

# BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 08 November 2016

Present:

D Potter	Dong Energy	Chairman
J Thomas	Harbour Master	
M French	French Marine	
P Howden	Hampstead Homes	
A Tage	Olivers Wharf	
R Morrall	Clear to See	
R Howard	Oyster Fishery	
B Howard	Oyster Fishery	
J Dix	JJ Prior	
C Olaoi	IFCA	
A Harman	St Osyth Boatyard	
R Morgan	Morgan Marine	
G Constable	Waterside Boatyard	

In attendance

J Addison	Chairman Commissioners
F Brown	Commissioner
W Coulet	Exo Environmental

**143** 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:

Antony Mayhew                      Dong Energy

**144** Minutes of the Meeting of 05 Oct 2015.

Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

**145** Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

**146** USAR

William Coulet briefed those in attendance about the forthcoming 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. This project coincides with the dredging of the harbour where it is planned to remove 53000m<sup>3</sup> of sediment from the main navigational channels and Marina basins. The project is due to run for 4 years;

**Year 1** Nov 16- Mar 17 Main channels West and East, Oliver's wharf to (-1m CD) and the fuel barge to (-0.75m CD).

**Year 2** Oct 17- Mar 18 Waterside marina approach (-1m CD) Morgan's Marina Moorings (-0.5m CD)

**Year 3** Oct 18- Mar 19 St Osyth and Cindery pontoons (-0.75m CD), South channel East (-0.75m CD) and any follow up or additional works.

Examples of the Dredging equipment were displayed along with some of the working practices that would be employed.

The first phase of the works starts on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016.

Regular updates and information would be published on BHC website.

## 147 Harbour News

The Harbour Master briefed the following points:

Wreck removal Colchester Borough Council have appointed a contractor to remove the wreck at their expense. We pressure them for a start date daily.

Showers and Toilets at Colne Yacht Club now in use.

Met and Tide Station we are in the process of procuring new equipment that will integrate with smartphone and PC, providing immediate and accurate access by visitors and harbour users.

Maintenance programme underway;

Spare Buoys have been refurbished ready for replacement programme, removal of CYC special mark, Trinity house navigational inspection complete and passed.

'Community reach' now in yard for refurbishment, both Ferry's bottoms cleaned, Rib now out for maintenance.

2 x pumps removed from small dredger and serviced.

Fuel Pontoon Anodes now complete the repaint and refurbishment will take place next year.

Town Jetty replacement complete, now on rolling maintenance programme to refurbish the pontoon that was removed.

Training;

Oil spill MCA impressed.

Rescue of rowing Club launch from mud, involving Air rescue - plans and appropriate risk assessments need to be put in place by everyone especially clubs. The incident highlighted the requirement to have the equipment and staff trained in the evacuation of persons from the mud this has been planned.

#### **Future Plans**

CCTV - Considering upgrade and will discuss with individual stakeholders to run a shared access, harbour security benefits all so costs should not be borne by one organisation.

PWC - We are working on an all-encompassing plan, not just Jet skis.

Waterside Marina - Possible new working arrangements put in place.

Development - Demolition and building starts Feb 17.

#### **148**     Matters raised by members

R Morgan raised concern that the Tide tables had not yet been distributed, customers had been asking for them and that we were running out of time. J Thomas assured him it was in hand and would be available shortly.

Members raised concern that the welcome pack issued to visitors were not in circulation, J Addison assured those present that the pack would be available for next season.

#### **149**     Date of next Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> March 2017