

# BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 14 March 2018

### Present:

A Davies	RYA East	Chairman
J Thomas	Harbour Master	
M Doe		
C Cooper		
M Morris		
C Wood		
P Farrell		
N Taylor		
B Percival		
S Haigh		
T Lineham		
P Coupland		
S May		
G Chasney		
A Goggin		
N Roberts		
F Brown		
D Charlton		
C Charlton		
J Gibbon		
A Conroy		
S Pier		
A Esprin		
J Robinson		
In attendance:		
W Coulet	Exo Environmental	
D Nicholson	Commissioners	
D Boughton	Deputy Harbour Master	

- 166** 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:
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| G Cooper | RYA East | Chairman |
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- 167** Minutes of the Meeting of 10 October 2018.  
Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.
- 168** Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

**169**     USAR

William Coulet briefed those in attendance about the last 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 St Osyth 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.

**170**     Harbour News

Ferry Chartering - New ideas

Advertising - Wider selection

New Website - will include tide gauge

Marina - Improvements and developments which will include an area to operate the PWC club.

PWC Club - Is being set up by a Member of the met Police Liam Battersby.

Wrecks and Abandoned boats - European project in development

SUFUSE - The town will lead with support from the harbour

**122**     Other stakeholder News

BSC - There was a short update on BSC and their future calendar events

**171**     Matters raised by members

P Coupland was concerned at the silt build up in Fieldgate Dock, it was explained that monitoring of the area had shown no significant change, however the BHC would soon be investing in some baseline data surveys. These would be conducted annually, concurrently BHC were working with other agencies to look at the issue of longshore drift and remediation that could take place.

P Coupland also expressed concern that the oysters that had been removed from the area of the sailing club, then the shells redeposited back in the same place. This meant that the reason this practice was permitted, to reduce the hazardous sharp shell defied logic. The HM would deal with the latter asap, a resolution to the former is part of an ongoing process.

S Pier was concerned that the Harbour were eroding the areas in which craft could speed, stating that the current speeding leaflet was wrong and more detail should have been included. This was reinforced by D Carlton and A Esprin who believed that the Harbour should admit they were wrong and reprint the leaflets. The HM explained that the leaflet was designed to be simple and easy to understand, there was no hidden agenda to erode the speeding areas, the buoys marked were indicative. He welcomed them to his office to continue the dialogue but that offer was declined.

C Cooper wanted to express his thanks to the harbour team for the inclusive way in which Powered watercraft were being treated, instead

of try to ban them they had made significant efforts to bring them into the Harbour community and this should be celebrated.  
A Goggin reiterated C Cooper's comments complimenting the way BHC were dealing with powered watercraft. He also stated that annual Regatta would be taking place on 2/3 June 2018. HM thanked them both for their comments.

172 Meeting closed 19.50

173 Date of next Meeting

16 Oct 2018

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