

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
held at The Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble-le-Rice on 13 March 2015

PRESENT

Chairman:

p Councillor S. D. T. Woodward

Vice-Chairman:

p Councillor Rob Humby

Councillors:

p G Burgess

p -C Connor (Substitute Member)

p M.G. Cooper

p P Fawkes

a S Cully

a. 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 Brian Mead

British Marine Federation

p Nicola Walsh

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 Mr J Selby

84. NOTIFICATION OF FILMING AND BROADCAST

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Shaun Cully and Cllr David Harrison.

85. 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 and, having regard to 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 Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Mr O'Malley declared Personal Interests as a member of Hamble River Sailing Club and as a Mooring Holder; Mr Brian Mead declared Personal Interests as a Member of the Royal Southern Yacht Club, mooring holder, Member of the Royal Yachting Association and Chairman of the Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs; Cllr Cartwright declared Personal Interests as a member of Warsash Sailing Club and the Royal Yachting Association; Ms Walsh declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as an employee of MDL Limited.

Cllr Vicky Weston declared Personal Interests as a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a mooring holder; Cllr Suzy Hamel declared a Personal Interest as a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club; Mr John Selby declared Personal Interests as a trustee of Warsash Sailing Club; member of the Royal Yachting Association and Association of Hamble River Yacht Clubs and Committee Member of the River Hamble Combined Clubs.

86. MINUTES

Subject to revising Mr O'Malley's Personal Interests to omit Membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club, the Minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 12 December 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

It was confirmed that no widening activity at the western shelf had been identified in the ABP capital dredge programme.

87. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman welcomed Mr John Selby and Mr Brian Mead to the Management Committee. Cllr Criss Connor was welcomed as the Appointed Substitute Member for the Labour Group in place of Cllr Shaun Cully.

88. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

89. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour from 16 January 2015.

The Marine Director confirmed to Members that it had continued to be a quiet winter, evidenced by four incidents in this report.

Following the multi-agency exercise with HFRS and Hampshire Police Marine Unit, HFRS had agreed with the Harbour Master that primacy of control for midstream incidents would be held by the Harbour Master whilst those on the banks or were moored craft would be controlled by HFRS.

The Harbour Master would host a further familiarisation session for HFRS personnel.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.

90. MARINE DIRECTOR'S CURRENT ISSUES

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

The report was introduced by the Marine Director, and dealt initially with the revisions to the Strategic Plan and Strategic Vision following a working group discussion between Members of this Committee, the Harbour Board and Officers. Cllr Cartwright indicated that some useful revisions had been

proposed and incorporated and the working group were happy with the conclusions reached. Other Members of the Committee indicated they were similarly happy with the revised document to be submitted to the Board for endorsement.

The Committee's working party for the Warsash Slipway Project had met again with HCC Engineering Consultancy and a revised fee scheme compiled that omitted the gravel beach element of the slipway construction. Cllr Cartwright confirmed he had made a deputation on the project to the Harbour Board on 16 January 2015, bringing to their attention concern for the proposed project management costs. Members discussed the proportionate cost of the project management and felt there was potential to apply lessons learned from the experience to future works. Overall, the Committee indicated that the reduced scheme for improvement works to the Warsash slipway should proceed..

A Member questioned the progress of planning permission for the Hamble Jetty extension and there was discussion about how Members were kept informed of matters being considered by Local Area Committees (LAC) and representation at those meetings.

The Marine Director informed Members that the Committee's wish to have a dialogue with the Planning Officers at Eastleigh Borough Council had been followed, resulting in a meeting with LAC members and the submission of visual impact assessment with the re-application. Consideration of the Hamble Jetty extension application was reported as postponed by Eastleigh Borough Council for consideration by the Local Area Committee on 25 June 2015.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee recommends to the River Hamble Harbour Board

- i) the proposed changes to the Strategic Plan and Strategic Vision; and
- ii) to go ahead with the revised slipway improvement project subject to satisfactory costs.

91. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

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

The report was introduced by the Environment and Development Manager and summarised environmental management between December 2014 and February 2015 including the meeting of the Hamble Estuary Partnership.

The issues of saltmarsh erosion and observed changes to the foreshore had been discussed with residents of Lands End, Bursledon in December 2014.

An experts' group regarding sediment management in the estuary had met in January 2015, as a result of which a project brief had been compiled in readiness for the Harbour Board's meeting in April for decision.

It was confirmed that the beaching of the Hoegh Osaka on Bramble Bank had prompted the use of the Oil Spill Plan and the Harbour Authority had participated in the Tactical Coordination Group. Implementation of the notification stages of the Plan had demonstrated their effectiveness. In the event, there was no oil pollution and the River was not at risk. This incident had not accrued any cost to the Harbour Authority.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.

92. ANNUAL REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The Committee had received an updated edition of the plan with those items removed that had been completed during the last 12 months.

RESOLVED:

To propose the Annual Business Plan to the River Hamble Harbour Board for its consideration.

93. REVIEW OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) ON THE COLLECTION OF COMMERCIAL AND DAILY/WEEKLY HARBOUR DUES

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book).

The Report was introduced to Members by the Marine Director. The Committee were told of additional income sources from the new dry stack facility and fuel jetty at Swanwick Marina and the revised layout at Deacons Marina together with the Prince Philip Yacht Haven currently under construction at the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

Calculations of harbour dues to be collected by the Marinas, Boat and Yacht Clubs had been compiled in accordance with the MoU. It was confirmed to Members that the MoU continued to operate satisfactorily.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report and recommends to the River Hamble Harbour Board the continued application of the Memorandum of Understanding.

94. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services with regard to the future business items for the Committee and Harbour Board agendas (Item 12 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that the annual boat trip in June was likely to take a different format and a further announcement would be made in due course.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.