

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

15th Mar 21