

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING held at 2.00pm in Committee Room 1, Havant Civic Offices on Friday 25 April 2008

Present

Representing Havant Borough Council

Councillors Frank Pearce (Chairman)
June Hanan
Virginia Wilson-Smith
Jackie Branson

Representing Portsmouth City Council

Councillors Caroline Scott
Lee Mason
David Horne
Luke Stubbs

Representing the Advisory Committee

Mr Bob Russell OBE
Mrs Helen Baldry

Representing Hampshire County Council

Councillor Ted Gale MBE

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

56. **Apologies and Chairman's Welcome**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stagg, Pierce-Jones & Smith and the Treasurer to the Board. The Chairman welcomed Katherine Rowberry and Lyall Cairns to their first Board meeting.

57. **Members Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest from members.

58. **Minutes of the Board meeting held on 22 February 2008**

The minutes, as submitted, were considered

(TAKE IN MINUTES)

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

59. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of 22 February 2008. The Chairman proposed that the Board purchase a small gift for Gower Lloyd to mark his retirement as Engineer to the Board.

AGREED

60. **Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 April 2008**

The minutes, as submitted, were considered

(TAKE IN MINUTES)

Min 3 – ITEM 8 - Mr Russell drew attention to the Advisory Committee's concerns over the future of the Portsmouth Outdoor Centre and the proposed development at Kendall Bros Ltd. The Committee had requested that the Board write to the City Planning Department to request consultation on a future developments in the area.

Min 5 – 4)(2) – Mr Russell drew attention to the concerns of Southsea Sea Angling Club over public order issues at Eastney Slipway. The Chairman confirmed that he and the Harbour Manager had met with a representative from the Club who is now seeking a further meeting with officers of the City Council. Min 5 – 4)(6) – Councillor Hanan asked the Environment Officer to explain the reasons why the mussels appeared to be growing slower in Langstone than elsewhere. The Environment Officer explained that the problem appeared to be associated with the seeding process rather than the conditions in the harbour.

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

61. **Harbour Managers Report**

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

The Harbour Manager summarised his report and sought questions. The Chairman enquired if the slipways would be manned during the evenings in the summer. The Harbour Manager stated that the Senior Patrol Officer and one of the Seasonal Attendants would be patrolling on the water to deal with byelaw offences rather than manning the slipway. Councillor Scott enquired if the local Police would be able to assist with control at the slipways. The Harbour Manager advised that as in previous year's he would try to involve the local police wherever possible.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

62. **Clerks Report**

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

The Clerk drew members attention to the broad proposals contained in the Draft Marine Bill. Mr Russell stated that the new Bill could overlap with the Water Framework Directive in some areas.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the Clerk be authorised to respond to the draft Marine Bill by saying that the Board broadly welcomes the proposals made.

63. **Planning Sub Committee Decisions**

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

Mr Cairns stated that there had been no planning proposals put forward since the last meeting which would have an adverse effect on the harbour.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

64. **Pilotage Report**

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

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED**

65. **Locks Sailing Club – Reduction of Moorings Requirement**

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

The Harbour Manager drew members attention to the agreement reached with some of the Clubs in August 1999 which prohibited any variance on the mooring allocation above or below 10%. Mr Russell advised members that the Advisory Committee had expressed the view that the Board should adhere to the current policy. Councillor Branson enquired if moorings relinquished by the Clubs could be relet. The Harbour Manager confirmed that the Board could re-let any vacant moorings to non club members. Following some discussion it was

RESOLVED that Locks Sailing Club be advised that the Board could not agree to their request to reduce their mooring allocation over the agreed 10% limit for the 2008 season.

66. **Collapse of Fuel Card Reader**

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

The Harbour Manager gave members a brief background to the installation of the automated fuel system and the reasons for the collapse of the card reader. The Harbour Manager advised members that he has received a quote from a new supplier to replace the card reader and software at a cost of £5291.00. Following some discussion it was

RESOLVED that expenditure is authorised by the Harbour Manager and Treasurer in accordance with the Board's Expenditure Commitment Authority Levels to purchase a replacement fuel management unit from Merridale Fuel Management at a cost of £5291.00.

67. **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 vessel "Monty" presently lying abandoned on the harbour foreshore and considered to be an obstruction and potential danger to navigation.

68. **Annual Harbour Tour 2008**

The Agenda Item, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN AGENDA ITEM 13)

RESOLVED that the Annual Harbour Tour be held on Thursday 24th July 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.00pm

Chairman