

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at Warsash Sailing Club on 26 June 2015

**Chairman:**  
**p Councillor S. D. T. Woodward**

**Vice-Chairman:**  
**p Councillor Rob Humby**

**Councillors:**

p. G Burgess	p. D Harrison
p. M.G. Cooper	p. F Pearce
p. P Fawkes	p. A W Rice TD
a. S Cully	a. G Ringrow

**Eastleigh Borough Council**

p. Councillor Suzy Hamel

**Fareham Borough Council**

a. Councillor T. M. Cartwright  
p. Councillor D.C.S. Swanbrow (Substitute)

**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. Ms Nicola Walsh

**Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association**

p. Mr Rupert Boissier

**Berth and Mooring Holders Representative**

a. Mr Dermot O'Malley

**Royal Yachting Association**

p. Mr John Selby

## **96. 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.

## **97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ringrow, Councillor Cully, Councillor Cartwright and Mr Dermod O'Malley.

## **98. 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 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; Ms Nicola 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.

## **99. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on 13 March 2015 were confirmed.

## **100. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that this would be the last Management Committee involving David Evans, the current Marine Director, and that David would be retiring on 20 July 2015. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to David for the contribution he has made throughout his time in post. The recruitment process for the new Marine Director was currently underway.

## **101. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

## **102. 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 8 April 2015.

An additional annex was tabled which outlined incidents that had occurred since the meeting papers had been published.

It was reported that the routine Port Marine Safety Code Audit undertaken on 20 May 2015 had discovered no faults and that the River Hamble Harbour Authority remained compliant with the Port Marine Safety Code.

It was confirmed that Captain Mark Capon's contract as Designated Person would expire on 30 June 2016.

Members congratulated the Marine Director on the improvement in the state of the Harbour during his time in post.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

## **103. 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 it was confirmed, following on from the Chairman's Announcements (Minute 100 refers), that David Evans would be retiring on 20 July 2015.

Members heard that the Harbour Authority's application for planning permission to extend the Hamble Jetty was considered by Eastleigh Borough Council on 25 June 2015 for the second time and had been rejected. Two grounds for rejection were identified: firstly, because the area is a mooring restricted area and an extension to the jetty would have an adverse impact upon the visual aspect of the river when viewed from the shore; secondly, the area in question is open water and an extension to the jetty would have an adverse impact upon navigation through the area. There was strong collective opposition to the application at the 25 June meeting. Two petitions were presented at the meeting – one in favour of the proposals and one against the proposals.

The Management Committee discussed the reasons for the rejection and whether an appeal against the decision would be viable. It was proposed and agreed that a further report would be prepared for the Committee, at its meeting

on 4 September 2015, which would explore the options for next steps following on from the decision.

It was also queried whether a group had been established to discuss and review the circumstances regarding the jetty extension. The Marine Director noted that stakeholders had previously been consulted regarding access to the River from Hamble foreshore on several occasions in the past four years, prior to the application being made for planning permission and that, if planning permission had been granted, there would have been further opportunities for consultation as part of the Harbour Works Consent process.

The Marine Director confirmed that HCC Engineering Consultancy was developing the specification for the improvements to Warsash Slipway. A progress report would be taken to the River Hamble Harbour Board at its meeting on 17 July 2015.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

**104. 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 Marine Director (on behalf of the Environment and Development Manager) and summarised environmental management during March, April and May 2015.

The desktop study referred to within the report was discussed and it was confirmed that this study would take place to assess the viability of using sediment management techniques to maintain the saltmarsh or mudflats within the Hamble Estuary. It was highlighted that the desktop study would review the research being undertaken into sediment management techniques in other areas of the UK. Quotes to undertake the study had been received and were being assessed.

It was asked whether any European Union grants may be available to subsidise the study or subsequent projects arising from it. The Marine Director confirmed that this would be discussed with the successful bidder.

Members thanked the Environment and Development Manager for her contribution to the project.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

## **105. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL FORUM**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book) detailing the proceedings of the Annual Forum held on 23 March 2015.

It was noted that a synopsis of queries and responses arising from the Forum was appended to the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee recommends that the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the report.

## **106. RIVER HAMBLE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS 2014/15**

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

The report was introduced to Members by the Corporate Accounting Manager and highlighted a surplus of £39,128 after the agreed contribution to the Asset Replacement Reserve (ARR) of £35,000, and draws of £16,341 from the Asset Enhancement Reserve and £78,896 from the ARR to fund agreed projects.

Overall, it was confirmed that robust financial management has resulted in an improved position against the budget.

Members congratulated the Marine Director on the improvements in the financial position of the Authority that he had overseen.

### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That the Management Committee notes the report and submits it to the River Hamble Harbour Board for approval.
- ii. That the Management Committee notes the proposed increased transfer of £88,300 from the Revenue Reserve to the Asset Enhancement Reserve, in accordance with the reserves policy and recommends this to the Harbour Board for approval.

## **107. 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).

**RESOLVED:**

- i. That the Management Committee notes the report.
- ii. That a report outlining the next steps for the Hamble Jetty extension project be added to the Forward Plan for the meeting of the Management Committee on 4 September 2015 (Minute 103 refers).