

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING held at 2.00pm in Committee Room 1,
Havant Civic Offices on Friday 11 December 2009

Present

Representing Portsmouth City Council

Councillors Lee Mason (Chairman)
Hugh Mason
Caroline Scott
Sarah Dinenage

Representing Havant Borough Council

Councillors Victor Pierce-Jones (Vice-Chairman)
June Hanan
Virginia Wilson-Smith
Ken Smith

Representing Hampshire County Council

Councillor Frank Pearce

Representing the Advisory Committee

Mr Bob Russell OBE
Mrs Helen Baldry

In attendance

Captain N Jardine, Harbour Manager
Stephen Kerr, Clerk to the Board
Chris Braby, Treasurer to the Board

40. Apologies and Chairman Welcome

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Branson, Stubbs & Fleming and from the Engineer to the Board. The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

41. Members Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest from members.

42. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 18 September 2009

The minutes, as submitted, were considered
(TAKE IN MINUTES)

RESOLVED that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

43. Matters Arising

MIN.29 - Councillor Scott enquired as to the progress of the Visitors Guide. The Harbour Manager stated that the guide was almost ready for printing and he would circulate a copy to all members once it was received.

44. Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 December 2009

The minutes, as submitted, were considered
(TAKE IN MINUTES)

Mr Russell summarised the minutes of the Advisory Committee, drawing member's attention to the following points;

- a) The Committee were pleased with the level of enforcement action currently being undertaken by the harbour patrol staff.
- b) Tudor Sailing Club had expressed their concerns over the lack of consultation being undertaken with regard to the proposed Kendall's Wharf extension. The Harbour Manager stated that he would contact the Consultants to pass on the Clubs concerns.
- c) Mr Russell asked the Clerk to clarify the definition of "publish" as quoted in the Port Marine Safety report. The Clerk stated that there was no set criteria for publishing this type of information.
- d) The Harbour Manager noted the concerns regarding a sunken wreck in Eastney Lake and would investigate the possibility of having it removed.
- e) With regard to the Committee's question regarding the use of hovercraft in the harbour the Harbour Manager advised members that he had received a letter from the Department for Transport. The letter related to a complaint by the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain. The Harbour Manager gave a brief summary of the background to the complaint. There was a comprehensive discussion on the issue and the Harbour Manager stated that he would be responding to the Department shortly.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Advisory Committee be **NOTED**

45. **Harbour Managers Report**

The Harbour Manager's report, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Harbour Manager gave a brief summary of his report.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

46. **Clerks Report**

The Clerk's report, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Clerk gave members an update on the proceedings of the Public Inquiry. It was uncertain when a final decision would be received from the Inspector. The Board thanked the Officer's for all their hard work in preparing for, and giving evidence at, the Inquiry.

With regard to the memorial cairn the Board agreed to keep the matter under review.

The Clerk suggested that in view of the protection afforded to local aggregate wharves in the local Minerals Plan the recommendation in the Langstone Harbour Management Plan to "support the relocation of Kendall's Quay" should be removed.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED** and that the amendment to the Management Plan be supported.

47. **Planning Sub Committee Decisions**

The report of the Planning Sub Committee decisions, as submitted, was considered

(TAKE IN REPORT)

In the absence of the Engineer the Harbour Manager sought questions on the report. Councillor Pierce-Jones stated that the application for 60 Sinah Lane had been refused by the Borough Council since the report was written.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

3.05pm Councillor Dinenage left the meeting.

48. **Pilotage Report**

The Harbour Manager's report, as submitted, was considered

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Harbour Manager stated that the economic situation was continuing to have an impact on the aggregate trade in the harbour. Poor weather conditions during November had also impacted on the number of trips undertaken since the report was written.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

49. **2010/2011 Estimate and Scale of Charges**

The Treasurer's report, as submitted, was considered

(TAKE IN ESTIMATES AND SCALE OF CHARGES)

The Treasurer gave members a brief outline of the forecast for 2009/10 and was pleased to report that due to staff and efficiency savings the anticipated deficit had been reduced to just over £7,000.

There was a general discussion on the level of Income and Expenditure for 2010/11.

RESOLVED that

1. the Schedule of Charges for 2010/11 be approved;
2. the Revised Estimates for 2009/10 be approved and the Treasurer be authorised to vire revised income and expenditure between estimate categories;
3. the Revenue Estimates for 2010 /11 be approved;
4. the Precept for the year 2010/11 be set at £150,648 to be divided equally between Portsmouth City Council and Havant Borough Council.

50. **Review of the Port Marine Safety Code**

The Harbour Manager's report, as submitted, was considered

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Harbour Manager gave a brief overview of the changes which had been made to the Code as a result of the latest review. He clarified the role of Designated Person and described various methods by which ports provided the duty holder with independent assurance regarding marine safety.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**.

51. **BPA Annual Conference**

The Harbour Manager's report, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Chairman stated that he had found attending the conference a valuable experience.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

52. **Disposal of Wrecks**

The Harbour Manager's report, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)

RESOLVED that the Board authorise the removal from the harbour, in accordance with Section 252 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, of two unidentified vessels presently lying abandoned on the foreshore in Eastney Lake and considered to be an obstruction and potential danger to navigation.

53. **Any other business**

The Harbour Manager advised members that he had been approached by Locks Sailing Club requesting a reduction in their mooring allocation. The Club currently licence 22 tidal moorings for use by their members. The Club have requested a reduction in this figure to 18. The Board's policy is currently not to allow an overall reduction or increase of more than 10% in any one year. After some discussion it was

RESOLVED that Locks Sailing Club be permitted to reduce their mooring allocation to 19 with effect from 1 February 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.40pm

Chairman