

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR BOARD held at Warsash Sailing Club on 2 December 2011.

PRESENT:

Hampshire County Council

Councillors:

p K. Evans (Chairman)

p G. Hockley

p K. House

Independent Members

p Mr. D. Jobson

p Mr. C. Moody

p Dr. S. Tomson

Marine Director

p D. Evans

146. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members of the Board were present.

147. 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.

148. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 23 September 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

149. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Alison Fowler back to her role with the River Hamble Harbour Authority following her maternity leave.

150. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations.

151. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book), summarising the incidents and events in the Harbour from 23 September until 17 November 2011. The Harbour Master briefly highlighted the list of recent incidents for the attention of Members. She added that there had been no serious incidents since publication of the report.

Members were informed that the recent flare amnesty had been a considerable success and that it was hoped to repeat the event in the spring of 2013. The Board congratulated officers on a positive initiative.

It was resolved that the report be noted.

152. MARINE DIRECTOR'S CURRENT ISSUES

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book), regarding asset enhancement projects and the collection of harbour dues.

The Marine Director updated the Board on the progress being made with the various asset enhancement projects. It was reported that the maps for the safety signage were complete and that the next stage was to apply for planning consent. It was confirmed that these signs would replace the existing signage and would include information regarding harbour dues. Members were informed that pre-planning application advice had been sought for the tender storage proposals. Indications from Eastleigh Borough Council were that "toast-rack" storage on the Hamble jetty was unlikely to receive permission, whilst an application for an extension to the jetty was more likely to be successful, subject to consideration of any navigational safety concerns. It was also confirmed that a similar discussion with Fareham Borough Council had revealed that there were unlikely to be difficulties in granting planning permission for the proposed tender storage on the Warsash jetty. The Marine Director explained that in his view, the cost of the Warsash project was high for only a small number of berths. Members discussed the options available in light of this update. There was a strong feeling that tender storage provision and access to the river other than via the commercial marinas should be supported. The question of making improvements to the slipways was raised and it was pointed out that uncertainty over the ownership of the slipways could prove an obstacle. It was felt that this could be combined with tender storage on land at Hamble. It was agreed that details of the ownership and of the potential costs of an improvement to the slipways be investigated and reported to a future meeting. With regards the cost of the Warsash project, there was broad agreement that it was too expensive to proceed, however it was also agreed

that alternatives be investigated.

The timescales and process for planning permission applications and an application for Harbour Works Consent for the Hamble Jetty extension were discussed and it was agreed that both applications would be best made in tandem.

Progress on the proposals to prepare educational material about the River was reported. Assistance had been sought from the County Council's education specialists to work with Harbour office staff to put a package together. Members asked whether there was sufficient demand from schools and the process for agreeing the material. The Marine Director confirmed that these details would be reported at the next meeting.

The work that had been undertaken on SSSI enhancements was discussed. The Marine Director confirmed that the photographic survey was complete and had been incorporated as part of a new multilayered electronic map, which would be demonstrated at a future meeting. It was also confirmed that the marine archaeology leaflet had been reprinted and was available. Members were updated on the details relating to the collection of Harbour Dues. There was some concern that there were still a number of people not paying their Dues and it was suggested that the existing rules could be better implemented, however it was noted that complexity and cost of collection was sometimes disproportionate to any Dues lost. Members were satisfied that the bulk of the fees were collected and that robust methods were in place to do so. It was agreed that the report be added to the next Management Committee agenda for their consideration. David Jobson agreed to work with the Marine Director to consider any improvements that may be possible.

It was resolved that the River Hamble Harbour Board agrees:

- To submit planning and Harbour Works Consent applications for the proposed extension to Hamble Jetty.
- To investigate alternative solutions for tender storage at Warsash, instead of proceeding with the proposed storage on the Warsash jetty and a report on this be made to the next meeting.
- That a report be prepared for the next meeting detailing the ownership and cost implications of improving the slipway access at both Warsash and Hamble.
- That a report be prepared for the next meeting to consider other storage options for tenders afloat.

- That further details on the demand for and content of educational material be reported to a future meeting.
- That details of the collection of Harbour Dues be reported to the Management Committee for their consideration.
- To note the details of the report.

153. **FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book), regarding forthcoming items for future meetings.

It was noted that the additional items detailed in Minute 152 should be added.

It was resolved to note the report.