

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th November 2018
COMMENCING AT 1830hrs**

Present: J Addison Chairman
J Thomas Harbour Master
D Nicholson

A Scott
P Hatswell

N Taylor

I Finch

F Brown

A Thomas

3984 Apologies

I Finch and D Nicholson would be late.

3985 Minutes of Meetings held on 3rd October 2018

It was agreed these were a true record.

Proposed: A Scott; Seconded: N Taylor

3986 Matters arising from those minutes

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to A Thomas for his first Commissioners' meeting

HM updated the Commissioners on the issue of ship turning and that a report would be generated in the near future, outlining alternatives or mitigations.

J Addison discussed the two stakeholder meetings and their content. A Scott outlined the work that N Taylor and he had done on pricing and sought any contributions by 21st Nov so it could be handed to the HM to set out the fees for next year.

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HM Report

Shipping

6 x Ships - 2 x Scrap, 1 x cement, 3 x Aggregate.

I Finch arrived

Marketing

1112 likes Foot Ferry FB, 1145 Likes Harbour FB.

The new Website is up and running with webcam.

I Finch asked if data was collected on web visits and suggested that we analyse geodata on web visitors. HM said he would look into it.

A Thomas suggested that the way some information was presented could be better. HM stated that it had only been up less than a month however he was open to review and amend which would be a continual process, keeping the website current and interesting.

Staff

Finance Administrator is retiring at the end of December.

3 Days Work Experience provided for another young person.

First Aid Courses will take place for staff on 14th November.

Marina

On Dredging Programme almost finished West Side.

Maintenance

Ferry.

Taxi.

Buoy 8 in Harbour, Fishery and CVP next in schedule.

Boat Movements to accommodate piles replacement on Cindery pontoon, scheduled to start on 3 December.

Town Pontoon service

Hythe Clean Up

Oct 15/16/17, success.

MMO Visit

HM met with Emma Dixon and Trudi Wakeelin to discuss marine matters and how they affect small ports.

D Nicholson arrived

BHC Christmas Party

20th Dec- 80 Person approx - Sax and Voice – Catering – 1930-2330 hrs at the sailing club.

Visitor Numbers

+100 on last year to date.

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PWC Pontoon

Commissioners considered the responses submitted to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), the comments raised at the two Advisory Group meetings held in October and the initial response from the MMO requesting more detail.

Many views were expressed, falling into four main categories:

1. Increase Use – plans would encourage other jet ski' users to the Harbour and the River.
2. Noise – Jet skis are noisy and would have a disproportionate impact on the peace of the Harbour, River and nearby residents.
3. Proposed Location – the prevailing SW winds and the tidal flows would make for substantial (and unsafe) turbulence at times.
4. Monitoring - How would the different responsible organisations measure and control impact within the Harbour and River? Also, where does the responsibility lie for continuing environmental impact assessments?

The Commissioners have decided to:

- Evaluate further the demand for such a pontoon by Personal Water Craft (PWC) and small craft users. In particular, the development of the nascent PWC club.
- Seek further detail from relevant manufacturers about the anticipated noise levels at specific speeds of jet ski' engines, outboard motors, yacht and motorboat inboard engines.
- Undertake a study of pontoon stability in the proposed location.

- Liaise with others to ensure appropriate monitoring in the Harbour and River is maintained and enhanced.

The Commissioners agreed to remain committed to the strategy of maintaining a safe and welcoming Harbour for all users and continue the dialogue with stakeholders and the MMO regarding the application. A statement would be published on the Harbour website at the earliest opportunity.

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Annual Report

The Chairman gave a short plan of the running order and Agenda. This information would be published on the Harbour website.

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Matters raised by Members

N Taylor gave out dates of next Bird Survey, 22nd Nov.

P Hatswell wished to have an item included in the next meeting regarding Christmas cards. She also revealed the cover of the new Visitors' guide.

Next
Meeting

Wednesday, 5th December 2018 at 1830hrs.

Meeting 21.55hrs
closed



5/12/18