

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at Warsash Sailing Club on 11 December 2015

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

**Vice-Chairman:**  
a. Councillor Rob Humby

**Councillors:**

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

**Eastleigh Borough Council**

a. 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. Ms Nicola Walsh

**Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association**

p. Mr Rupert Boissier

**Berth and Mooring Holders Representative**

p. Mr Dermot O'Malley

**Royal Yachting Association**

p. Mr John Selby

## **119. 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.

## **120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Humby, Cully, Fawkes, Pearce and Hamel. Councillor Wood attended as the UKIP substitute member.

## **121. 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. Mr O'Malley declared Personal Interests as a member of Royal Southern Yacht Club; Hamble River Sailing Club and as a Mooring Holder; Cllr Cartwright declared Personal Interests as a member of Warsash Sailing Club and the Royal Yachting Association; Cllr Vicky Weston declared Personal Interests as a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a mooring holder; 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.

## **122. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on 4 September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **123. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that Wendy Stowe, the Deputy Harbour Master, had taken up a new post as the Harbour Master at Beaulieu. Members heard that

Wendy had dedicated 18 years service to the Hamble Harbour Authority and the Chairman noted his gratitude for the contribution that Wendy had made.

The Chairman announced that two notable persons, Michael Sterne and Don Alexander, had sadly passed away. Members heard that Michael was an advocate of equality issues and was passionate about the future direction of the Harbour Authority's management of the River. Don was a long serving member on the Management Committee as the Royal Yachting Association representative. The Committee heard that Don was also a member of the Hamble Estuary Partnership and that his knowledge and experience was valued and often drawn upon by the Harbour Authority.

#### **124. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

#### **125. 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 25 September 2015.

An additional annex was circulated at the meeting detailing incidents which had occurred since the papers had been published.

Following Members' questions it was confirmed that the speeding RIB, referred to in section 3.4 of the report, had been estimated as travelling at a speed of ten knots. It was also confirmed that the last prosecution for speeding on the River was in September 2012.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

#### **126. MARINE DIRECTOR'S CURRENT ISSUES**

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

The Committee heard that works to the Warsash Slipway were proceeding as planned and that liaison between local stakeholders, contractors and the County Council's engineering department was working effectively. It was reported that works to the slipway were anticipated to be complete by 18 December 2015.

The Marine Director noted his gratitude to the departing Deputy Harbour Master, Wendy Stowe, and reported that, in her new role, Wendy would become the only serving lady Harbour Master in the country.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

**127. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

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

The report summarised environmental management of the Hamble Estuary from August to October 2015.

It was reported that AHTI Limited are now in the process of conducting the desktop study investigating the viability of using sediment management techniques to safeguard the River's saltmarsh and mudflat habitats. A report from AHTI is expected by April 2016.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

**128. SAFETY MANAGEMENT AUDIT REPORT**

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

It was reported that the Marine Director and Andy Langford, on behalf of Regs for Ships, conducted the audit of the Harbour Authority's Safety Management System on 15 October 2015. The Committee heard that the Authority continued to comply with the Port Marine Safety Code.

The Marine Director confirmed that he would be setting up an internal quarterly safety and operational meeting following on from the audit.

It was confirmed that the acronym, 'A to N', as referred to in Appendix A, stood for 'Aids to Navigation'.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

**129. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES**

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

The report proposed that no changes should be made to fees and charges from the previous year. This would also be in line with the freeze on Harbour Dues as previously agreed by the Harbour Board on 25 September 2015.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee recommends to the Harbour Board to approve the fees and charges set out in the report and that these are advertised on the River Hamble website.

**130. RIVER HAMBLE 2016/17 FORWARD BUDGET**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 12 in the Minute Book).

The report presented the 2015/16 outturn forecast, as at Period 6, and the 2016/17 forward budget for the Committee to consider. Members heard that the River Hamble is projected to achieve a surplus of £20,000 against a budgeted surplus of £23,000 for 2015/16. An appendix was attached to the report which detailed the proposed forward budget for 2016/17.

Following Members' questions it was confirmed that the investment in the e-Harbours system, referred to in section 2.5 of the report, incurred a one-off investment cost and did not require ongoing funding at this level.

Discussion was held regarding a forward plan for expenditure particularly in relation to the maintenance and replacement of the Harbour Authority's patrol fleet. The Marine Director informed Members that a contract was in place which would ensure sufficient maintenance and servicing and that a lifecycle plan for the boats was in development. These enhanced monitoring and maintenance measures would help to prolong the lifespan of the fleet. It was proposed and agreed that an item would be prepared for a future Management Committee meeting looking ahead at expected cash flow and forecast expenditure for the next five to ten year period.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report and recommends the forward budget to the Harbour Board for approval.

That an item be added to the Forward Plan for a future Management Committee meeting, as outlined above, detailing projected expenditure and cashflow over the coming five years.

**131. HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT APPLICATION: INSTALLATION OF A MID-STREAM PONTOON ON ROYAL AIR FORCE YACHT CLUB MOORINGS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 13 in the Minute Book) which set out an application to install a single mid-stream pontoon to connect four existing mid-stream mooring piles on RAF Yacht Club moorings.

The Marine Director presented the report and highlighted that no objections to the works had been received following the consultation. It was also emphasised that, although the proposal was within the Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation, there would be no loss of habitat from designated sites and there would be no change to the type or frequency of activities that occurred in the location as a result of the proposal.

Discussion was held regarding section 9.1f and the proposed condition that the development must be completed within three years from the date of Harbour Board approval. Some Members felt that the three year condition should be applied to the commencement, not the completion, of the works. This would mean that any agreed work would be required to have commenced within three years of the date of Harbour Board approval. It was agreed that this particular condition would be raised for discussion and resolution at the meeting of the Harbour Board on the 15 January 2016.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee recommends to the Harbour Board to approve the proposals set out in the report subject to conditions 9.1 a to e.

That the condition listed under 9.1f is raised for discussion and resolution at the meeting of the Harbour Board on 15 January 2016.

**132. 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 13 in the Minute Book).

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report including the addition of a further item as detailed in minute number 130.