

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at Warsash Sailing Club, Shore House,
Shore Road, Warsash, on Friday, 22nd March, 2024

Vice Chairman in the Chair: Councillor Pal Hayre

Councillor Graham Burgess	* Councillor Stephen Philpott
* Councillor Mark Cooper	* Councillor Lance Quantrill
* Councillor Rod Cooper	* Councillor Pamela Bryant
* Councillor Barry Dunning	
* Councillor Rupert Kyrle	
* Councillor Alexis McEvoy	

Co-opted members:

Councillor Vivian Achwal, Councillor Joanne Burton, Ben Lippiett and John Selby

103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Burgess, with Cllr Bryant substituting.

104. 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 Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered 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 whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Councillor Dunning declared an interest as a member of the Royal Yachting Association; John Selby declared interests as a trustee of Warsash Sailing Club, a committee member of the Royal Yachting Association, of the River Hamble Combined Clubs and of the River Hamble Mooring Holders Association; Councillor Rod Cooper declared an interest as a mooring holder and as a member of the RAF Yacht Club.

105. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2023 were agreed as a correct record subject to an amendment to Cllr R Cooper's interest declaration: he

declared an interest as a mooring holder and as a member of the RAF Yacht Club.

106. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

107. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice-Chairman advised that Hugh Lumby had recently resigned as a county councillor. The Council meeting in May would be appointing a new Chairman.

Committee members joined the vice-Chairman in thanking Hugh Lumby for his services as the Chairman since 2021. The Vice-Chairman agreed to write to Hugh Lumby to express this.

Members of the Committee also referred to the past Chairman of many years' standing, Sean Woodward who had also recently resigned as a county councillor. Cllr Woodward had become Chairman of the Harbour Board in 2021 and the Vice-Chairman undertook to pass on the Committee's thanks to him for his service.

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

The Committee received the report and supplementary report to record formally RHHA patrol operations and inform the Duty Holder of significant events and trends having a bearing on the Marine Safety Management System.

The Marine Director highlighted the Trinity House inspection – this had been compliant, but three red lights had deteriorated and needed to be addressed.

The report showed a breakdown of the numbers of incidents and events attended by the harbour staff. A need to revisit sites had pushed up the reported number of environmental incidents.

The Committee supported the contents of the report to the Harbour Board.

109. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Committee received a report to summarise activities relating to the River Hamble Harbour Authority's (RHHA) environmental management of the Hamble Estuary between December 2023 and February 2024.

In terms of water quality, the Harbour Authority had limited jurisdiction over land derived sewage discharges, although was involved in initiatives to reducing boat-derived. It was hoped to re-arrange the presentation by Southern Water for the June meeting.

The new Handbook was highlighted and the vice Chair commented on the Oyster video shown after the previous meeting.

The River Hamble Management Committee noted and supported the report.

110. **ASSET REGISTER REVIEW**

The Committee received the annual report to convey the condition of essential operational assets, indicate levels of associated maintenance expenditure and judge whether the Asset Replacement Reserve (ARR) is being maintained at an adequate level.

The Marine Director highlighted the effect of inflation on costs, such as for replacing piles. He advised that the Harbour Board was accumulating funds into reserves at the right rate (a planned £42k this year). He also highlighted the gain in fuel-efficiency derived from the new patrol boats.

RESOLVED

That the Committee proposes that the River Hamble Harbour Board approves:

- a. That this report be taken into account alongside the annual statutory accounts in setting Harbour Dues for 2024/25 at the June Board meeting;
- b. The contribution from Revenue to the Replacement Reserve should remain as planned at £42,000 in 2024/25 and continued note be taken of the need for frequency and amount of potential future increases.

111. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee received the report setting out the key issues which it is anticipated will appear on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and Harbour Board agendas in the forthcoming months.

The Committee approved the circulated Forward Plan for 2024.

Chairman,