

# BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 13 March 2018

Present:

A Evans	Mainline	Chairman
J Thomas	BHC	Harbour Master
G Constable	Waterside Boatyard	
P Hickman	Hickmans	
G Steady	BTC	
B Smith	BTC	
R Howard	Oyster Fishery	
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J Booth	BBPR	
K Booth	BBPR	
J Parfitt	BBPR	
B Hetherington	BBA	
J Pitt	Landowners	
C Olaoi	IFCA	
D Bailey	IFCA	
A Harman	St Osyth Boatyard	
B Harman	St Osyth Boatyard	
F Brown	BSC	
In attendance		
J Addison	Commissioners	
D Nicholson	Commissioners	
W Coulet	Exo Environmental	
G Dowd	Purelake	

**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:

D Potter	Orsted
C French	French marine
M French	French marine
A Tage	Olivers Wharf

**167** Minutes of the Meeting of 11 Oct 2017.

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 Interreg 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

**171** Other stakeholder News

G Dowd gave a short update on progress of the Marina Development and confirmed his support for the Harbours work on the Marina.

R Haward gave a short update on his future plans regarding his enduring commitment to Oyster dredging in Brightlingsea.

J Booth explained that he had now taken over the operational running of BB Park and Ride with his wife K Booth and would ensure it continues providing the same or better level of service.

**172** Matters raised by members

C Olaoi asked if water could be made available as their previous supply at Harker's yard was no longer available. The HM stated he had plans to address the issue and would speak on the matter later.

The HM explained that natural England had failed to turn up to the meeting to update the stakeholders on the coastal path.

P Hickman raised concern that the south channel had become difficult to navigate due to the way the mooring buoys were arranged, the HM stated he would look into it.

G Steady made a statement regarding the future of the Brightlingsea sea front and how the BTC planned to enhance what they have and increase visitor numbers. He thanked the Harbour for their support.

**173** Meeting closed 18.45hrs

**174** Date of next Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> Oct 18