

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 05 April 2023

COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present: A Scott
O Evans
D Stoker
P Hatswell
F Brown
C Watkins
P Foley-Brickley

Chairman
Deputy Harbour Master

5262 Apologies

Harbour Master James Thomas
D Nicholson

5263 Minutes of Meetings held on 1st March 2023.

Proposed; F Brown, **Seconded;** P Hatswell.

5264 Matters arising from those minutes

Nothing Raised

5265 Harbour Master Report: Update on activities in last month

Shipping

3 x Ships; 2 x Cement, 1 x Scrap.

Marketing

BHC 3925 followers (30 since Mar), Foot Ferry 4346 Followers (177 since Mar).

Harbour App 916 downloads.

TikTok 46

Harbour Entry 1388 views up 31 since Mar.

Foot Ferry Video 4675 up 89 in Mar.

Harbour Instagram 1183.

Foot Ferry Instagram 933.

Twitter 630 followers.

PMSC

Stakeholders Meeting scheduled for 2nd May 2023

BHC staff have received following external training;

- 3 x RYA Level 2 Power Boat
- 2 x RYA VHF Radio Licence

BSC and CYC have issued a code of practice which will be followed for events they organise within the harbour limits. The Commissioners welcomed the code of practice. Navigation Buoy checks complete.

Bathymetry after winter dredging now available; plan to share at stakeholder 2nd May meeting. Shows most of harbour has achieved target depth, though some areas need further work; the turning circle at East end of Cindery pontoon and 75m on approach at Creek Mouth. DHM expects this work to be done in next few months.

HM trying to gain TDC support for management of PWC launch point in St Osyth.

Maintenance

"Big Buoy". Now replaced with a new buoy. Original buoy was in poor condition, needing extensive repairs.

Ferries now in

Taxi in

Elec Boat ongoing

Electricity meter enhanced weather protection in marina underway

Harbour on-line depth gauge: Working to understand and then resolve the depth reading

issues observed over the winter.

Operations

Windfarm Commander P berthing extended for a few more weeks.
Another Windfarm boat expected in mid-April, berthing for several weeks.
Pontoon and Marina berths are all full for the 2023 summer season
Expect that the marina toilet entry fobs will 'go live' first week May.

CBC

Th HM has been informed that Hendersons have been selected by CBC to carry out the repairs to Fieldgate quay (near Colchester).

Staffing

New staff member started as a business apprentice.
Staff member has now passed his apprenticeship. The Commissioners congratulated him on his achievement.

Pilot Boat

Seaward intending to visit end April, for a 'ceremonial' handover of the Pilot Boat to BHC.

5266 Stakeholders Meeting on 2 May

DHM presented the areas currently expected to be covered:

1. Environmental and Topographical Presentation
2. Bathymetry Update
3. Answers to Pre-Meeting Questions
4. Preparations made for the Season

5267 Blessing of waters

Chair briefed Commissioners on discussions with the 'Blessing of the Waters' Chair. The 2023 event will take place on Sunday 4th June. Commissioners agreed to fund up to £500 of 'in kind' support for the event. Commissioners hoped that the organising committee would invite those who have been involved in Oyster fishing within the Creek to the event.

5268 BTC Update

The **Chairman** presented a proposal from BTC regarding future management of the Town Jetty and the Boat Park. Once the HM returns from leave, the Chair and HM will review the proposal and then seek views from Commissioners.

5269 May Day Commissioner Strategy Day Agenda

The **Chairman** proposed a first draft of topics to cover. He asked that Commissioners proposed any additional topics within the next 2 weeks

5270 Matters raised by Members

PH informed the Commissioners of www.ourbrightlingsea.org.uk


DS expressed an interest in developing a guide for paddleboards and kayaks to use giving suggested routes, times and tips when operating in and around the harbour.

Commissioners asked him to produce a draft guide for discussion.

Next Meeting; **18.30 Wednesday, 3 May 2023**

Venue: Conference Room

Meeting closed **2030hrs**

Andrew 
3/ May /23