

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 Jun 2019  
COMMENCING AT 1838hrs**

<b>Present:</b>	J Addison	Chairman
	J Thomas	Harbour Master
	A Scott	
	N Taylor	
	P Hatswell	
	I Finch	
	F Brown	

**4044 Apologies**

D Nicholson, A Thomas

**4045 Minutes of Meetings held on 1 May 2019**

It was agreed these were a true record.

Proposed: A Scott    Seconded: N Taylor

**4046 Matters arising from those minutes**

N/A

**4047 HM Report**

**Shipping**

4 x Ships; 1 x Scrap, 1 x Cement, 1 x Slag, 1 x Stone

Forecast; More of the same.

**Marketing**

1538 likes Foot Ferry Facebook (71 since May), 1514 Likes Harbour Facebook (35 since May).

Chronicle advert.

Activity packs working in caravan parks.

Signs on Marina showing visitors there is a town to visit.

**Ferries**

Charters picking up.

Father's day full, second ferry not possible despite demand Black Buoy can't oblige.

Many more enquires.

**PMSC**

PAT course: J Adams completes, giving us an in-house electrical tester.

**Dredging**

East Basin Dredging Continues.

Bathymetric survey conducted on Pontoons/ Bumpkin bay.

Bumpkin Bay improvements (5 Dredge Session).

**Maintenance**

Town Jetty Replacement carries on.

Ferry - New engine purchased

New launch engine purchased

**Commercial**

Port of London Authority had another visit.

FPV Morven using Harbour as a base.

Alliance – Orsted 2nd boat for a few weeks

**Respect the River**

£5000 allocated by Colchester Borough Council (CBC) to Signage and River Patrols, this will be confirmed when meeting with CBC next week. In the meantime a schedule of river patrols has been produced.

**CBC**

Steve Collis is still point of contact

CBC is aware they need to make a greater effort with the river.

**Moorings**

Well subscribed including more Fore and aft.

Marina very little capacity left.

**Purelake**

Gerry Dowd, Purelake - meeting postponed until next week.

**Staff**

One of the Duty Harbour Masters is retiring

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**USAR**

A meeting was held in Holland three weeks ago. It was established that some partners required an extension, a request for that extension has been presented to the Joint secretariat where a likely outcome will be outlined. It was the commissioner's belief if there was benefit to Brightlingsea then the extension should be supported.

F Brown suggested that now would be a good time for a press release, the HM stated that he was to be included in the dedicated USAR video being filmed 8<sup>th</sup> June, he would try and arrange footage from that to be available for use with other outlets.

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**Futures Follow up**

The Chairman summarised the Commissioners' objectives for the immediate future

**One-year objectives:**

To finalise with Brightlingsea Town Council an updated Licence/Lease agreement regarding managing and maintaining the Boat Park, Hard and Town Jetty.

To establish with the new owners the dredging requirements and anticipated costs for the proposed marina development at Morgan Marine.

**Three-year objectives:**

To establish a permanent ferry landing stage at Point Clear

To establish a designated parking area for short-term use by mooring holders and visitors

To establish the feasibility of access to power and water for certain harbour moorings, using modern technologies wherever possible.

**Capital Equipment Replacement**

Strategy endorsed, with aim to replace, as and when necessary, with more environmentally friendly equipment.

**Posts on Hard**

It was agreed that further consideration should be given to the environmental impact of current use and ways to mitigate this. N Taylor expressed concern that the evidence and data in the Green Blue initiative was questionable and whether we need do anything at all.

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**Brightlingsea Town Council**

The Chairman and the HM had a meeting with town council Mayor and Harbour lead representative to discuss the future. It was agreed that a new Head of terms contract be developed collaboratively with them. The HM was asked to send to all Commissioners copies of the current agreement and the proposed 'Licence' drafted by our solicitors.

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**Matters raised by Members**

I Finch (IF) asked if the Harbour would respond to a survey of Harbours by IMRS, the HM said he would. IF would also like to discuss the deployment of RACON in support of Harbour operations.

P Hatswell would like to discuss the use of Radio advertising by the Harbour the HM said Harbour staff meet to discuss advertising for next year in the Autumn and she would be welcome to contribute.

F Brown asked if the spare Council Jetty pontoon could be used for the Regatta, HM asked her to discuss this with G Bacon as to its suitability. She also sought any information about the smell of sewerage around the sailing club and whether the Harbour had done anything about it. The HM stated he had looked for the source, it was definitely not in the water, but had drawn a blank. He believed it was best followed up by the Environmental Agency.

The HM stated that the new toilets and shower block in the Purelake marina development were nearing completion and he hoped to look inside next week.

The Chairman stated he would be away from 21<sup>st</sup> Jun until 28<sup>th</sup> July and that the vice Chair A Scott would be standing in during this period.

Next  
Meeting  
Meeting  
closed

**Wednesday, 3rd July 2019 at 1830hrs.**

**2100 hrs**

Andrew  
3/Jul/19