



Minutes

Name of meeting	HARBOUR COMMITTEE
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2019 COMMENCING AT 2.00PM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM 5, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs John Hobart (Chair), Andrew Garratt, Shirley Smart, Ian Ward
Officers	Marie Bartlett, Jonathan Brand, Helen Miles, Sean Newton, Lawrence Edmonston

1. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [27 March 2019](#) be confirmed.

2. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

3. [Get Well Plan – Update](#)

The Senior Harbour Master had provided a revised Get Well Plan update following the last meeting. The majority of the outstanding items were linked to the proposed new Harbour Revision Order. Oil Spill and emergency training exercises had been identified which would potentially link with Cowes. A review of future training was also being looked at for all harbour staff.

The Navigational Risk Assessment had been completed in conjunction with key stakeholders, a draft had been completed and is in the process of being finalised. Once the document was final it would be shared with the Committee, shareholders and the public.

RESOLVED:

THAT the revised Get Well Plan update be noted

4. [Harbour Revision Order](#)

The Strategic Manager for Commercial Services advised the Committee that the Revision Order was with the MMO, on 13 June 2019 a response had been received advising they are completing the review of the application and considering if any further actions are required. If there are no requirements

they will undertake routine checks in advance of making their decision. The MMO advised that a further period of 3 months has been added to the process and so if no further actions are required, a decision could be received around September/October 2019.

5. **Senior Harbour Master Update**

The Committee were advised that a modification to the barrier by the slip way had been undertaken to shorten it and avoid the marked footpath being blocked, this would then allow the entrance from both Quay Street and Fairlee Road to remain open to vehicles. This also stops the quay becoming a rat run for people avoiding Coppins Bridge. A plan showing the alternative location of the locked barrier was circulated to the Committee.

The Strategic Manager for Commercial Services informed the Committee that the closure of the barrier had been discussed with the Strategic Manager for Highways who welcomed continued access from both ends of the quay. Harbour staff to open the barrier if required as they had done in the past.

The river had been surveyed in April 2019 which had included the part right up to the Quay Arts Centre. The survey had been compared with the 2012 survey and it showed only very minor increases in the levels of siltation this period of time.

Members noted the boat lift (back in) would no longer be provided as this was not cost effective and presented health and safety risks. The number of people who used this service had reduced considerably over the last few years. They were advised that the lifting of boats via the hand crane would still be available.

A secure area to store boats out of the water had been investigated but the difficulty of finding an area to use and the cost was too much and this was not pursued.

The Committee were informed that the current Harbour Master was due to retire, having been an employee for over 40 years, it was suggested that a letter from the Committee thanking him for all the work he had done over the years would be drafted.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee agreed to the closure of the barrier at the slip way be agreed.

THAT the Senior Harbour Master Update be noted.

THAT a letter to the current Harbour Master be drafted thanking him for all the work he had done.

CHAIRMAN