

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE held at The Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble on Tuesday 19
October, 2010

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor S. D. T. Woodward

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

Councillors:

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

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

Eastleigh Borough Council

Councillor Mrs S. Ingram

Fareham Borough Council

p Councillor T. M. Cartwright

Winchester City Council

p Councillor Victoria Weston

Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs

p Mr P. Middleton

British Marine Federation

p Mr M. Glanville (Deputy)

Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association

a Mr R. Boissier

Berth and Mooring Holders Representative

p Mr D. Jobson

Royal Yachting Association

p Mrs P. Dorothy

65. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C.A. Bailey, Dr J. Ellis, A. Gibson, A. W. Rice TD, Mr R. Boissier (Premier Marinas Ltd), Mr. R. Blair (ABP) and Mr J. Eads (British Marine Federation).

66. **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.

Councillors 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 the Marine Developments Ltd.

67. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 2 September 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

68. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Graham Horton who had been granted a 12 month contract as maternity cover for Alison Fowler, Environment and Development Manager. Mr Ian Austin, Solicitor was also welcomed to the meeting.

On behalf of the Chairman, Ian Austin, Solicitor and Legal Adviser gave an update regarding the release of the exempt cabinet report on the river bed leases which was to have been circulated once it had been established that all Members had signed the Code of Conduct. However, as a result of recent advice from , the County Council Monitoring Officer, it had been confirmed that the exemption still applied and that therefore she was unable in the circumstances to

authorise release of the report. It was felt however that Members might wish to know the detail of the reasoning behind the transactions. Therefore, it was proposed that an officer from Property, Business and Regulatory Services attend a future Committee to give a confidential briefing on the matter and to answer any questions Members might have. The Committee supported this course of action and asked to receive the confidential briefing at their next meeting.

69. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

Wendy Stowe, Deputy Harbour Master, presented the Harbour Master's report summarising the activities and events in the Harbour for the period 18 July to 6 September 2010 (Item 6 in the Minute Book). The Deputy Harbour Master circulated a supplementary report giving an update on more recent events (Item 6(a) in the Minute Book).

The Deputy Harbour Master advised that the vessel which had gone aground on Hamble spit on 10 October 2010 was a 50' plus yacht (para 3.16 refers). It was reported that 3 options were currently being considered for disposal of the fuel pontoon moved to the quay wall at Stone Pier Yard before being deliberately re-sunk (para 1.1 of appendix 3 refers). An update will be provided at the next meeting.

With regard to Project Kraken, the Deputy Harbour Master tabled at the meeting the visitor data card (Item 6b in the Minute Book) produced by the Harbour Office which was to be handed out to any new visitors to the harbour in the light of this project (para 4 refers).

The Committee noted the successful prosecution of the owner of a Personal Water Craft for speeding in the River Hamble. The accused had pleaded guilty at Lyndhurst Magistrates' Court on 6 October 2010. A press release and other media coverage had followed the positive outcome which Members welcomed.(para 8.1 refers).

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

70. RIVER HAMBLE BUDGET MONITORING 2010/11

The Committee considered the report of the County Treasurer and the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs (Item 7 in the Minute Book) on River Hamble Budget Monitoring 2010/11. Following clarification of several points contained in the report, it was

RESOLVED:

That the financial position for 2010/11 be noted.

71. **REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN AND 2011/12 BUSINESS PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Community and Rural Affairs (Item 8 in the Minute Book) on the annual review of the Hamble Strategic Plan and 2011/12 Business Plan.

A number of detailed suggestions were made for amendments to the Strategic Plan, as follows:

Para 4.1 An appendix with a map should be added, showing the Hampshire County Council riparian land holdings.

Para 5.1 Remove reference to the 'Strategic Principles to Guide Development on the River Hamble'.

Para 6.1 The statement about 'excellent transport links requires qualification.

Para 6.2 Add 'leadership' to the wording of the long term vision.

Para 7.1 (iv) Add 'plans' before 'progress and achievements'.

Para 7.1 Add sub-paragraph on accessibility and required amenities.

Para 8.1 Add sub-paragraph to highlight external pressures imposed by Local Planning Authority policies and controls.

Para 9 Add sub-paragraph to highlight internal pressures posed by taking on environmental responsibilities on behalf of Hampshire County Council and The Crown Estate

Proposals for amendments to the Business Plan were made as follows:

Para 4.1 (v) Add Winchester City Council

Para 5.4 to be amended as per Para 7.1 (iv) of the Strategic Plan.

It was then proposed that the wording of the current Strategic and Business Plan could be amalgamated into a single strategic document, leaving the current Action Plan as a working document, with progress to be reviewed on a regular basis. It was further proposed that the Action Plan should be expanded to include a more detailed breakdown of individual actions, and their associated financial implications, extending the planning horizon beyond the forthcoming year. It was agreed that a small group of members could assist the Marine Director with drawing up such a plan, with a view to presenting it at the January 2011 meeting of the Management Committee. It was:

RESOLVED:

That the amendments and way forward set out above should be recommended to the River Hamble Harbour Board.

72. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee received and noted the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs (Item 9 in the Minute Book) detailing future business items for the Committee. The Marine Director highlighted the intention to invite the Marine Police to brief the Annual Forum about Project Kraken at the meeting planned for 29th March 2011. Also, he undertook to arrange a presentation on a matter of interest to each Committee meeting.

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