

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR BOARD held at the RAF Yacht Club on Friday 8 April 2016 at 10am:

**PRESENT:**

**Hampshire County Council**

Councillors:

p K Evans (Chairman)  
p P Latham  
p K House

**Independent Members**

p Ms N Hiorns  
p Mr D Jobson  
a Mr C Moody

**Marine Director**

p J Scott

**168. BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

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.

**169. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr Chris Moody.

**170. 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 David Jobson declared Personal Interests of: memberships of the Royal Southern Yacht Club; RAF Yacht Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a Midstream Mooring Holder.

## **171. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 January 2016 (Item 4 in the Minute Book) were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **172. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements from the Chairman on this occasion.

## **173. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

## **174. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 11 MARCH 2016**

The Board received and noted the draft minutes of the meeting of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee held on 11 March 2016 (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

## **175. MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES**

The Board received the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour and updates from the Marine Director.

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

Members heard that the new Deputy Harbour Master had been in post since 4 April and was working well with the rest of the team.

It was reported that the Annual Forum had taken place on 21 March 2016 and that feedback following the event had been very positive. The themes for the Forum had been speeding, towing and tenders. The Board were informed that there had been presentations from the Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs, the Berth and Mooring Holders and also from the Sea Cadets.

Members heard that, since the publication of the papers and in update to section 8.1 in the report, a building certificate had been obtained for the Hamble Lifeboat Station and that the Trustees were working to obtain this to enable the occupation of the building.

The Board RESOLVED to note the report.

## **176. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Board received the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book) summarising activities relating to the River Hamble Harbour Authority's environmental management of the Hamble Estuary from November 2015 to February 2016.

It was reported that both the Marine Director and the Environment and Development Manager had attended oil spill management training and that this was also scheduled on a future date for the new Deputy Harbour Master.

Members were informed that, at a recent meeting of the Hamble Estuary Partnership, a presentation was given on two projects aimed at protecting bird populations in the Solent, and an update was also given on the progress of the draft South Inshore Marine Plan.

The Board heard that the AHTI sediment management project was progressing well and that the consultancy's draft report had recently been received by the Harbour Office. It was noted that a summary of the findings contained within the draft report would be brought to a future Board meeting.

The Board RESOLVED to note the report.

## **177. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS PLAN**

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

The Harbour Authority's Business Plan was appended to the report.

The co-opted member for recreational sailing suggested that Item 14 within the Plan be expanded to include more specific and significant statements of intent. These suggestions included:

- to promote equality of access for all River users
- to promote the provision of adequate facilities for dinghies and the safeguarding of dinghies on the River
- to review the management of the mid-stream mooring holders waiting list in order to create a more positive system and reduce time spent on the list

It was agreed that each of these three suggestions would be reviewed by the Chairman and the Marine Director and that an update would be provided at a future Board meeting.

Members also suggested some additional wording to Items 7 and 20 related to the broader environmental training given to staff, and to inclusion of wider users groups of the river beyond just those on boats (e.g. paddle boarders) which was

noted by Harbour Authority officers in order to make the agreed updates to the Plan.

The Board RESOLVED to note the report including the addition of wording under Items 7 and 20.

**178. HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT APPLICATION: WARSASH LINK PONTOON**

The Board received the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book) setting out an application for Harbour Works Consent to install a pontoon extension on the Harbour Master's Jetty at Warsash.

The Board RESOLVED to grant Harbour Works Consent for the proposal, as set out in Section 3 of the report, 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.

**179. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board received the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services anticipating future business items of the River Hamble Management Committee and the Harbour Board (Item 12 in the Minute Book).

It was noted that an additional item should be added to the Forward Plan, in accordance with minute number 177 following the agreement to provide an update to the Board regarding the Business Plan.

The Board RESOLVED to note the Forward Plan report.