

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at The Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble on Friday 5 March 2010.

**PRESENT**

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

**Vice-Chairman:**  
**a Councillor Dr. R. J. Ellis**

**Councillors:**

p F. Allgood  
p Mrs C. A. Bailey  
p A. Broadhurst  
p M.C. Cooper

p C. Davidovitz  
p A. D. G. Evans  
a A. Gibson  
p A. W. Rice, TD

**Eastleigh Borough Council**

p Councillor Mrs S. Ingram

**Fareham Borough Council**

p Councillor T. M. Cartwright

**Winchester City Council**

p Councillor V. Weston

**Royal Yachting Association**

p Mrs P. Dorothy

**Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs**

p Mr P. Middleton

**British Marine Federation**

p Mr M. Glanville (Deputy)

**Associated British Ports**

a Captain P. Holliday

**Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association**

a Mr R. Boissier

## **Berth and Mooring Holders Representative**

p Mr D. Jobson

### **40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Dr. R.J. Ellis, Captain P. Holliday (ABP) and Mr. R. Blair (ABP Deputy).

### **41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that, where they believed they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should normally at the time of the debate declare their interest, and having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the Code.

Councillors S. Woodward and V. Weston declared personal non prejudicial interests by reason of their being Mooring or Berth Holders on the River Hamble, as did Mrs P. Dorothy, Mr. M. Glanville, Mr. P. Middleton and Mr. D. Jobson. (Councillor Mrs Bailey advised the meeting that she was no longer a mooring holder on the River Hamble).

Councillors C. Bailey, T. Cartwright and V. Weston, along with Mrs P. Dorothy, Mr. D. Jobson and Mr. P. Middleton also declared personal, non prejudicial interests as members of local Yacht or Sailing Clubs.

Mr. M. Glanville declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as an employee of Marina Developments Ltd.

Councillor A. Rice declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 (Environmental update) as Chairman of the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan – Elected Members Group.

### **42. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 15 January 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43. **RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

The Marine Director drew attention to the incident reported on 31 January 2010 and the assistance offered, to the Marine Police Unit, by the River Hamble Harbour Authority patrol staff. He also referred to the theft of a valuable outboard motor (on 3 February 2010) and the serious incident that had taken place on 8 February in which a motor boat had been destroyed by fire. (Although this incident had occurred outside of the Harbour Authority's jurisdiction the Harbour Authority patrol staff had initially responded and offered assistance).

The Marine Director advised that he had requested comments from the Sailing Clubs and the Bursledon Regatta Committee on aspects of the current Safety Management System by the end of next week (section 4.1 of the report). Mrs. Dorothy stated that the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February had been both fruitful and well appreciated. She therefore asked the Marine Director to give consideration to holding a further such meeting prior to the revised risk assessment for dinghy and gig racing being published. The Marine Director confirmed that he would do so and, in response to questions, indicated that he would also consult with representatives of the mooring holders, the berth holders and the marina operators prior to publication of the revised risk assessment.

The Marine Director advised that Cheetah Marine (the company building the replacement patrol boats) had been providing excellent customer service and the first of the two boats is expected to be delivered in late April 2010. The second boat on order would be delivered at the end of Summer 2010 as this would provide an opportunity to make sure that the first boat met all of the Harbour Authority's requirements and that no amendments to the specification of the second boat were required.

The Marine Director apologised for the inadvertent omission of the word "not" in the final paragraph of Section 3.7 of his report which should have read "Foxer Racing should *not* take place in or across the main channel".

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

44. **ENVIRONMENT UPDATE**

Prior to the Committee's consideration of the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs (Item 7 in the Minute Book) the Assistant Harbour Master (Environment) gave a detailed

presentation about the environmental responsibilities and considerations that the River Hamble Harbour Authority, Harbour Board and Management Committee were required to take account of. The presentation also outlined the legal duties of the River Hamble Harbour Authority as a statutory body, which range across waste planning, waste facilities provision, oil spill preparedness and general environmental considerations. (A summary of the various duties, responsibilities and obligations is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1).

The Committee noted that its general obligations required it to have regard for nature conservation within the environment, to protect water quality and to have regard for biodiversity. The Committee also noted that it was required to conserve and enhance the features of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

In response to questions, the Committee were advised that the Harbour Authority could ask for improvements and enhancements to be undertaken as part of any consent for development that it approved within its jurisdiction. Committee members asked for clarification in relation to the specific terms of the environmental lease that the River Hamble Harbour Authority has, with the Crown Estate, of the foreshore and bed of the River Hamble. The Marine Director was therefore asked to bring forward an information report to the next meeting of the Committee.

In considering the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs' report, the Committee noted with regret that the Chief Executive of the Highways Agency had still to respond to the letter sent to him by the Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Board. The Committee also noted that the deadline for receipt of comments in respect of the draft North Solent Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) was before the date of the next Harbour Management Committee meeting in June. The Chairman therefore requested that Members of the Committee be provided with a copy of the proposed response that the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs was planning to submit. (At this point, Councillor A. Rice reminded the meeting that he was Chairman of the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan – Elected members Group and declared a personal, non prejudicial interest).

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) The report be noted;
- (ii) That the proposed response in respect of the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan be circulated to Members of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee prior to submission and;

- (iii) That the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs be requested to bring forward a report to the next meeting of the Management Committee explaining the key features of the environmental lease which the Harbour Authority has with the Crown Estate in respect of the foreshore and bed of the River Hamble.

45. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

The Committee noted that the expected list of reports could be affected by the River Hamble Harbour Board's consideration of the River Hamble Select Committee reports at its meeting on 26 March 2010 and the recommendations contained therein. Committee members also noted that they would, at some point in the future, receive an update on asset enhancement proposals (see Minute 34/2010).

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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