

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 02 Mar 2022

COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present: J Addison Chairman
J Thomas Harbour Master
D Nicholson
P Hatswell
A Scott
F Brown
N Taylor
I Finch

5165 Apologies

N/A

5166 Minutes of Meetings held on 02nd Feb 2022.

Proposed; F Brown, **Seconded;** N Taylor.

5167 Matters arising from those minutes

DN asked if there had been any response from the Heritage lottery regarding the Ferry landing. The HM reported not as yet.

5168 Harbour Master Report

Shipping

3 x Ships of which all 3 x Cement. DfT has been providing direction on sanctions of Russian-flagged ships..

Commercial

2 x cockle boats here to Mar 22, 2 x Wind farm Boats end Mar 22.

Marketing

3101 likes Harbour FB (27 since Feb), **3158** Likes Foot Ferry FB (73 since Feb).

Harbour App **411** downloads

The Harbour Videos:

Harbour Entry **599** views up 71 since Feb.

Foot Ferry Video **2413** up 82 in Feb.

Harbour Instagram **1110**.

Foot Ferry Instagram **847**.

Twitter **584** followers.

Vessels

Colne Ranger new engine and controls installed.

Foot ferry back in.

Other Foot ferry out.

Colne Horizon – Batteries awaiting delivery.

Colne Cooke full refit.

Staff

New Duty HM has been appointed.

3 x Kickstart recruited.

Maintenance

Town Jetty complete

Power washing

Cindery

Fuel barge

Workshops

Wreck House

Operations

Storm Eunice: less damage than expected following 85mph winds.

CBC

Hythe Taskforce meeting Friday 11th March 2022

Stakeholders

22 March 22, meeting at BSC 18.30hrs

Pilot boat

Visit 24th Feb

Probable delivery 1st June

5169 Budget Approval

Commissioners considered the 2022-23 budget and gave it their approval.

5170 BTC/BHC Working Group Update

PH gave a synopsis of the meeting of the working group 21st February 2022.

5171 Asset Working Group Update

NT gave an update on discussions the group had on 4th Feb 22. No need to rush into development. Allow for future change of use. Avoid duplicating existing commercial services. There should be a two year period to evaluate 'how it works', with usage based around harbour users' needs or wants. The immediate action on completion is to arrange an extension of dropped kerb sort out electric cable at righthand corner of site and clear site.. There were discussions on how the area could be employed. The two guiding principles were that it should be used for storage and for Harbour users in the first instance. Whatever was agreed, a business plan would need to be generated so that it could be managed by the executive.

5172 Harbour Questionnaire

AS raised the subject of the Harbour questionnaire and what should be included in it, in addition to residential mooring holders and visiting yachts who would be answering the questions? What about other harbour users, Paddleboarders, Jet Skis, crabbers etc? The HM suggested that given the wide ranging and number of pursuits of Harbour users we might employ one of our staff members to engage with Harbour users and visitors, using a proscribed question set, listen and take notes. This method of intelligence gathering is likely to inform more comprehensively and give commissioners the answers they need. It also has the added benefit of being run over the season capturing as many views as is possible, rather than a snapshot. There was general agreement that there should be a survey undertaken this season. AS agreed to produce further ideas on this.

5173 Commissioner Recruitment

AS Described the plan for Commissioner recruitment, it would be advertised in Wivenhoe and Brightlingsea Chronicle, social media and the BHC website. The advert will first appear in April 2022. Potential candidates will be sent an application pack.,

5174 Matters raised by Members

PH stated she had passed on some Harbour visitor guides. IF suggested Commissioners may wish to watch Gig racing on 20th March.

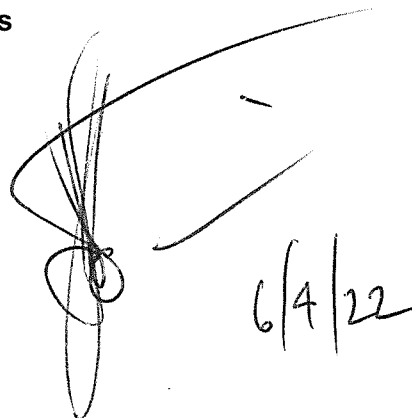
Next Meeting;

18.30 Wednesday, 6 April 2022

Venue: Conference Room

Meeting closed

2100hrs



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