

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee of  
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at Victory Hall, Warsash on Friday, 8th  
December, 2023

Chairman:

\* Councillor Hugh Lumby

\* Councillor Pal Hayre  
Councillor Graham Burgess  
\* Councillor Mark Cooper  
\* Councillor Rod Cooper  
\* Councillor Barry Dunning  
\* Councillor Rupert Kyrle  
\* Councillor Alexis McEvoy

\* Councillor Stephen Philpott  
\* Councillor Lance Quantrill  
\* Councillor Steven Broomfield

\*Present

**Co-opted members:**

Councillor Vivian Achwal (Winchester CC), Captain Steven Masters (ABP), Councillor Joanne Burton (Fareham BC), Councillor Steve Holes (Eastleigh BC), Ben Lippiett (Boatyard and Marina Operators) and John Selby (RYA)

**92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were noted from Cllr Burgess with Cllr Broomfield deputising.

**93. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman noted that there would be a presentation by Southern Water at the next meeting in March and that the item on the Terms of Reference was withdrawn.

He welcomed Ben Lippiett to his first meeting, representing boatyard and marina operators.

**94. 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.

Interests were declared as follows:

Cllr R Taylor – Berth holder, RYA member  
Cllrs Lumby, Dunning and Capt S Masters – RYA membership

95. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

96. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September were approved subject to the following amendments:

Cllr S Holes was present  
Apologies for absence referred to Cllr M Cooper

97. **TERMS OF REFERENCE - UPDATE**

This item was withdrawn.

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

The Committee received a report and supplementary update from the Director of Universal Services formally recording RHHA patrol operations and informing the Duty Holder of significant events and trends having a bearing on the Marine Safety Management System.

The ongoing Warsash bridge repair work was highlighted, re-sheath ten supporting piles. This work will extend the life of the Bridge by an estimated 50 years and negate the requirement for full and more expensive replacement at its forecast end of life in 2032.

RESOLVED that Committee supports the contents of this report to the Harbour Board.

99. **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Committee received the report from the Director of Universal Services. The M27 bridge drainage was highlighted the current position from Highways England was detailed. The concern remained that drainage from the bridge was direct into the river with no interception.

On the Solent Oyster Restoration Project, the Blue Marine Foundation is preparing the final cut of its film about the creation of the Solent's new native

oyster beds. The film features the Hamble site and interviews with RHHA staff and was expected to be available in March.

#### 100. **RIVER HAMBLE 2023-24 FORECAST OUTTURN AND 2024-25 BUDGET**

The Committee received the report from the Director of Corporate Operations and Director of Universal Services presenting the 2023/24 outturn forecast as at the end of September 2023 and the proposed 2024/25 forward budget.

There was a £29k surplus. In general, visitor income was up. Gross spending was £700k. The reported change in spending on environmental matters was a coding difference only. The report described the reserves position; the Asset Replacement Reserve was planned to be at £290.5k by 31 March 2025.

The operation of the customer payment system was explained by the Harbour Master. It was noted that forecast increases in costs were being factored in to the financial planning.

RESOLVED That

1. the projected outturn for the 2023/24 financial year is noted.
2. That the proposed forward budget is supported by the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and submitted to the River Hamble Harbour Board for approval.
3. That the requirement to use the Revenue Reserve (RR) to ensure the full annual transfer to the Asset Replacement Reserve (ARR) can be made in both the current and forward year is noted.
4. That the balances held within the reserves and the position on the reserve balances are noted.

#### 101. **REVIEW OF FEES & CHARGES**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Universal Services summarising a review of fees and charges applicable to the River Hamble. It was noted that the report did not cover Harbour Dues for privately owned leisure vessels, which have been reviewed separately and increased by 3%.

The Harbour Master stated that the range of fees were competitive and attractive to users and also reflected the costs of service provision.

RECOMMENDED that the Harbour Board approval of the fees and charges set out below and to advertise them on the River Hamble Harbour Authority's website.

102. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee received and agreed the Forward Plan.

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Chairman,