

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING held at 2.00pm in Conference Room A,
Portsmouth Civic Offices on Friday 18 September 2009

Present

Representing Portsmouth City Council

Councillors Lee Mason (Chairman)
Luke Stubbs
Hugh Mason (Deputising for Caroline Scott)

Representing Havant Borough Council

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

Representing the Advisory Committee

Mr Bob Russell OBE
Mrs Helen Baldry

In attendance

Captain N Jardine, Harbour Manager
Mr Stephen Kerr, Clerk to the Board
Mr Lyall Cairns, Engineer to the Board
Mrs Katherine Rowberry, Environment Officer

21. **Apologies and Chairman's Welcome**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Scott, Dinenage, Branson and Pearce. The Chairman welcomed all those present.
22. **Members Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest from members.
23. **Minutes of the Board meeting held on 19 June 2009**
The minutes, as submitted, were considered
(TAKE IN MINUTES)
Min. 4 - Mr Russell drew attention to the omission of "1 ad hoc member of the Advisory Committee" to the Finance Sub Committee membership.
RESOLVED that the minutes be amended to reflect the above change and that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
24. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising from the minutes of 19 June 2009.
25. **Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 September 2009**
The minutes, as submitted, were considered
(TAKE IN MINUTES)
Mr Russell summarised the minutes of the Advisory Committee and drew attention to the following items:-
Planning Sub Committee Decisions – Mr Russell asked for a definition of "mitigation". The Engineer stated that it is his understanding that in accordance with the Habitats Regulations 1994 that mitigation measures are considered as part of the appropriate assessment to assess the extent to which such measures are likely to avoid, reduce or ameliorate adverse effects on the international nature conservation interests. If a proposal would adversely affect the integrity of the site then compensatory measures may be offered, seeking to redress but not remove

the residual harm to the international interests; such as the provision of land for habitat creation purposes. This would not necessarily mean within the same harbour. Councillor Stubbs advised member's that the area set aside in mitigation for the recent works at Kendall's wharf only covered a small area to the north of the Harbourside Caravan Park. The remainder of the site will be redeveloped back into a holiday park.

Environment Officer's Report – There was a general discussion on the proposed display at the Havant Arts Centre and the welfare of the animals. The Environment Officer reassured member's that the staff at the Centre were well prepared to take care of the creatures involved.

North Solent Shoreline Management Plan

Mr Russell stated that he was unclear about the role the Board could have in commenting on mitigation which would affect areas outside of the harbour. The Engineer pointed out that the Board needs to have a view on the whole of the Plan. **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Advisory Committee be **NOTED**

26. **Harbour Managers Report**

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

The Harbour Manager summarised his report and advised member's that this would be the Environment Officer's last meeting as she was moving to Spain. The Harbour Manager thanked the Environment Officer for her hard work and wished her all the best for the future.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

27. **Clerks Report**

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

The Clerk summarised his report and requested that discussions on the Public Inquiry be appended to the minutes under confidential cover.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED** and that the Clerk write to Natural England about the audit of coastal paths.

28. **Planning Sub Committee Decisions**

The report of the Planning Sub Committee decisions, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Engineer drew the Board's attention to a couple of applications in his report. Councillor Stubbs advised members that the City Council will be considering the *Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment* report shortly which has earmarked a small parcel of land at Southsea Marina as a future site for housing.

There was a discussion on the value of land in this area for wildlife and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman write to the City Council expressing the Board's view that the land should not be developed for housing. The remainder of the report was **NOTED**

29. **Environment Officer's Report**

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

The Environment Officer drew attention to the recent television coverage which had been given to the algae growing in the north of the harbour. It was pointed out this algal growth was not new and had been present in the harbour for many

years. Improvements at the Budds Farm site should help to reduce the growth over the next few years.

Councillor H Mason requested that the Board be given the opportunity to see the draft Visitors Guide. The Harbour Manager agreed to circulate the draft by e.mail when available.

The Chairman and Board thanked the Environment Officer for all her hard work and wished her well for the future.

RESOLVED that the report by **NOTED**

30. **Pilotage Report**

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

The Harbour Manager stated that the trainee Pilot had completed around 50% of the pilotage acts required so far. The commercial trade was still down on the same period last year due to the economic downturn.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

31. **Treasurer's Report**

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

In the absence of the Treasurer the Harbour Manager summarised the report and drew attention to the potential budget deficit of £39,000. The deficit was largely caused by the fall in commercial trade and the current low interest rate.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

32. **Review of the Management Plan**

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

The Environment Officer stated that the Management Plan was now 12 years old and many planning and environmental aspects had changed over this time. Mr Russell stated that the 3 local authorities should be appraised of the changes.

RESOLVED that the Board adopt the revisions to the environmental aspects of the Management Plan and submit them to the local authorities for approval.

3.25pm Councillor Wilson-Smith left the meeting.

33. **Incident Data**

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

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**.

34. **Safety Review**

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

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**.

As Councillor Smith was about to leave the meeting the following items were brought forward on the Agenda.

35. **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 the listed vessels presently lying abandoned on the harbour foreshore and considered to be an obstruction and potential danger to navigation.

36. **BPA Conference, Scarborough, 7-8 October 2009**

The agenda item, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN AGENDA ITEM 18)

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Harbour Manager represent the Board at this year's conference.

3.35pm Councillor Smith left the meeting.

37. **North Solent Shoreline Management Plan**

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

The Engineer drew attention to the areas of the harbour which will be affected by the various policies in the Plan. There was some discussion on the effects of the different policies on the areas concerned.

3.45pm Councillors Hanan & Pierce Jones left the meeting at this point.

RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chairman of Advisory Committee and Engineer to the Board formulate a response to the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan.

38. **Trust Port Guidance – Second Edition**

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

The Harbour Manager stated that the new guidance will have an impact on how the Board's Annual Report is presented in the future.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.55pm

Chairman