



Minutes

Name of meeting	HARBOUR COMMITTEE
Date and time	TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2018 AT 10.00AM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs John Hobart (Chair), Andrew Garratt, Stuart Hutchinson, John Medland, Matthew Price, Shirley Smart, Ian Ward
Officers	Jonathan Brand, Lawrence Edmonston, Maisy Green, Helen Miles, Alex Minns, Sean Newton

9. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2018 be confirmed.

10. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations of interest.

11. [Review of the Terms of Reference](#)

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods provided an update on the changes to the terms of reference. It was agreed that public question time needed to be added to the committee agenda moving forward. Members of the public would be given 15 minutes to ask questions. Questions could also be asked at Newport User Group, these would be fed back to the committee.

RESOLVED:

THAT the terms of reference be noted.

THAT public question time be added to the agenda.

12. [PMSC Audit Report for Newport Harbour](#)

The representative from Marico highlighted the key issues detailed in the executive summary and expanded on each point in detail. It was noted that

although the report was not positive, it was a big improvement in comparison to the last audit.

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods provided an update on the Progress Report on Newport Harbour Revision Order. Members were advised that the IWC were awaiting the decision from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). The Assistant Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer had been in contact with a marine lawyer in an attempt to set a deadline date.

It was advised that the Port Marine Safety Code applies to Ryde and Ventnor Harbours, the IWC needs to adjust and implement the safety management to incorporate both harbours. The Deputy Leader advised the committee that an exercise is currently proposed to dispose of the two harbours and this is subject to a delegated decision. Ryde Town Council had expressed an interest in Ryde Harbour.

The Newport Harbour User Group was working well, it was suggested that any items that were raised should be brought forward to committee.

Although the website had been improved it was suggested that it be separate from the IWC website (iwight.com). It was agreed that the information was hard to locate and that potential users of the harbour would benefit from an individual website.

The importance of updating the current navigational risk assessment was stressed; it was advised that this needed to be completed before the Marine and Coastguard Agency visited. It was also noted that the IWC would need to look into the risk assessments of all operators.

Black House Quay was raised and the need to investigate was discussed. It was advised by the Strategic Manager for Commercial Services that the process was underway.

The Marico representative suggested that officers and members look into the commercial prospects of the harbour, including the current operators in and around the harbour.

The workboat which was being used had no certification; it was advised that this needed to be actioned immediately. The Senior Harbour Master advised that the process was underway.

The importance of the Harbour Master being a member of the Solent and Southern Harbour Masters Association was explained to the committee.

The committee suggested that authority be given to officers to ensure those items that required action were dealt with as soon as possible, and that any resource issue be raised with the Deputy Leader. The following items were to be actioned:

1. Black House Quay commercial vessels
2. Vestas commercial activity

3. Website
4. Solent and Southern Harbour Masters Association attendance
5. Liaison with Cowes Harbour regarding vessel movements
6. Workboat certification

RESOLVED:

THAT the new management team be given the authority to progress with items that require immediate action.

13. **Progress Report on Newport Harbour Walls**

The Strategic Manager for Commercial Services provided the committee with a brief update.

The current survey was four years old and works were now required. The works close to the Quay Arts need to be actioned. It was thought that the package for tender would go out early next year (2019) and that works would start in April 2019.

The Deputy Leader questioned the potential cost for such works and advised that there was only an emergency budget of £300,000 available. It was advised that a cost could not be provided at this stage, a figure was likely to be available in March 2019. It was advised by the Deputy Leader that if the emergency works exceeded £300,000 then the money would need to come out of reserves.

Members were advised that officers submitted a capital bid for the remaining wall works but it was not approved.

The committee raised questions about the bridge at Sea Street, it was confirmed that the bridge maintenance was the responsibility of Island Roads. It was advised that they were in the process of having a new bridge fabricated and that works were likely to commence in February 2019 to replace the bridge.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

14. **Proposed fees and charges for 2019/20**

The Leisure Facilities Manager provided an overview of the report.

Members questioned whether the information had been provided to the Newport Harbour Users Group. It was confirmed that it had not, however the group were aware of the fees restructure for 2018/19 which in turn meant they would be aware of the costs.

Concerns were raised about the collection of fees due to the lack of resource within team. It was advised that this had mostly been resolved, however smaller vessels were causing some minor collection issues.

Members questioned what method officers had used to create the new prices, it was advised that comparisons had been made with other harbours. It was explained that historic data could not be used due to the way in which it had been recorded; therefore most fees had been brought in line with other harbours. However there were a few fees which would be less than the recommended amount.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

15. **[Update from the Senior Harbour Master/Designated Person](#)**

The Senior Harbour Master highlighted some key points from the report.

It was confirmed that the majority of the abandoned boats had now been sold, those remaining would be removed today. All of the events which had been organised had run well and the winter lift had been organised and completed.

Members questioned why the Greene King work had been suspended, it was advised by the Strategic Manager of Commercial Services that the restrictions imposed by the current Harbour Revision Order (HRO) prevented a longer lease, and that a shorter lease had been issued and there was a possibility that works may start again in April 2019.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update be noted.

16. **[Newport Harbour Get Well Plan](#)**

Members requested that they be notified if an item was to be slipped to a later date, or whether items had been completed before the deadline. It was also suggested that the Get Well Plan be a standing item at the start of each agenda due to its importance.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Get Well Plan be noted.

17. **Members' Question Time**

There were no members questions.

CHAIRMAN