

BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 06 May 2026****AT THE WRECK HOUSE COMMENCING AT 1830hrs**

Present:

Andrew Scott – Chairman

James Thomas – CE

Owen Evans - HM

Rob Dorey – RD

Patric Foley-Brickley - PB

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
5539	Apologies Karl Lumbers – KL Colin Watkins – CW Daniel Stoker – DS Tony Curzon Price - TP Ali Johns – AJ	
5540	Minutes of Meetings held on 4 Apr 2026 were approved. Proposed, RD Seconded, Chairman	
5541	Matters Arising from those minutes CE listed outstanding actions.	
5542	Financial Report The financial report (P & L) was presented for FY 25-26, the CE reminded all that the small loss included a significant successful Dredging Campaign and the additional costs of £140,000 associated with that. It had been a sound revenue positive year.	
5543	HM Report Shipping 1 x Scrap, 4 x Cement Marketing Brightlingsea Harbour (BH) 5,104 followers (106 since Apr), Foot Ferry (FF) 7,731 followers (242 since Apr). Harbour App 2000 + cannot exceed the amount. TikTok 357 up 21 in Apr. Harbour Entry video 4057 views up 84 since Apr. Foot Ferry Video 10525 up 147 since Apr. Harbour Instagram 1516 up 20 since Apr. Foot Ferry Instagram 1098 up 5 since Apr. LinkedIn 212 up 60 since Apr. Port and Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC) Accidents and Incidents – N/A Pilot Update – One more Pilot Authorised. Two more undertaking familiarisation trips. Meeting with Wharf owners regarding Pilotage weather limits. Bathymetry, including drone survey, complete. initial findings look very good, with target depths achieved across most of the harbour. . PSPO – CCC update initial delay now addressed.	

PMSC Duty Holder Awareness Webinar Friday	11 September 2026
PMSC Duty Holder Awareness Webinar Monday	7 December 2026

Maintenance April 2026

- Field gate dock clearance x 4
- Replaced pile guide on town jetty
- Fitted new signs on town jetty
- Replaced ground chain on St Osyth Fore& Aft (F&A) moorings
- Replaced F&A buoy No24
- Sea trial for Colne Innovation after winter
- Fuel filters changed on fuel barge
- Secured ramp on fuel barge
- Fitted new lock system on fuel storage
- Re-vamped yard
- Fitted new winch on chain barge
- Cleaned front of office
- Fitted new ramp guides on marina ramps
- Winter refurb on Colne Explorer
- Serviced engines on Colne Explorer
- Launched Colne Explorer and sea trial
- Launched Colne Ranger, ready for coming season
- Replaced shift cables on Community Reach
- Fitted new engines on Colne Explorer & sea trialed
- Pressure washed visitors 'pontoon
- Fitted new life ring holder on town jetty
- Fitted new fire extinguisher box to Whites pontoon
- Refurbished yard gates
- Replace sunken buoys on F&A No18
- Replace broken cleat in Cindery pontoon
- Moved flagpole holder on St Osyth pontoon
- Painted rail on Cindery pontoon

Staff

Deputy Harbour Master (DHM) Interviews - 30 applicants. Decided on short list for interviews at BHC. The selection process is likely to conclude early June 26. Hoping to have the new DHM in place during the later part of the busy Summer period.

Corporate Health Cash Plan is now in place and has been subscribed to by all but two staff. Those two staff members already had the benefits through partners' employment.

Operations

Bathymetry complete.

Received updated valuations on BHC Property.

Hard Clean up,. New hard cleaning operator is perfecting skills.

Charter Trips ongoing.

Ferry Ongoing.

Purelake Visit

HM had a positive meeting with a Director at Purelake (waterside flat complex developer)

Visitors

210 in April

April Ave since 2021 - 226

April Ave all-time - 184

