BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 11 October 2017

Present:

D Potter

J Thomas

G Constable

P Hickman R Morrall R Morgan A Tage R Howard B Howard

C Olaoi A Harman

A Mayhew

In attendance

A Scott N Taylor W Coulet Dong Energy

BHC

Waterside Boatyard

Chairman

Harbour Master

Hickmans
Clear to See
Morgan Marine
Olivers Wharf
Oyster Fishery
Oyster Fishery
IFCA

St Osyth Boatyard

DONG

Commissioners
Commissioners
Exo Environmental

158 Introduction & Apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed members to the group, which includes a number of new members ensuring that all stakeholders are represented. Apologies were received from:

J Pitt

Landowners

Lee Bolingbrook

Sophie lea charters

Gary Humm

Brightlingsea Boatvard

Minutes of the Meeting of 22 Mar 2017.

Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

160 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

161 USAR

William Coulet briefed those in attendance about the next Phase of the project to dredge the Harbour and use the sediment to reinstate the saltmarsh. The project is part of a European Intereg programme that has been set up to investigate the use of sediment as a resource (USAR). It is partially funded by BHC with the remaining funds being granted by the programme. Year 2 Oct 17- Mar 18 Clear the south channel to (-0.75m CD).

Fill the Borrow pits, more bush fascines to be constructed on Cindery West. Monitoring has been taking place and will continue.

162 Harbour News

STAKEHOLDERS of BHC identified.

CAPITAL SPENDING - Equipment until 2050

This year's spend Refurbish offices

Wreck house improvements

Filing system improvements

Colne Guardian

Dispose of RHIB

Engine Replacements

Pontoon Repairs

Pile replacement planning

Dredger construction

Tideguage/Met station

Fuel Barge 4 yearly servicing plus refurbishment

CAPITAL SPENDING - Dredging

Commercial

The Harbour main channel entrance up to the town pontoon, maintaining a depth of 1m below Chart Datum (CD).

The Town pontoon to Oliver's Wharf and Fuel Barge, maintaining a depth of 0.75m below CD.

Area of the Fuel Barge, maintaining a depth of 0.75m below CD.

Leisure Harbour

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

Leisure Marina

The Marina Depth maintained frequently ensuring that sediment is always in suspension.

ACTIVITIES

Leisure Moorings CPI increase only forecast.

Marina CPI increase only forecast.

Taxi Up 25% No increase in price forecast. Children still free.

Visitors Up 22% on last year No increase in price forecast, redefined banding. Ferry Up 40% on last year No increase in price forecast, possible group reduction.

Wharf and commercial activity Noticeable Increase;

17 Ships since April

9 Larger Commercial vessels

2 Extra Windfarm Vessels

2 Dive-boats

2 Extra IFCA Boat

Cockle fishing fleet

Personal Water Craft (PWC) Leaflets, prosecutions, partnering with police, Future Club?

Colne Navigation Annually checked also POC for CBC wrecks.

Schools Engagement Schools week, Buoyed up.

Boat Park some changes

Piles on Hard Procedural change

Charitable Causes RNLI, Brightlingsea in Bloom, 1st Responders, Regatta Fireworks, Samaritans.

Sponsorship Pyefleet Week BODs.

Fuel

Fuel Annual, 4 yearly service, location rental & Lease conditions, 2nd tier response, Course Costs, fuel cost & Labour
Number of Litres sold in a given period

= cost / litre

Business Development plans - PWC - Ferry Charter - Apprenticeships Marketing Visitors Guide, Royal Visit, website, local newspapers, Facebook AGM 8 Nov 2017 CYC at 1930 hrs

Matters raised by members

A Tage and other members asked if copies of the latest Bathymetric surveys could be made available to them, this was agreed.

The HM explained that natural England were not able to come to the meeting to update the stakeholders on the coastal path.

R Morgan asked when the shuttering at his premises would be completed, HM replied when Port Flair arrive to complete this current phase of Dredging at the end of the year.

HM asked Chairman to confirm if DONG had changed its name, he confirmed as at 6 Nov 2017 it would be called "Orsted".

164 Meeting closed 20.35hrs

165 Date of next Meeting

13th Mar 18