

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at Warsash Sailing Club on 24 June 2016:

Chairman:

p. Councillor S. D. T. Woodward

Vice-Chairman:

p. Councillor Graham Burgess

Councillors:

p. Councillor Cooper

a. Councillor Cully

p. Councillor Fawkes

a. Councillor Harrison

p. Councillor Huxstep

p. Councillor Matthews

p. Councillor Pearce

p. Councillor Rice

Eastleigh Borough Council

a. Councillor Suzy Hamel

Fareham Borough Council

a. Councillor Trevor Cartwright

Winchester City Council

p. Councillor Victoria Weston

Associated British Ports

p. 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

144. 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.

145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shaun Cully and Councillor Trevor Cartwright.

146. 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.

Cllr Weston declared Personal Interests as a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a mooring holder; Mr 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; Mr O'Malley declared Personal Interests as a member of Royal Southern Yacht Club; Hamble River Sailing Club and as a Mooring Holder; Ms Nicola Walsh declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as an employee of Premier Marinas; 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.

147. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 11 March 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

148. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed the new members to the Committee – Councillor Chris Matthews and Councillor Roger Huxstep. The Chairman noted and welcomed the attendance of Councillor Jonathan Butts, from Fareham Borough Council (FBC) who was observing the meeting from the public gallery. It was noted that Councillor Butts was awaiting verification of his appointment as the new FBC deputy member and that this proposal was expected to go forward to Full

Council for approval at its next meeting. The Chairman also noted that a new Eastleigh Borough Council representative, Councillor Jane Rich, had been proposed and that this appointment was also awaiting County Council approval.

The Chairman announced that the annual familiarisation boat trip along the River Hamble would follow the Committee meeting.

149. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

150. 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.

An addendum was distributed at the meeting which outlined those events which had occurred since the publication of the papers.

Under section 3.4 of the report it was clarified that Byelaw 5 covered the safe navigation of vessels. Members heard that, in relation to incidents identified within the report, the Harbour Office was working in conjunction with the Coastguard and UK Harbour Masters Association to further coordinate responses to injuries and emergency situations which had arisen on the River. In response to Members' questions, it was confirmed that all Harbour Office personnel were qualified to administer First Aid in accordance with the guidelines of the Port Marine Safety Code.

The success of the Hamble River Games was noted and sponsors, including the River Hamble Harbour Board, were thanked.

Section 7.1 of the report was highlighted and the Committee heard that the fire on the river on the 4 May was caused as a result of filming events which had been taking place in a small boat. It was confirmed that there were no injuries as a result of the fire and that damage to property had been sustained. The Harbour Office had been working with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and Hampshire Constabulary following the incident.

In response to Members' questions relating to crime on the River, it was confirmed that prevention strategies included the smart water initiative, the use of CCTV and close liaison with the Constabulary.

Members of the Committee praised the report for the level of detail it contained.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.

151. 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 March to May 2016.

The Committee heard of a minor variation to the slipway extension works at Brooklands Quay. This involved the use of a hand piling system which removed the requirement for a concrete footing at the end of the slipway.

It was reported that the Environment Agency's bid to Highways England for funding to address direct drainage into the estuary from the M27 bridge, had not been successful. It was noted that the Chairmen of both the River Hamble Harbour Board and the Hamble Estuary Partnership have previously written letters of support for such a scheme. An update detailing the reasons for the bid rejection would be provided to the Committee once further information had been obtained.

It was noted that River Hamble officers had recently met with planning officers at Eastleigh Borough Council to discuss the relationship between planning policies and requirements under the Port Marine Safety Code. The meeting had proven useful in aligning and understanding processes followed by both organisations. The Committee noted the intention to hold a similar meeting with Fareham Borough Council in due course.

Members heard that AHTI had submitted their draft report on the sediment management desktop study to officers. The draft report had been reviewed by the project steering group and a final report was in preparation.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.

152. RIVER HAMBLE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS 2015/16

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

The Committee heard that the surplus for the 2015/16 year was £1,400 and that this was an improvement on the original forecast. It was reported that the balance on the General Reserve, at 31 March 2016, was £108,642 and it was noted that this was in excess of the 10% gross revenue budget as per the agreed policy. The accounts were appended to the report which included details of the financial outturn for the year. Members heard that the financial management implemented had resulted in an improved position against the budget.

It was confirmed that the jetty at Manor Farm Country Park (MFCP) was under the ownership of Hampshire County Council and that, following a recent meeting

between Harbour Office and MFCP officers, the management and maintenance of the jetty was the responsibility of the Harbour Authority.

In response to Members' questions, it was confirmed that, for the current financial year 2016/17, planned projects consisted of the Warsash Link Pontoon works (which had been awarded to Walcon Marine following a competitive tender process and which were due to begin in November 2016) at a cost of £55,000 and the continuation of the PhD project at a cost of £5,000. It was reported that the asset register work and analysis of existing assets was ongoing. This would help to create an asset replacement programme for future years and enable the Harbour Authority to plan for upcoming expenditure.

Members of the Committee praised the report for the level of detailed it contained.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the report, the statutory accounts and management accounts be noted by the Committee and recommended to the River Hamble Harbour Board for approval.
- ii) That the Committee notes that the level of the General Reserve as at 31 March 2016, at £108,642, is currently in excess of the stated level in the reserves policy.

153. 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 21 March 2016.

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.

154. 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.