

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 05 Oct 2022

COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present: A Scott Chairman
J Thomas Harbour Master
P Hatswell
C Watkins
D Stoker
F Brown
D Nicholson

5224 Apologies

P Foley-Brickley

5225 Minutes of Meetings held on 7th September 2022.

Proposed; AS, Seconded; DN

5226 Matters arising from those minutes

N/A

5227 Year End 22

The HM presented a draft set of figures based on the accountants Profit and Loss account and although unable to answer questions in detail, Commissioners were satisfied that a sufficient contribution to reserves had been achieved. An audited set of accounts would be presented at the next meeting.

5228 HM Report

Shipping

2 x Ships; 2 x Cement. 1 Scrap later this week.

Marketing

3381 likes Harbour FB (8 since Sep),

3736 Likes Foot Ferry FB (223 since Aug).

3845 followers

4138 Followers

Harbour App **786** downloads

TikTok **40**

Harbour Entry **1229** views up 22 since Sept.

Foot Ferry Video **4259** up 95 in Sept.

Harbour Instagram **1157**.

Foot Ferry Instagram **894**.

Twitter **629** followers.

PMSC

HM updated members on the meeting 13 sep with St Osyth/Orchards. There was still work to be done. Some stakeholders have raised the possibility of blocking the trailed access to the water, but this had yet to be agreed.

Advisory groups would be sought for consultation to gather evidence and ideas regarding the use of the harbour for various activities.

Boat let go from Hythe, had been recovered by us, fixed on the saltings at Wivenhoe and would be removed in the next week by others. The cost borne by CBC.

DP Visit, potentially end November 22.

Maintenance

3 Buoys completed for exchange.

Speed markers withdrawn, there was discussion regarding the desirability of marking on those buoys. HM believe marking is unnecessary, but asked Commissioners, if they wish, to suggest appropriate wording for him to consider.

Operations

Ferry Season ended.

Some Charters.

Staffing

Advertising for Head Of Maintenance position, closing 13 Nov.

Job Centre are Developing Kickstart, getting young people into work. They wish to informally partner with the Harbour. 'Way to Work'.

Tending Skills Fair (in attendance)

Essex Highways/Ringway Jacobs

ARC Group

Surya Hotels

Aldanat Care

NHS

Rose Builders

Brightlingsea Harbour

Colchester United FC

Essex Police

Colbea

Galloper Wind Farm

Lifhouse Spa and Hotel

Parkdean Resorts

TDC Horticulture

TDC Leisure Centres

Fire Service

The Army

Engineering for Industry

Electric Boat

The HM gave an update on the electric boat

Pilot boat

Martin Evans visit with DHM 17th Oct to sea trial and code followed by bringing the boat to Brightlingsea.

Factory coding complete.

5229 Strategic Issues

Port Marine Safety Code

Commissioners are responsible for compliance with the PMSC

Read the PMSC

Read (and sign off) the BHC safety procedures folder

Commissioners have appointed an independent advisor (large ship master) –

Designated Person

Reviews our compliance with PMSC and reports back to Commissioners (annually)

Respect for other water users

Management of small craft in harbour; speed limit and respect for other users

- PWCs
- Power boats
- Interaction with dinghy racing fleets
- Dinghies

Time to review and update our strategy in this area

A small advisory group has volunteered to consider and let us know their ideas.

Climate change and longshore drift

Spit protecting harbour is comparatively recent

May have resulted from work done on beaches further up coast in 80s/90s.

Need to continue to monitor spit for any changes

More frequent tidal surges

With underlying sea level rise

Impact on moorings, land based assets.

5230 BTC

HM updated the members regarding the licence.

5231 Remuneration Committee

Inflation is much higher than it has been for many years

Many of our costs for 2023 (and 2022) will, or have, increased will impact 2023 Budget

Fees and charges

Staff salaries

Will also impact our harbour users ability to pay

Few will see their income increase in line with inflation

Need to establish a way forward that is fair to all while maintaining the harbour's financial health.

5232 Matters Raised by Members

FB asked about the winter dredging plans and the bathymetry survey regarding Point Clear and the promenade. The HM stated that bathymetry survey would be happening this month and the usual winter programme would happen.

Next Meeting; **18.30 Wednesday, 2 Nov 2022**

Venue: Wreck House

Meeting closed **2100hrs**

*Andrew
2 Nov 22*