

# BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 12 October 2020

Present:

D Potter	Orsted	Chairman
J Thomas	BHC	Harbour Master
A Harman	St Osyth Boatyard	
O Evans	BHC	
G Constable	Waterside Boatyard	
N Taylor	BHC	
J Carr	BTC	
A Goggin	Essex CC	
D Bridle		
D Nicholson	BHC	
In attendance:		
W Coulet	Exo Environmental	
D Chambers	Marine Police	

**219** Introduction & Apologies for absence

The HM welcomed members to the group, which includes a number of new members ensuring that all stakeholders are represented. Apologies were received from:

Nil

**220** Minutes of the Meeting of 16 Mar 2020.

Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting

**221** Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

**222** USAR

William Coulet gave a final update on the USAR dredging project, the international award winning work that had occurred on the saltmarsh and the depth levels changes in Fieldgate dock.

**223** Harbour News

The HM reported on the following;

**Shipping** - 15 Ships on Wharf since 16/03/2020.

**Commercial Activity** -

Windfarm vessels x 4

**Maintenance Done**

Town Jetty repairs, refurbishments.

Taxi new gear box, New engines on Ferry and Launch

Dracula 5 yr recoding inspection.

Buoy inspection, repairs, replaced IBH.

Buoy inspection by Trinity house excellent report.

SMS inspection.

CCTV Revamp

Taxi Refit including covers

Planking

Fitted out conference room.  
Covid Challenges

### **Maintenance To do**

Boat Park upgrade  
Office Entrance  
Workshop rear  
Office outside painting  
Town Jetty  
All vessels refresh  
Pressure washing  
Pile blackening continues

### **Marina**

Main Dredging complete  
Maintenance dredging continues  
Toilets and showers - coding system  
Wi-Fi Enhancement superfast extenders  
Laundry facilities to improve

### **Dredging Done**

Fuel Berth  
Flow improvement in south Channel  
North Channel to Fuel Berth

### **Dredging to do**

Between Cindery and St Osyth pontoons  
South of Town Jetty  
Entrance channel  
Bumpkin Bay

### **Seasonal Review**

Ferry down approx £18k  
Taxi down  
Visitor numbers down Jul although only started on 4th a Weekend, Aug on  
Par, Sept 100+ extra  
Charters up  
Historical harbour tour 100% up  
Users up significantly; Paddleboards, Kayaks, Swimmers and Jet Skis

### **Ongoing Work**

New apprentice  
Partnerships  
TDC and CBC  
Reimbursement of mooring holders  
Winter moorings  
Xmas plan  
Clean up;  
    Mobile pump outs Foul and fuel  
    Post scrubbing analysis and outcomes

### **SAFETY**

Letting people know you are afloat  
Kayaks and Paddle boarders

Wear a Lifejacket  
Have a radio  
Don't leave a lifejacket in the tender  
Have a torch at night

### The 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

#### 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 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.

#### 215 Other stakeholder News

**D Chambers** of the Marine police unit gave a short synopsis of the marine police plan which would be employed next year to deal with Powered watercraft. **D Potter** thanked him and asked that his contact details be circulated widely. In an emergency the public should still call 999.

#### 216 Matters raised by members

**J Carr** thanked the Harbour for the reinvigorated relationship that now existed with BTC and the harbour. He explained the plan to build a new £400,000 Heritage Quay in the area of the hard traditionally reserved for five fingered fish and rubbish. **D Potter** expressed concern at the ownership issues relating to the hard and how it may affect fishermen, **J Carr** explained all of this had been established and documented.

**A Goggin** thanked the Harbour too and underlined that with the fact that he had heard many positive comments made recently in his capacity as an Essex county councillor. He also stated that he was on the board of Kent and Essex fisheries, if anyone had any issues that he as a councillor or board member wished to be taken forward please get in touch.

**A Harman** thanked the Harbour for their efforts regarding the folly and that he had noticed a small improvement.

#### 217 Meeting closed 19.15hrs

#### 218 Date of next Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> Mar 21