MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 06 July 2022

COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present: J Addison

Chairman

J Thomas

Harbour Master

D Nicholson
P Hatswell
A Scott
F Brown
N Taylor

5201 Apologies

Nil

5202 Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd June 2022.

I Finch

Proposed; FB, Seconded; NT.

5203 Matters arising from those minutes

N/A

5204 Harbour Master Report

Shipping

3 x Ships; 3 x Cement, 1 cement en route

Marketing

3251 likes Harbour FB (64 since Jun), 3527 Likes Foot Ferry FB (84 since Jun).

Harbour App 660 downloads

TikTok 34

Harbour Entry 911 views up 113 since Jun.

Foot Ferry Video 3295 up 360 in Jun.

Harbour Instagram 1128.

Foot Ferry Instagram 862.

Twitter 613 followers.

Vessels

Reveller arrived as interim substitution for the new pilot boat.

Horizon will be fitted next week.

Staff

A kickstart employee now has a full time Job and will remain part time at Harbour.

A kickstart employee passed VHF last month.

A kickstart employee, full time Job at Levington leaves on the 15th of July.

So far we have assisted 4x Kickstarters into employment.

Recent apprentice enrolling on Workboat apprenticeship scheme..

PMSC

Trinity Inspection, once again went well this year.

Equal opportunities for staff online course completed.

Meeting with St Osyth took place earlier today to agree a way forward with the car park on point clear which should enable us to manage access of vessels into the harbour

Antifouling and scrubbing ,a short presentation given by **IF** on an anti-fouling project which will be undertaken by Essex university students. Also, later this year we shall receive results from the anti-fouled tiles which have been left under the visitors pontoon. These results will demonstrate the efficacy of various anti fouling products.

Maintenance

Boat park fence has been constructed, weeds have been removed and a general tidy up has happened.

The workshop has been rewired.

Marina

Initial electrical teething issues rectified, with all meters installed and processes in place.

Operations

River Patrol schedule published.

Security teams arranged for Point Clear to cover the summer.

Charter Trips ongoing.

Property

Brightlingsea boat park and ride are now using recently-purchased land.

CBC

Hythe taskforce, nothing definitive, footpath opening very soon.

The Council are planning to use former C truck Yard and looking to dispose of moulds etc, HM to visit Monday 11th July at 11:00am.

Pilot boat

2 x Visits: one by HM and DHM and one by the chairman.

Probable delivery August.

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Visitors

An update on comparative visitor numbers with June 2021 was presented

5205 Pilot boat name

Following consultation with staff and others, five names were shortlisted. Colne Leader was chosen by the Commissioners.

5206 BTC Public consultation on the Boat Park

On the evening of the 20th of June 2022a public meeting was convened at the YMCA so that boat park uses and those on the waiting list could discuss a reorganisation of the boat park. A plan was presented by HM on behalf of BTC. It was agreed that this would be developed based on the feedback received..

5207 Colchester Borough Council

The **HM** has been involved in a number of meetings regarding improvements to the river Colne. CBC have appointed University of Essex staff to look at blue /green initiatives which can inform their future policy. The areas of concern included the River Colne from Wakes Colne down to the Inner Bench Head. A number of projects were highlighted with the intention of taking them further in future. CBC are enthusiastic that the harbour be involved in many of them. The **HM** would keep all up to date with any developments.

5208 Matters Raised by Members

DN asked if any of the objectives had been published following the Commissioner's meeting day. **AS** stated he would send them out. **DN** Also stated that he had been approached by Gary Humm with an open invitation to commissioners to come and visit his lobster hatchery. **HM** said he would speak to Gary in order to find a suitable date.. **FB** confirmed that the Regatta was all arranged for 16-17 July, and that Pyefleet Week would be happening this year. **AS** gave an update on Commissioner interviews which were taking place on 7th July 22.

18.30 Wednesday, 3 Aug 2022 Venue: Conference Room Next Meeting;

Meeting closed 2045hrs