

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at Warsash Sailing Club on 9 December 2016:

Chairman:

p. Councillor S. D. T. Woodward

Vice-Chairman:

p. Councillor Graham Burgess

Councillors:

p. Councillor Cooper	p. Councillor Huxstep
p. Councillor Cully	a. Councillor Matthews
a. Councillor Fawkes	p. Councillor Pearce
p. Councillor Harrison	p. Councillor Rice

Eastleigh Borough Council

p. Councillor Jane Rich

Fareham Borough Council

p. Councillor Trevor Cartwright

Winchester City Council

p. Councillor Victoria Weston

Associated British Ports

a. Captain Martin Phipps

Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs

p. Mr Brian Mead

British Marine Federation

p. Ms Nicola Walsh

Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association

p. Mr Rupert Boissier

Berth and Mooring Holders Representative

p. Mr Dermot O'Malley

Royal Yachting Association

p. Mr John Selby

155. NOTIFICATION OF FILMING AND BROADCAST

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

156. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Matthews and Philip Fawkes.

157. 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 and, having regard to 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, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Cllr Weston declared Personal Interests as a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a mooring holder; Mr Mead declared Personal Interests as a Member of the Royal Southern Yacht Club, mooring holder, Member of the Royal Yachting Association and Chairman of the Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs; Mr O'Malley declared Personal Interests as a member of Royal Southern Yacht Club; Hamble River Sailing Club and as a mooring holder; Ms Nicola Walsh declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as an employee of Premier Marinas; Mr John Selby declared Personal Interests as a trustee of Warsash Sailing Club; committee member of the Royal Yachting Association, of the River Hamble Combined Clubs and of the River Hamble Mooring Holders Association; Cllr Rich declared a Personal Interest as a mooring holder; Cllr Cartwright declared Personal Interests as a member of Warsash Sailing Club and the Royal Yachting Association.

158. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 24 June 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

159. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that there would be a presentation from the Royal Navy presentation team following the Committee meeting.

160. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

161. MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour and updates from the Marine Director.

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

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.

162. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The report summarised environmental management of the Hamble Estuary from June to November 2016.

With reference to section 2.7 of the report, Members heard that recreational bait digging was allowed under the public right to fish. However, larger scale bait digging for commercial gain has not been permitted and it was confirmed that details of any bait digging activity would be helpful to the Harbour Master, officers and external authorities in both enforcing the related byelaw and building an evidence base to inform future management. Members also heard that a further update on bait digging would be provided to the Committee at a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.

163. REVIEW OF RHHA SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The Committee heard that the Safety Management System had been inspected following the re-issue of the Port Marine Safety Code. It was reported that, following the inspection, the System continued to meet the standards set within the Code and that all previous recommendations had been achieved.

A full copy of the inspection report was appended to the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the content of the report.

164. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book) presenting a review of the fees and charges which were applicable to the River Hamble.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee recommends that the River Hamble Harbour Board approve the fees and charges set out within the report and that these are listed on the River Hamble website.

165. RIVER HAMBLE 2017/18 FORWARD BUDGET

The Committee considered the report of the Directors of Corporate Resources and Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book).

The report presented the 2016/17 outturn forecast at Period 6 and the 2017/18 forward budget for the Committee to consider. Members heard that the River Hamble was projected to achieve a surplus of £10,000 against a budgeted surplus of £51,000 for 2016/17. An appendix was attached to the report which detailed the proposed forward budget for 2017/18.

In response to Members questions it was confirmed that 'Miscellaneous Income' incorporated the income received from the sale of crabbing equipment, conducting commercial towing operations and the pumping out charge applied to other vessels within the Harbour.

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report and recommends the forward budget to the Harbour Board for approval.

166. HAMBLE SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT AND SALTMARSH RETENTION FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 12 in the Minute Book).

Members received an update on the recently completed Feasibility Study. It was noted that the results of the study could be used to better inform a variety of Harbour Authority decisions, to provide structure and direction for future reviews and further information to enable partnership working. The immediate application of the study was further analysed within section 10.2 of the report.

Following discussion regarding LiDAR surveying, some Members endorsed the importance of continuing to conduct regular surveys to enable a more detailed view of the area to be provided. Following questions from the Committee, it was confirmed that there are various opportunities to apply for some external funding should it be required for future work.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the report and recommends that the River Hamble Harbour Board:

- a. Accept the feasibility report.
- b. Use the feasibility report to apply to the steps set out in 10.2.
- c. Continues to engage in looking into the future application of the study.

167. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee 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 (Item 13 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the Management Committee notes the report.