

BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE & COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 13 October 2020

Present:

A Davies	RYA	Chairman
J Thomas	BHC	Harbour Master
O Evans	BHC	
O Werngren	CYC	
A Goggin	BWSC	
N Taylor	CYC	
J Robinson	Ind	
A Espin	Ind	
J Carr	BTC	
M Morris	UCSC	
D Nicholson	BSC	
K King	Ind	
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 15 Oct 2019.

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. **A Goggin** gave a vote of thanks for the environmental works carried out over the last 4 years. **O Werngren** asked **W Coulet** about the area around splash point and the expanding stone point, are the harbour taking an interest, monitoring the situation and are there any proposal for remediation. W Coulet answered yes to all, however it was likely that remediation would require the financial mite of a higher organisation.

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

A Goggin thanked him but also pointed out that this year his only experience of Jet Skiers had been positive and that the water-ski club had gained 2 new members. **O Werngren** suggested that with many new harbour users, it maybe that they would benefit from a briefing before using the water on how they can operate safely. **HM** said this is something he would be working with TDC and other agencies. **J Carr** highlighted work that had been done on the IBH buoy to get it to the museum.

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 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. **A Davies** thanked him and asked that his contact details be circulated widely. In an emergency the public should still call 999.

The Chairman thanked BHC for their effort over the difficult period and was looking forward to a new season.

217 Meeting closed 19.33hrs

218 Date of next Meeting 16th Mar 21

