

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Board of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY  
COUNCIL held at the RAF Yacht Club, Hamble on Friday, 12th July, 2019:

Chairman:  
p. Councillor Keith Evans

p. Councillor Peter Latham  
a. Councillor Keith House  
p. Chris Moody  
p. David Jobson  
p. Nikki Hiorns  
p. Jason Scott

**85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies had been received.

**86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code. David Jobson declared personal interests including memberships of the Royal Southern Yacht Club; RAF Yacht Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a midstream mooring holder. Chris Moody declared a personal interest as a member of Warsash Sailing Club.

**87. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**88. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**89. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

90. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 7 JUNE 2019**

The Board received and noted the draft minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 7 June 2019.

Matters arising:

- The Board queried any progress with the Hamble Lifeboat station shower facilities and how their £70,000 contribution, made in the financial year 2015/16, had been utilised. It was reported, from both the Hamble Lifeboat and from Hamble Parish Council, who had jointly agreed to progress the building of the new lifeboat station, that no progress had been made to date with installing new, accessible shower facilities. It was agreed that the Chairman would formally write to the Hamble Lifeboat and to the Parish Council, on behalf of the Board, to seek an explanation.
- It was confirmed that the progress was underway with the Riverview Interactive map. An aerial photography layer was available and the data to inform the moorings layer was being worked through by ETE officers.

91. **MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding incidents and events in the Harbour.

An addendum was distributed at the meeting which outlined those events which had occurred since the publication of the papers.

Members noted that seasonal swimming activity had begun near to the Hamble Jetty but had not been as frequent as in previous years. Swimmers had been responding positively to advice from patrol officers.

It was agreed that a graphical representation of the pattern of incidents on the River would be provided at the next Board meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the content of the report.

92. **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services.

Members were pleased to hear that, following extensive discussion with Highways England, it had been confirmed that the ongoing M27 smart motorway project would incorporate works to re-route drainage pipes which currently drain directly into the River. The Board praised the work of the Harbour Office for their perseverance and thanked them for achieving a positive outcome.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the content of the report.

**93. HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT APPLICATION – INSTALLATION OF A HOIST DOCK PONTOON AT UNIVERSAL MARINA**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services setting out an application for Harbour Works Consent.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board approves the Harbour Works Consent for the proposal set out in paragraph 4 of this report and subject to the following conditions:

- i. The proposal is to be built in accordance with the details, plans and method set out in paragraph 5.
- ii. The applicant should ensure that only coatings and treatments that are suitable for use in the marine environment are used in accordance with best environmental practice. All reasonable precautions will be undertaken to ensure no pollutants enter the waterbody.
- iii. The applicant should ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, waste and/or debris associated with the licensed activities is removed upon completion of the licensed activities.
- iv. The development must be completed within 3 years from the date of the approval granted by the Harbour Board.

**94. RIVER HAMBLE FINAL ACCOUNTS 2018/19**

The Board considered the report of the Directors of Corporate Services – Corporate Resources and Culture, Communities and Business Services outlining the final accounts for 2018/19.

The Board discussed the £13,000 payment to the Crown Estate for turnover rent accumulated in the last three years. It was explained that the Harbour Authority received a 10% share of the overall Crown Estate rent for collecting the dues. Some members felt that the existing process for receiving the 10% was not overly efficient. It was noted that the renewal of the Crown Estate contract was due shortly and that consideration would be given to the process for obtaining the 10% payment for future years.

RESOLVED:

- i. That this report, the statutory accounts and management accounts be approved by the River Hamble Harbour Board.

- ii. That the Board notes the level of the General Reserve as at 31 March 2019 of £16,170, and that the balance remains below the level of no more than 10% of the gross revenue budget, as set out in the reserves policy.
- iii. That the Board notes that without any changes to the budget for 2019/20, the expectation is that the General Reserve will reduce to £2,170 at the end of 2019/20.
- iv. That the Board notes the potential pressures on the 2019/20 budget based on the final position for the 2018/19 financial year.

**95. REVIEW OF HARBOUR DUES**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services in setting the annual rate of Harbour Dues.

Members reviewed the historical pattern for setting Harbour Dues over the previous 10 years and noted that the current level of Harbour Dues was 7% lower than in 2009. The Board discussed how increasing Harbour Dues at a steady rate since 2009 could potentially have created a more favourable financial position in 2019 but that this could not be certain. It was noted that, at the time, each decision had been fully justified both financially and contextually.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board approves an increase in Harbour Dues of 5% for 2019.

**96. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL FORUM**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services detailing the proceedings of the Annual Forum.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the report.

**97. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services with regard to the future business items for the Committee and Harbour Board agendas.

It was agreed that an agenda item be added for the November 2019 Board meeting to review any possible options for increasing income, commercial incentives and management of some of the vacant smaller moorings with a view to inform future budget planning if necessary.

**RESOLVED:**

That the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the report and adds the additional item as outlined above.