

BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 03 Jul 2024

AT THE WRECK HOUSE COMMENCING AT 1830hrs

Present:

Andrew Scott – Chairman

James Thomas – HM/CE

Karl Lumbers – KL

Daniel Stoker – DS

Duncan Nicholson – DN

Ali Johns – AJ

Colin Watkins– CW

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
5385	Apologies Patric Foley Brickley – PB	
5386	Minutes of Meetings held on 5 Jun 2024 were approved. Proposed, DN Seconded, DS	
5387	Matters Arising from those minutes DN asked about a land plan for the Town Jetty. HM stated he would get one ASAP.	HM
5388	<p>Harbour Master Report</p> <p>Shipping 4 x Ships; 2 x Scrap, 2 x Cement. Next ship in on 4th July.</p> <p>Marketing Brightlingsea Harbour 4,504 followers (24 since Jun), Foot Ferry 5,302 Followers (95 since Jun). Harbour App 1500 +. TikTok 81 Harbour Entry 2524 views up 68 since Jun. Foot Ferry Video 7573 up 237 since Jun. Harbour Instagram 1319. Foot Ferry Instagram 1039. Twitter 671 followers.</p> <p>Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) PMSC online: two PMSC Duty Holder Awareness webinar sessions on Monday 23 September 2024 10:30 - 12:30 and Monday 9 December 2024 10:30 - 12:30 which is hosted on Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Golden Anchor External quality certification from the Yacht Harbours association. Revalidation date September. As we are not a self-contained marina, the highest score we can achieve is our current 'three anchors'.</p> <p>Pilotage – HM has met with the Harwich Harbour Master. Discussions including pilotage support.</p> <p>Electric Boat Training Runs - to St Osyth/ Rowhedge.</p> <p>Trinity House Buoy Inspection will take place on Thurs 4th .</p> <p>Wharf Security Meeting took place last Wed 26th. HM provided a brief update on current port operations security alerts.</p> <p>Metal post in north channel cindery repaired.</p> <p>Metal post on east of whites removed.</p> <p>Fire extinguisher box replacements in marina</p>	

	<p>Maintenance Re-engined the Ferry. Needed every few years given the high operating hours. Tide Gauge update: almost, but not quite, working. HM hopes to have it working before the August meeting. Marina pontoons levelled Gauge cleaning carried out Book exchange now in place on wall outside office Recycled boat for sale Speed buoys deployed AtoN buoys all pressure washed and cleaned Buoy 24 refurbishment Swimming buoys, realigned and link lined with new chain and sinkers Calibrated board on Creek mouth replaced Acetylene canister recovered from St Osyth mud</p> <p>Operations River Patrol and security teams scheduled. Rowhedge charters started, St Osyth ready. Regatta 6/7th. Ferry; This year is the 20th Anniversary of ferry. <u>3rd July 2004</u> from 3rd to 7th July Ferry will be at 2004 prices. This coincides with Regatta.</p> <p>Visitors 353 3rd highest June 1st 3 months highest</p>	HM
5389	<p>Strategic Planning Update DS updated members on progress with Strategy, the concept of planning and strategy was discussed, and the difference clarified. It was decided that the next stage of the strategy building based on consultations should be completed by the end of July. KL and AJ agreed to join PB and DS in this work.</p>	KL AJ DS PB
5390	<p>Pilotage HM updated members on the Pilotage situation.</p>	
5391	<p>BTC Update DN referred to a plan which he had procured from the Land Registry and was keen to understand its validity, the HM said he would be happy to discuss outside of this meeting at the earliest opportunity.</p>	
5390	<p>Matters Raised by Members The Chairman asked that thanks are recorded for the BHC team effort in the Blessing of the Waters. KL reiterated the thanks when referring to a Facebook social media post stating 'Goodnight Brightlingsea, Harbour, the friendliest Harbour Masters on the East Coast'. DS alerted members to the listing of Priors wharf for sale. CW briefed Commissioners on a visit that a sail training vessel Jack Petchy would make to the harbour on 16th July. DN gave an update on Pyefleet week and a Solos meeting in August at the BSC.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Time 1830hrs, Wed 7th Aug 2024 Venue Wreck House</p>	Next meeting biscuits; AJ
Time Ended	2005hrs	

Approved
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