

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR BOARD held at the Royal Air Force Yacht Club, Hamble on 8 April 2011.

PRESENT:

Hampshire County Council

Councillors:

p K. Evans (Chairman)

p G. Hockley

p K. House

Independent Members

a Mr. T. Lovell

p Mr. C. Moody

p Dr. S. Tomson

Marine Director

p D. Evans

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that, where they believed they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should normally at the time of the debate declare their interest, and having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave

the meeting whilst the matter was discussed save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the Code.

104. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 28 January 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Arising thereon:

Minute 98:

The system for classifying shellfish as to whether they were suitable human consumption was explained to the Board.

105. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced to the Board that on the 1st April 2011 the County Council created a new Department called Culture, Communities and Business Services (CCBS) by merging the existing CCRA and PBR&IT departments. This merger saw a 34% reduction in senior management costs with further savings planned from the integration of the two Departments. The Director of CCBS is Karen Murray and the link officer remains John Tickle who is an Assistant Director in the new Department. The former Director of CCRA, Yinnon Ezra, along with a number of other senior colleagues, has retired.

It was confirmed that these changes will not materially affect the Hamble in terms of support albeit some of the named officers will change. Steps will be taken to ensure that appropriate induction takes place and that continuity of support is properly sustained for the operation of the Harbour Authority.

It was also noted that it was the last meeting of their current term of office for independent Board members Chris Moody and Tony Lovell. The

Chairman thanked them for their contribution on behalf of the Board and the wider River Hamble community.

106. **RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 18 MARCH 2011**

The Minutes of the meeting of the River Hamble Management Committee held on 18 March 2011, item 6 in the minute book, were considered and noted.

107. **HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

The Deputy Harbour Master presented the Harbour Master's report (Item 7 in the Minute Book) which outlined incidents from 28 January 2011.

It was highlighted that Harbour patrol times had changed and thanks to four new staff members, from May 2011 a split shift system would allow coverage from 06:30 – 22:30.

The Deputy Harbour Master introduced the report and responded to queries from Members of the Board on the following points:

3.2. It was confirmed that no further action was required.

3.5. It was noted that the broken down boat did not have a radio on board.

3.6. It was suggested that the boat sank as a result of winter weather. It was confirmed that recovery costs were borne by the owner's insurance.

3.8. It was explained that the source of the oil had since been identified as engine oil poured in a land drain.

3.10. The user of the motorboat was confirmed as being inexperienced.

An additional incident in the days since publication of the report was highlighted, in which property had been stolen and other anti-social behaviour reported.

The Harbour Master and the Designated Person detailed the recent Port Marine Safety Code audit. It was explained that changes to the Safety Management System had condensed it and made it a more useable tool. Particular attention was drawn to the “Summary” in the audit report (Appendix 1 of the Harbour Master’s Report). Paragraph 2.6 of the audit report was also highlighted and it was agreed that all Members of the Board should attend training to familiarise themselves with the policies.

Accordingly it was resolved that the report be noted.

108. **MARINE DIRECTOR’S CURRENT ISSUES**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book), detailing current issues relating to the Harbour to Members.

Strategic Plan:

The Marine Director confirmed that the sub-group had met and had asked the Management Committee to contribute their views. A further meeting was arranged to discuss these. It was felt that it would be difficult to reach a consensus, in particular as a lot of the issues causing concern fell outside of the remit of the Harbour Authority.

Bursledon rowing gig:

The Harbour Board was informed that the Management Committee had given their views and recommended approval for the purchase of a rowing gig. The Board was also supportive of the proposals, but unconvinced of the necessity of charging for use and it was agreed that this should be reconsidered when maintenance and insurance costs were clearer.

Accordingly it was resolved that the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the situation on the Strategic Plan and Vision and approves the purchase of a Harbour Authority rowing gig.

109. **HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT – R.K. MARINE**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book) regarding an application for a Harbour Works consent.

The nature of the application was outlined to the Board. Concerns regarding risk assessments were discussed and it was clarified that for all activity within the boatyard was the responsibility of the operator. Additional risk assessments and conditions for the construction phase and for manoeuvring boats were detailed. It was noted that the hoist was likely to reach its weight capacity at boats approximately 50' in length and as boats of this length used area already, no issues were foreseen. Members were supportive of the application and agreed that the hoist was essential for the ongoing business of the boatyard.

Accordingly, it was resolved that that the River Hamble Harbour Board grants Harbour Works Consent for the proposed works at R.K. Marine with the following conditions:

- 1.1 A satisfactory risk assessment for the construction works must be supplied to the Harbour Office prior to commencement of the works.
- 1.2 A suitable set of operating procedures, to include the use of 'picket' boats when traffic volumes dictate, are to be agreed between the operator and the River Hamble Harbour Authority.
- 1.3 A vibro piling methodology is to be used.
- 1.4 Piling works to occur between 1 November and 15 March in any year only to avoid the salmonid migration window.
- 1.5 All other consents are to be obtained prior to commencement of the works, and a copy of each consent lodged with the Harbour Office.

110. **HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT – WARSASH JETTY**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book) regarding an application for a Harbour Works consent.

The Marine Director confirmed that this application was for a new workshop facility for the Harbour Authority. He pointed out that there had been a consultation prior to planning permission being applied for and that a minor modification had been made to the plans as a result. It was still unknown whether a new pile would be required and a separate application would be made for that if necessary.

Accordingly, it was resolved that the River Hamble Harbour Board grants Harbour Works Consent subject to the following conditions:

- 3.1 All other consents are to be obtained prior to commencement of the works.
- 3.2 A vibro piling methodology is to be used.

Piling works to occur between 1 November and 15 March in any year only to avoid the salmonid migration window.

111. **ASSET ENHANCEMENT PROGRESS**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book) regarding progress on the asset enhancement projects.

It was noted that not all of the project costings had been received and furthermore that the minutes of the informal discussion with interested parties had only recently been distributed. Therefore it was agreed to defer final decisions on the Hamble foreshore projects until the next

meeting of the Board. There was a brief discussion regarding the planning permission application for the jetty extension and it was agreed that the extension and the tender storage should be submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council for pre-application advice, as two separate applications. It was also noted that Hamble Parish Council were keen to have a discussion regarding the foreshore and that a meeting with representatives of the Board was being arranged.

Updates were provided to the Board on the slipway signage and jetty extension. It was also confirmed that work had begun drafting educational material, that the seagrass survey had been booked, a camera had been purchased and the pamphlet re-print was underway.

The Marine Director highlighted information from the Hamble lifeboat that confirmed that their new lifeboat station would include public facilities. It was proposed that a contribution to the new lifeboat station be added to the list of potential asset enhancement projects for future consideration.

Accordingly it was resolved that the River Hamble Harbour Board.

1. Notes progress on Projects 1, 3 and 4
2. Agrees that the Hamble Jetty extension and tender storage projects should be submitted for pre-application advice, prior to seeking planning permission and formal Harbour Works Consent.
3. Defers any decision about a grant to the Hamble Lifeboat .

112. **PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 12 in the Minute Book) regarding the Select Committee recommendations.

It was noted that the majority of recommendations had been implemented as far as had been possible. Some were pending an update of the Harbour Authority website.

Accordingly it was resolved that the report be noted

113. **FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 13 in the Minute Book) setting out issues which it was anticipated would appear on the agendas of forthcoming meetings of the River Hamble Harbour Board and Management Committee.

It was noted that the July meeting would now also include final decisions on the asset enhancement projects.

There was a brief discussion regarding the replacement of the independent Members whose term of office was coming to an end. The Marine Director outlined the process and confirmed that they should be in place in good time for the next meeting.