissioners Strategy Day follow up Chairman asked PB if he could send him the summary of the info PB had presented at the strategy day.</p>	<p>PB</p>

	<p>FB is working with the Harbour Team to produce a mid-season newsletter. This will supplement the Harbour's communication activities on social media and in the Harbour App.</p> <p>A strategy document, based on the strategy discussions, was in development with the HM, DS and PB. A first draft would be presented to Commissioners in the near future.</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>DS HM PB</p>
5285	<p>Local Government and Business communication HM is expecting TDC to write to Bourne leisure highlighting responsibilities related to Point Clear PWC management and launching.</p>	HM
5286	<p>Wreck Investigation DN produced a report on the wreck currently in the folly, this was based upon an investigation 22/05/23. Decision Agreed that DN and CW will investigate the Folly wreck, to identify its dimensions.</p>	DN / CW
5287	<p>Matters Raised by Members DN declared he had a number of uncompleted actions -Levelling of St Osyth posts. -Town Jetty Survey. (Post meeting development BTC has commissioned an independent survey) -Cindery Pontoon survey, maint plan with Head of Maintenance. DS sent apologies for next meeting.</p>	DN
Next Meeting	<p>Time 1830hrs, Wed 5th Jul 2023 Venue Wreck House</p>	
Time Ended	2030hrs	CW

Approved by Commissioner

 5 July 2023