

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
held at Warsash Sailing Club on 14 March 2014

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor S. D. T. Woodward

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Rob Humby

Councillors:

p G Burgess
p M.G. Cooper
p 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 Nicola Walsh

Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association

p Mr. R. Boissier

Berth and Mooring Holders Representative

a Mr D. O'Malley

Royal Yachting Association

p Mr R Pritchard

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dermod O'Malley and from Captain Martin Phipps of Associated British Ports.

27. 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 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. Mr Boissier declared an interest as a Marina owner.

Various Members declared their membership of the Royal Yachting Association as a non pecuniary interest. Cllr Hamel declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Committee Member of the 2014 River Hamble Games.

28. MINUTES

The Minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 13 December 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

30. DEPUTATIONS

There were no Deputations.

31. 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 10 January 2014.

The Marine Director circulated photographs of the Warsash slipway and Shore Road illustrating the extent of the partly-cleared gravel/shingle following the combined adverse weather and tidal surge of 14/15 February 2014. Members were told that engineering advice was being sought as to the continued suitability of the shingle/glasscrete construction to the slipway, following which the working group may reconvene to consider that advice. The foreshore at Hamble Point was highlighted as evidence of how an area constructed, as proposed, can be affected by tidal surges combined with adverse weather.

Members noted the estimated and unbudgeted cost of dealing with winter storm damage at £5,000.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

32. 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.

The report was introduced by the Marine Director, summarising the outcome of the navigational lights trial; interest in and support for the River Hamble Games 2014; the Visitor Guide; progress of the Hamble Jetty Extension project; impact of the Integrated Business Centre (IBC) on the Harbour Authority's management systems and a proposal to part-fund PhD research on sacrificial anodes and the environmental impact of dissolved zinc in the River.

Members were reminded their scrutiny function was exercisable when considering applications for Harbour Works Consent; that application for the Hamble Jetty Extension would come to the Committee if permission was granted by the relevant planning authority (Eastleigh).

The Marine Director was requested to relay to the Harbour Master's team, the Committee's thanks for their work on the River during the extended period of winter storms.

RESOLVED:

to advise the River Hamble Harbour Board of the Committee's support for:

- (i) the installation of solar powered navigation lights;
- (ii) a grant to the River Hamble Games 2014;
- (iii) part-funding the proposed sacrificial anodes PhD project; and
- (iv) to note the remainder of the report.

33. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced by the Environment and Development Manager and summarised environmental management between late December 2013 – early February 2014.

Most notable had been black water damage and contamination to the Harbour Master's Yard and equipment through an overwhelmed drainage system that overflowed directly into the River. Members were told that Southern Water responded promptly, but any repair/upgrade of the relevant sewerage pipes and pumping station is the responsibility of Southern Water, regulated by the Environment Agency.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

34. BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book) in respect of a review of the business plan.

The report and its updated Business Plan appendix were introduced by the Marine Director. Items put forward for consideration by the Harbour Board were under Environment; Public Relations and Communications and Enhancement of Economic Benefits and were in support of the Authority's Strategic Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Harbour Board consider revisions and additional items for inclusion in the Business Plan as set out in Appendix 1.

35. COMMERCIAL HARBOUR DUES

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services in respect of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Collection of Commercial Harbour Dues (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced by the Marine Director. Members noted the collection arrangements had worked reasonably and none of the participating

interests had indicated a need for change. Boats kept ashore for which harbour dues were paid en bloc featured in many yards along the River's length. Estimated receipts for 2013/2014 were £22,000.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and for the Committee to advise the Harbour Board that the Commercial Harbour Dues Memorandum of Understanding was working well and did not require amendment.

36. 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.