

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at the Royal Southern Yacht Club on 11 March 2016:

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
a. A W Rice TD

Eastleigh Borough Council

a. Councillor Suzy Hamel

Fareham Borough Council

a. Councillor T. M. Cartwright
p. Councillor D. Swanbrow

Winchester City Council

a. Councillor Victoria Weston
p. Councillor Robert Sanders

Associated British Ports

a. Captain Martin Phipps

Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs

a. 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

133. 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.

134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cartwright, Weston and Hamel and from Brian Mead. Councillor Swanbrow attended as the deputy member for Fareham Borough Council. Councillor Sanders attended as the deputy member for Winchester City Council.

135. 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.

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; Mr John Selby declared Personal Interests as a trustee of Warsash Sailing Club; committee member of the Royal Yachting Association, of the River Hamble Combined Clubs and of the River Hamble Mooring Holders Association. Cllr Sanders declared a Personal Interest as a member of Royal Southern Yacht Club.

136. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 11 December 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

137. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that, following the Committee meeting, there would be a briefing for members on the upcoming River Hamble Games which were scheduled for the 18 June 2016.

138. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

139. MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES

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 and updates from the Marine Director.

Members were informed that the activities within the harbour since the last Committee meeting had been mostly routine and an additional annex was circulated detailing incidents which had occurred since the papers had been published.

Members heard that a new Deputy Harbour Master had been recruited and would be introduced at a later Committee meeting. It was noted that a review of the asset register would be undertaken by the Marine Director. It was confirmed that a maintenance schedule for assets and equipment was already in existence.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.

140. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

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

The report summarised environmental management of the Hamble Estuary from November 2015 to February 2016.

It was reported that the Environment and Development Manager had recently achieved a renewed certificate in oil spill management and that this training was also scheduled on a future date for both the Harbour Master and the new Deputy Harbour Master.

Members heard that, at a recent meeting of the Hamble Estuary Partnership (HEP), a presentation was given on two projects aimed at protecting bird populations in the Solent. It was noted that the HEP also received an update from the Marine Management Organisation on the South Marine Plan.

The Committee were informed that the AHTI sediment management project was progressing well.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.

141. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS PLAN

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

The Harbour Authority's Business Plan was appended to the report and it was highlighted that the document supported the Authority's overall strategic plan.

Members were invited to comment of the Business Plan and suggest any amendments. Members raised that there were no budgeted figures listed alongside the 'staff' plan topics on page 6 of the Business Plan. The Marine Director confirmed that this oversight would be rectified.

There were no other suggestions or amendments put forward by the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee did not propose any changes to the Business Plan for consideration by the River Hamble Harbour Board.

142. HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT APPLICATION: WARSASH LINK PONTOON

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

The report outlined an application, from the River Hamble Harbour Authority, for Harbour Works Consent to install a 31 metre pontoon extension on the Harbour Master's Jetty at Warsash. This proposal would also create a link to the Fisherman's Pontoon and would provide additional berths for tenders and an increase in provision of space for small visiting boats. It was noted that there would be no increase in the number of permanent moorings. It was also noted that, due to the increase in provision for visiting boats, there would be an opportunity for increased revenue income.

Members heard that a thorough consultation process had taken place and that no objections had been received. In an update to section 7.2 within the report, the Committee were informed that the proposals had now been granted flood defence consent by the Environment Agency, planning permission by the Local Planning Authority and consent had also been granted by the Crown Estate. No update had been received from the Marine Management Organisation.

The visual impact assessment was highlighted and members were encouraged to view the photographs which were appended to the report. It was reported that, as part of the consultation, the photographs had been shared with local residents, sailing clubs and with the Rising Sun public house which was located within close proximity to the area in question.

Following members' questions, it was confirmed that the three year completion clause (recommendation 9.1 c within the report) could be applied to any future Harbour Works Consent proposals on a case by case basis. As reported to the

Harbour Board at its meeting on 15 January 2016, Section 17(1) of the Southampton Harbour Act 1939 (re-validated in Schedule 2 of the 1969 Harbour Act) allows the Board to give consent subject to such terms and conditions as it may think fit to impose and extensions can be granted if necessary on a case by case basis.

The Marine Director assured members that a comprehensive package of measures would be put in place to ensure that the project, and the end result, would be as safe as reasonably practicable – with particular emphasis on safe passage beneath the bridge.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Management Committee recommends to the Harbour Board to approve Harbour Works Consent for the proposal set out in Section 3 of the report and subject to the following conditions:

- i. That the proposal is to be built in accordance with the details, plans and method set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.
- ii. That vibro-piling be used as standard, percussive piling should only be used if needed to drive a pile to its design depth. A soft-start procedure should be used if percussive piling is required.
- iii. That the development must be completed within 3 years from the date of the approval granted by the Harbour Board.

143. 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 11 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.