

NOTES OF THE INQUORATE BOARD MEETING held at 2.00pm in Committee Room 1, Havant Civic Offices on Friday 20 February 2009

Present

Representing Portsmouth City Council

Councillors Lee Mason (Chairman)
Sarah Dinage

Representing Havant Borough Council

Councillors Victor Pierce-Jones (Vice-Chairman)
Frank Pearce
June Hanan
Virginia Wilson-Smith
Jackie Branson
Ken Smith

Representing Hampshire County Council

Councillor Ted Gale MBE

Representing the Advisory Committee

Mr Bob Russell OBE
Mrs Helen Baldry

In attendance

Captain Nigel Jardine, Harbour Manager
Mr Chris Braby, Treasurer to the Board
Mr Stephen Kerr, Clerk to the Board
Councillor Jenny Wride, Havant Borough Council

62. **Apologies and Chairman Welcome**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Scott, Councillor Fleming and Mr Lyall Cairns the Engineer to the Board. As there were only 2 representatives from Portsmouth City Council present the meeting was declared inquorate. The Clerk advised that the meeting should proceed, with any items requiring a resolution being approved subject to any changes being put forward at the next meeting. The members present expressed their disappointment at the lack of attendance by the Portsmouth representatives. Councillor Smith proposed that the Chairman write a letter to all the Portsmouth members and the Leader of the Council to express their disappointment at the inquorate nature of the meeting.

63. **Members Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest from members.

64. **Minutes of the Board meeting held on 12 December 2008**

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

It was noted that the numbering on the minutes was incorrect after Minute 49. The minutes should read from nos.43 to 61.

AGREED that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting subject to any objections put forward at the next meeting and the numbering be amended as stated above.

65. **Matters Arising**

MIN.58 (Relaying of shellfish) refers - The Harbour Manager advised members that he been contacted by Natural England regarding this matter. This would indicate that the applicant is proceeding with his plans in accordance with the minute resolution.

MIN.57 (Replacement of patrol RIB/trailer) refers - The Chairman enquired if there had been any progress on the purchase of a new RIB. The Harbour Manager stated that the order had been placed and the vessel is currently under construction. Delivery is anticipated to be prior to the Easter bank holiday.

66. **Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 February 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) Agenda Item 8 – Planning Sub Committee Decisions – The Advisory Committee requested written information regarding the future of the Harbourside Caravan site. The Chairman stated that he was unaware of any plans other than those already submitted to the Planning Sub Committee.
- b) Agenda Item 10 – Environment Officer's Report – Mr Russell encouraged members to help promote the Harbour at the new Coastal Heritage display being planned at the Havant Arts Centre.
- c) The Advisory Committee have agreed to return to the previous Open Forum format. It is hoped that a meeting can be organised sometime in October.

Mr Russell thanked the Board members who had attended the Committee meeting.

The Advisory Committee minutes were **NOTED**

67. **Harbour Managers Report**

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

(TAKE IN REPORT)

Pilotage - The Harbour Manager advised members that Mr Twine the Board's Pilot had resigned due to ill health. The Harbour Manager would provide cover until such time as a suitable replacement could be found. The Board sent their best wishes to Mr Twine. There was a general discussion on the difficulties of the Harbour Manager being on call and the skills required to undertake pilotage in the harbour.

Enforcement – (ii) – The Harbour Manager advised members that the defendant had failed to appear and a new court date was awaited. The Harbour Manager reassured members that the patrol staff would be able to identify the defendant should he visit the harbour again.

NOTED

68. **Clerks Report**

The Clerk's report, as submitted, was considered

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Clerk summarised his report for members. The 2nd Edition of the Modernising Trust Ports document was available to download from the Department for Transport website as indicated in the report. The recommendations contained in the report were considered and the Clerk would respond to the Department for Transport as indicated. The Clerk was in the process of renewing for five years the longstanding Agreement by which the Board manages RSPB moorings.

NOTED

69. **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 summarised the report.

NOTED

70. **Pilotage Report**

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

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Harbour Manager advised members that there had been a slight falloff in trade compared to the same period last year. It was still uncertain what impact the current economic downturn would have on the aggregate wharves in the harbour.

NOTED

71. **Environment Officer's Report**

The Environment Officer's report, as submitted, was considered

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Environment Officer summarised her report and answered questions on the projects currently being undertaken in the harbour.

NOTED

72. **Income and Expenditure to the end of December 2008**

The Treasurer's report, as submitted, was considered

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The Treasurer advised members that due to the economic downturn there would be a deficit in the Board's 2008/9 accounts of around £25,000. The Treasurer also stated that the budget for 2009/10 had been prepared in October when the impact of the downturn was still unknown. It was generally agreed that there was a great deal of uncertainty over the impact of the downturn on the Board's 2009/10 income.

NOTED

73. **BPA AGM & Luncheon 2009**

The agenda item, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN AGENDA ITEM 12)
The Harbour Manager would attend the BPA AGM & Luncheon on Tuesday
31 March 2009.

74. **RSPB Report 2008**

The RSPB report, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)
The Board thanked the RSPB Warden for a very interesting report.
NOTED

75. **Annual Report 2008**

The Annual Report, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)
The Harbour Manager would proceed with the publication of the annual
report.

76. **Port Marine Safety Code Compliance**

The Harbour Manager's report, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)
The Chairman would sign the letter confirming compliance with the Port
Marine Safety Code.

77. **Disposal of Wrecks**

The Harbour Manager's report, as submitted, was considered
(TAKE IN REPORT)
The Harbour Manager would remove from the harbour, in accordance with
Section 252 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, the vessel listed in the report.

The member of the public present in the gallery was requested to leave for the
consideration of the Confidential Minute No.61.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.25pm

Chairman