

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
held at Warsash Sailing Club on 13 December 2013

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor S. D. T. Woodward

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Rob Humby

Councillors:

p G Burgess
p M.G. Cooper
a P Fawkes
p S Cully

p. D Harrison
p. F Pearce
p. A W Rice TD
p. G Ringrow

Eastleigh Borough Council

p Councillor Suzy Hamel

Fareham Borough Council

p Councillor T. M. Cartwright

Winchester City Council

p Councillor Victoria Weston

Associated British Ports

a Captain Martin Phipps

Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs

p Mr David Le Mare

British Marine Federation

p Ms N Walsh

Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association

a Mr. R. Boissier

Berth and Mooring Holders Representative

p Mr D. O'Malley

Royal Yachting Association

p Mr R Pritchard

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fawkes and from Captain Martin Phipps of Associated British Ports.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Code.

Councillor Weston declared an interest by reason of being a Mooring or Berth Holder on the River Hamble, as did Mr. Le Mare. Ms Walsh declared an interest as an employee of Marina Developments Ltd.

Councillors Cartwright and Weston, along with Mr Le Mare and Mr O'Malley also declared interests as members of local Yacht or Sailing Clubs. Mr Pritchard declared interests as a member of Hamble River Sailing Club; Royal Southern Yacht Club and the Chairman of the River Hamble Combined Clubs Committee.

17. MINUTES

The Minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 6 September 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

19. DEPUTATIONS

There were no Deputations.

20. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour from 29 November 2013.

The Marine Director confirmed the report's content: no reportable incidents since the Board's meeting on 29 November. Reportable incidents were described as collisions; groundings; breakdowns; spillages that had involved the Harbour Master in the recovery of a vessel or action.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

21. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced by the Environment and Development Manager and summarised environmental management between September – November 2013.

The bathymetric survey had taken place between Hamble Point and Mercury Gardens. Members were encouraged to review the Minutes and Presentations of the Hamble Estuary Partnership and to note that the University of Southampton was conducting a survey of the clam beds. Shellfish beds in the Southampton area had remained closed in their entirety by contrast with the Langstone Harbour where the beds had re-opened for one month.

Continued concern for pollution from the M27, through run-off or collision, was expressed, although no action was required as Government Agency quality and risk assessments were assessed as within tolerable limits.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

22. BUDGET UPDATE 2013/2014 and 2014/2015

The Committee considered the report of the Directors of Corporate Resources and Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book) about the revised budget for 2013/2014 and forward budget for 2014/2015.

The report was introduced by the Corporate Finance Officer. Both budgets demonstrated a surplus and anticipated a contribution to reserves in both years.

Income from visiting sailors was noted to be down, year-on-year. Winter sailing and training programmes were in place to counter this trend: something reported as prevalent at other river harbour sites. The extension of the Hamble Jetty would expand berthing facilities. Seaweed clearance at Warsash, jointly funded by the Authority and Fareham Borough Council had markedly improved the condition and use of the Slipway and would be carried out, if required, for the Boxing Day race meeting. The St Jude storm tides had accumulated 17 ½ tonnes of seaweed by contrast with the norm of 4 – 6 tonnes.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and recommended for approval to the Harbour Board.

23. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES

To consider a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services in respect of fees and charges (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced by the Marine Director and confined to the commercial sector. There were no questions in response to the proposed no change in Harbour Dues and a 1% increase for other commercial vessel fees and charges.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and for the Committee to advise the Harbour Board to approve the fees and charges set out in the report and for advertisement on the River Hamble website.

24. REVIEW OF ASSET ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

To consider a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services in respect of a review of asset enhancement projects (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced by the Marine Director and was by way of update on project progress and completion. Crime reduction on the River was in part attributed to Smartwater and jail sentences. Harbour Works Consent applications for the Warsash Slipway project and Hamble Jetty extension would follow the receipt of final design drawings, contract tenders with consideration being given to improving traffic flow safety and berthing capacity. The current thinking was the Hamble Jetty project to follow the works of the RSNYC and RAFYC scheduled for Winter 2014/2015. The Crown Estate would be invited to contribute to the cost of works in the Slipway project.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

25. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book) with regard to the future business items for the Committee and Harbour Board agendas.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.