

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE held at Warsash Sailing Club on 30 March 2012

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor S. D. T. Woodward

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Dr. R. J. Ellis

Councillors:

a Mrs C. A. Bailey
a G. Burgess
p A. Broadhurst
p M.G. Cooper

p C. Davidovitz
a A. D. G. Evans
p A. Gibson
p A.W. Rice, TD

Eastleigh Borough Council

a Councillor Mrs S. Ingram

Fareham Borough Council

p Councillor T. M. Cartwright

Winchester City Council

a Councillor Victoria Weston

Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs

p Mr P. Middleton

British Marine Federation

p Mr M. Glanville

Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association

p Mr. R. Boissier

Berth and Mooring Holders Representative

p Mr D. O'Malley

Royal Yachting Association

p Mrs P. Dorothy

135 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Evans, Graham Burgess, Charlotte Bailey, Victoria Weston and Sue Ingram.

136 **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 8, 9, 10 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. The normal declarations of interest applied among those present at this meeting.

Councillor S.D.T. Woodward declared in interest by reason of being a Mooring or Berth Holder on the River Hamble, as did Mrs P. Dorothy, Mr. P. Middleton and Mr. D. O'Malley.

Councillors T.M. Cartwright, C.A. Bailey and V. Weston, along with Mr. D. O'Malley, Mrs P. Dorothy and Mr. P. Middleton, also declared interests as members of local Yacht or Sailing Clubs. It was noted that since the previous meeting, Mr D. O'Malley had become Commodore of the River Hamble Sailing Club.

137 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 6 January 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

138 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made by the Chairman.

139 **DEPUTATIONS**

It was confirmed that no applications to make a deputation at the meeting had been received.

140 **HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture,

Communities and Business Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) on incidents and events in the Harbour from the 12 January 2012.

The Harbour Master confirmed that there had been few incidents in the Harbour in the preceding months and gave additional details on several of the incidents listed in response to questions from Members. Attention was also drawn to the successful pile replacement programme.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

141 **MARINE DIRECTOR'S CURRENT ISSUES**

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

The Marine Director updated Members on the progress of the signage and education elements of the asset enhancement project. With regard to slipway improvements, he confirmed that Mr D. O'Malley and Mrs P. Dorothy were working on a business plan for improvements to the concrete slipway on the Hamble foreshore, which it was hoped would inform a way forward. Members were also informed that proposals to improve the Warsash slipway were being drawn up by consultants.

The new moorings management agreement with the Crown Estate was outlined to Members and it was confirmed that the terms were more favourable to the Harbour Authority.

Attention was drawn to the installation of the new navigational pile and buoy and Members were updated on the progress of the project.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

142 **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book) on issues relating to the environmental management of the Harbour.

The Marine Director highlighted a number of areas of the report, in particular the multi-agency training session, the list of completed projects from around the Harbour, the new Marine Consents guide and the Harbour Authority's proposed response to the Government's Red Tape Challenge. Members discussed the issues relating to the new licensing system for marine developments and it was reported that

various other groups also intended to submit a response to the Red Tape Challenge. It was proposed that a joint response be submitted, but it was felt that several coordinated responses would have more impact and the Marine Director agreed to share the Harbour Authority's response prior to submission.

The proposed wind farm to the south west of the Isle of Wight was discussed and several potential impacts on water users highlighted. It was noted that attempts were being made to arrange a presentation on the proposals in the Hamble area.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

143 ASSET ENHANCEMENT RESERVE – CRIME DETERRENCE

With regards to this item all members of the Committee who had previously declared themselves to be Harbour dues payers declared an interest as potential beneficiaries of the proposals. Following legal advice it was determined that their interest was non-prejudicial as the proposals related substantially to the benefit of the wider River community and therefore they remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion.

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book) regarding proposals for a crime deterrence measure as part of the asset enhancement project.

The Marine Director outlined the proposal to procure and supply forensic marking kits for all annual Harbour dues payers, with the intention of creating a Hamble community with marine assets rendered unattractive to thieves by forensic marking. He explained how the kits themselves worked and emphasised that for the project to be successful, take-up levels needed to be high and needed to be backed up by a publicity campaign. It was confirmed that procurement of the kits would be via a competitive tender process and that there were at least two major suppliers who were interested in submitting a tender. Members expressed concerns relating to data security and the use of personal data by the supplier. It was confirmed that requirements relating to these issues would form part of the tendering process. Members were supportive of the proposals in principle and agreed that the publicity around the project was particularly important.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee advise the River Hamble Harbour Board to support the proposals and to allocate funding from the Asset

Enhancement Reserve.

144 RIVER HAMBLE GAMES

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs (Item 10 in the Minute Book) regarding the forthcoming River Hamble Games.

The Marine Director updated the Committee on the preparations being made for the River Hamble Games and it was noted that a number of organisations had offered support. Members were encouraged to support and promote the event and a request was made for volunteers to provide assistance on the day.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee note the report and that individual Members consider volunteering their services to assist with managing the event on the day.

145 FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee received and noted the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs (Item 11 in the Minute Book) with regard to the key issues anticipated to appear on future River Hamble Management Committee and Harbour Board meeting agendas. It was

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan be noted.