

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at Warsash Sailing Club on Friday, 7th
June, 2019

Chairman:

p. Councillor Seán Woodward

p. Councillor Roger Huxstep
a. Councillor Fred Birkett
a. Councillor Mark Cooper
p. Councillor Rod Cooper
a. Councillor Tonia Craig
p. Councillor Pal Hayre
p. Councillor Rupert Kyrle

p. Councillor Stephen Philpott
p. Councillor Lance Quantrill
p. Councillor Bruce Tennent

Co-opted members

p. Rupert Boissier - River Hamble Boatyard and Marine Operators Association
p. Captain Phil Buckley – Associated British Ports
p. Councillor Trevor Cartwright - Fareham Borough Council
p. Dermod O'Malley - Berth and Mooring Holders
p. Councillor Frank Pearson – Winchester City Council
p. Trevor Pountain - Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs
a. Councillor Jane Rich – Eastleigh Borough Council
p. John Selby - Royal Yachting Association
p. Nicola Walsh – British Marine

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mark Cooper and Tonia Craig.
Councillor Bruce Tennent was in attendance as the substitute member.

78. 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 Non-Pecuniary 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.

79. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

81. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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

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

Members noted the incidents of theft which had recently occurred from moored boats between Swanwick and Crableck and that the Harbour Authority was liaising with Hampshire Constabulary and encouraging any such incidents to be reported.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the content of the report.

83. **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services with an update on environmental matters.

Members noted that Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) had prepared a draft response to the Government consultation on the Draft National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy which had launched on 9 May 2019 and that the Harbour Authority was liaising with ETE officers to provide any relevant input.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the content of the report.

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

The Committee 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 Management Committee recommends to the River Hamble Harbour Board to approve Harbour Works Consent for the

proposal set out in paragraph 4 of this report and subject to the following conditions:

- a) The proposal is to be built in accordance with the details, plans and method set out in paragraph 5.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) The development must be completed within 3 years from the date of the approval granted by the Harbour Board.

85. RIVER HAMBLE FINAL ACCOUNTS 2018/19

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

Members of the Committee were grateful to the officers for presenting a comprehensive finance report. In response to Members' questions, it was heard that:

- Under section 25 of the report, the increased expenditure figure since the position reported to the Committee at the December meeting was largely due to the payment to the Crown Estate for turnover rent covering the last three financial years, but this should not be repeated going forward.
- Staffing costs were the most significant area of expenditure but that it was important to ensure appropriate levels of staffing to enable the duties of the Harbour Authority in maintaining navigational safety to be carried out effectively.
- It was anticipated, due to changes in staffing circumstances, that the higher than average levels of overtime logged for 2018/19 was not a trend that would continue for future years.

The Committee discussed the potential to enhance the existing marketing campaign for the River to encourage more visitors and generate more revenue from visitor income. It was noted, as part of the discussion, that increased visitor numbers may also require additional Harbour facilities to be developed with significant capital outlay and ongoing maintenance costs.

RESOLVED:

- a) That this report, the statutory accounts and management accounts be noted by the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and submitted to the River Hamble Harbour Board for approval.
- b) That the Committee 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.

- c) That the Committee 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.
- d) That the Committee notes the potential pressures on the 2019/20 budget based on the final position for the 2018/19 financial year.

86. REVIEW OF HARBOUR DUES

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

In making their recommendation, the Committee 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.

Members heard that the demand for moorings on the River continued to be extremely high.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee recommends to the River Hamble Harbour Board the approval of an increase in Harbour Dues of 5% for 2019.

87. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL FORUM

The Committee 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 Management Committee notes the report.

88. 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.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the report.