



Minutes

Name of meeting	HARBOUR COMMITTEE
Date and time	27 MARCH 2019 AT 2.00PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs John Hobart (Chair), Andrew Garratt, Stuart Hutchinson, Matthew Price, Shirley Smart, Ian Ward
Officers	Jonathan Brand, Maisy Green, Helen Miles, Alex Minns, Sean Newton
Apologies	Cllr John Medland

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RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018 be confirmed.

19. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations of interest.

20. [Public Questions Time](#)

Tanja Rebel from Cowes asked the following question:

Are you going to change the harbour to a pleasure harbour or keep it as a working harbour?

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources advised that the committee would take into consideration comments made by local residents during the consultation. However, the plan was not to revert to a leisure marina.

21. [Harbour Authority Activities Annual Report](#)

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods provided an overview of the report for members.

Members of the committee suggested that the accounts did not show a true reflection of the Harbours current position as the value of capital works was not shown as a loan to the harbour. Subsequently, the Harbour had been operating at a loss. This would be raised with finance officers to see if this could be reflected in the next set of accounts.

RESOLVED:

THAT the annual reports set out in Appendices 1 and 2 are approved and submitted to the DfT.

22. [Get Well Plan – Update](#)

An updated version of the Get Well Plan was circulated to the committee.

The Senior Harbour Master provided an update for the committee and suggested that items that had been completed would be removed from the plan.

Members expressed their appreciation for work that had been carried out since the last meeting, it was thought that great progress had been made. It was noted that members found the Get Well Plan an extremely useful tracker.

23. [Progress on Harbour Walls](#)

The Strategic Manager Commercial Services confirmed that the walls had been visually re-surveyed and that, in addition to Listed Building Consent; permission from the Environment Agency was required before works would start. Island Roads would carry out the work required to re-open the bridge, it was expected that this would be completed by the end of May 2019. It was confirmed that £1m was to be spent on the harbour to improve the infrastructure and as a forerunner to the regeneration project; this would show as a loan to the harbour.

Members were pleased to hear that the bridge was to be re-opened.

Questions were raised about the type of work that would be carried out on the walls and the amount of dredging that would be required. It was suggested by the Strategic Manager Commercial Services that some of the walls would be reinstated with similar materials and that some would consist of sheet piling backfilled with concrete. The amount of dredging would be confirmed once the 2019 survey had been carried out.

24. [Harbour Revision Order](#)

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods confirmed that the consultation had been completed and that the HRO had been submitted to the MMO. Enquiries had been made to the MMO about when a decision would be made in view of the time that had now passed since the application was submitted. An indication was given that there may be further delay as a result of Brexit. Members asked the Chairman to keep the committee updated on the situation.

25. [Senior Harbour Master Update](#)

It was highlighted that visitor numbers for December, January and February were low due to the time of year. The berths within the harbour were at 100% occupancy and most of the work that had been undertaken was in preparation for the coming season.

Members questioned the right Southern Water had to discharge sewage into the river. It was confirmed by the Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods that Southern Water do have licensed discharge points in the area and that further information could be provided to members.

CHAIRMAN