

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR BOARD held at Warsash Sailing Club on Friday 15 July 2016 at 10am:

PRESENT:

Hampshire County Council

Councillors:

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

Independent Members

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

Marine Director

p J Scott

180. 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.

181. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Keith House and Mr David Jobson.

182. 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.

183. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 8 April 2016 (Item 4 in the Minute Book) were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

184. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Chairman on this occasion other to welcome Mr Chris Moody who had recently returned from hospital treatment.

185. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

186. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 24 JUNE 2016

The Board received and noted the draft minutes of the meeting of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee held on 24 June 2016 (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

187. 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' attention was drawn to the partnership working with other agencies and organisations which had resulted in the resolution of several incidents as outlined within the report. The success of the recent Hamble River Games was noted and the Board congratulated the River Hamble officers, volunteers and local businesses for their contributions. It was also reported that work to the Asset Register was ongoing and that an update would be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the recent plan to develop Riverside Boatyard which had been turned down by Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) via a delegated officer's decision. It was reported that one of the reasons for the rejection was related to navigational safety. Discussion was held regarding the statutory responsibility of the River Hamble Harbour Authority (RHHA) for navigational safety on the River and how this linked with EBC's Local Plan. It was noted that, whilst local planning policy currently included the requirement to judge the suitability of a development from a navigational perspective, the

RHHA was the authority who assumed statutory responsibility for this. It was agreed by Board members that the Chairman would write to Eastleigh Borough Council regarding this matter.

The Board RESOLVED :

- i) To note the report.
- ii) That the Chairman would write to Eastleigh Borough Council as outlined above.

188. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Board received 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 March to May 2016.

The Board heard about the proposed new Solent and Dorset Coast Special Protection Area which included the Hamble Estuary. The proposal aimed to protect important areas at sea used for foraging by tern species. Natural England had recently conducted a consultation into the proposal and the Harbour Authority had provided a response.

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. It was noted that the final summary of the findings would be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

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. An update detailing the reasons for the bid rejection would be provided to the Board once further information had been obtained.

The Board RESOLVED to note the report.

189. RIVER HAMBLE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS 2015/16

The Board considered the report of the Directors of Corporate Resources and Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The Board 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.

In response to Members' questions, further clarification was given on staff related expenditure, in relation to section 3.8 of the report.

The Board RESOLVED to:

- i) Approve the report, the statutory accounts and management accounts for 2015/16.
- ii) Consider the proposal that Harbour Dues be frozen for a further year and that this proposal is brought to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting in September 2016.

190. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL FORUM

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 11 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.

The Board RESOLVED to note the report.

191. 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).

The Board RESOLVED to note the Forward Plan report.