

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 Aug 2021  
COMMENCING AT 1830hrs**

<b>Present:</b> J Addison J Thomas D Nicholson P Hatswell F Brown N Taylor I Finch A Scott	Chairman Harbour Master
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**5108 Apologies**

Nil

**5109 Minutes of Meetings held on 7 Jul 2021.**

**Proposed;** F Brown, **Seconded;** D Nicholson.

**5110 Matters arising from those minutes**

Chairman made a short statement, regarding the Statutory Consultation and an update on those completed.

**5111 HM Report**

**Shipping**

2 x Ships; 1 x Cement, 1 x Scrap

Two more within 7 days

**Commercial**

2 x Windfarm boats in, have been hampered by C19.

**Marketing**

**2885** likes Harbour FB (88 since Jul), **2918** Likes Foot Ferry FB (88 since Jul).

The Harbour Videos:

Harbour Entry **193** views up 193 since Jul.

Foot Ferry Video **1009** in July.

Harbour Instagram **1022**.

Foot Ferry Instagram **797**.

Twitter **515** followers up 22 since Jul.

**Vessels**

Colne Guardian For Sale £15,000

**PMSC**

PWCs to be covered later.

TDC Swimming area Buoys put in earlier this week.

**Staff**

Head of Maintenance in work and making changes.

**Training**

Mileage builders for apprentices using Mooring holders

Oil Spill response in CYC, a new chosen centre for Adler and Allen.

**IF** committed to August the 17<sup>th</sup> for some Navigational instruction, for Apprentices.

**Maintenance**

Security lock on Front door.

Tide gauge radar damaged by what is believed to be a visiting yacht.

Big clear out instigated by new head of Maintenance.

**Operations**

Ferry Booking Page on Website is developing as we discover the gremlins.

River patrol operating at weekends.  
Police visit last Sunday.  
BHC raised £340 at the regatta for 1<sup>st</sup> responders.

**Pilot boat**

Chairman to visit Seaward Nelson 11 August.

**CBC**

Will finance the multi beam bathymetry and River Patrols.

**The Hythe Taskforce**

**HM** gave an update on his involvement with the taskforce.

**Visitors**

There has been a significant increase in numbers this year.

**5112 Harbour Byelaws**

The HM gave an update on the controlled access to St Osyth Stone, it had been in place for the last two weekends. At first there were a number of small issues regarding who had a right of access and some concern from a St Osyth Parish council member. No organisation has formally endorsed our action but Commissioners were keen that it should continue at least until September and if required extended beyond this, weather depending. There is a safety imperative and that must be addressed. The **HM** set out some options many of which required liaison and collaboration with other organisations and stated he would pursue, **DN** suggested we investigate the issuing of large stickers to make identification of PWCs easier, **FB** suggested a data collection page on our website as well as dating our news items and **PH** a chat with the Beach hut owners to see if they could play a part in recording data. There was general agreement that our Bye Laws were sufficient but were always subject to review.

**5113 Reports from Working Groups**

**AS** gave an update on the Solar Pontoon, he also suggested that we should engage with visitors and Resident mooring holders to ensure that this is what they wanted. This could be done with a survey. When and if we had established a need, we would then pursue this project.

**NT** reported on our assets to date and that this group would make it easier and quicker to react should an opportunity to purchase property present itself.

**FB**, having circulated an update before the meeting, reported on working group's recommendation that relevant local authorities should be surveyed about their current views and position regarding the River Colne.

**DN** reported on the Ferry landing stage, identifying roles and responsibilities. There were a number of issues to be resolved. It was agreed that the boardwalk should be 2.5m wide and that the gap in the South Channel should be increased to 17.5m. **HM** stated he would have these dimensions amended regarding Planning and MMO Licence. He also committed to produce a business case including figures for the income and expenditure. The next time the Group would report is when Grant funding had been achieved. There was acceptance that the landing is unlikely to be completed before **2023** season.

All presentations made at the meeting will be circulated as attachments to the draft minutes.

**5114 Matters raised by Members**

**DN** explained the Heritage pontoon would be constructed next week.

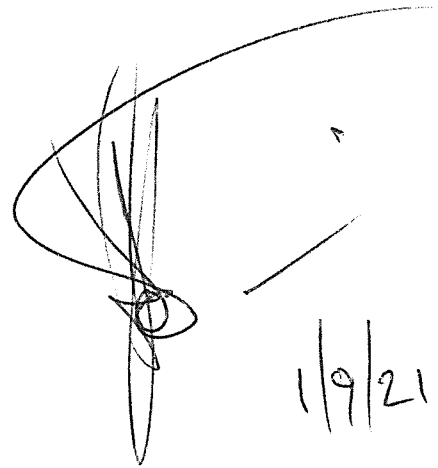
**FB** gave a short update on the Pyefleet Week and extended an invitation to Commissioners for the Commodore's reception.

Next Meeting;

**18.30 Wednesday, 1 Sep 2021.**  
**Venue: BHC Conference Room**

Meeting closed

**2140hrs**



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