

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee of  
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held remotely on Friday, 11th September,  
2020

Chairman:

\* Councillor Seán Woodward

- \* Councillor Roger Huxstep
- \* Councillor Stephen Philpott
- \* Councillor Fred Birkett
- \* Councillor Lance Quantrill
- \* Councillor Mark Cooper
- \* Councillor Rod Cooper
- \* Councillor Tonia Craig
- \* Councillor Pal Hayre
- \* Councillor Rupert Kyrle

**Co-opted members**

Rupert Boissier, River Hamble Boatyard and Marina Operators Association

Trevor Bryant, Association of Hamble River Yacht Clubs

\* Councillor Trevor Cartwright MBE, Fareham Borough Council

\* Councillor Frank Pearson, Winchester City Council

Councillor Jane Rich, Eastleigh Borough Council

\* John Selby, Royal Yachting Association

\* Nicola Walsh, British Marine

\*Present

**110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Trevor Bryant.

**111. 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 Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 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 Rod Cooper declared an interest as a mooring holder and as a non executive Board Director at the RAF Yacht Club; Councillor Cartwright declared interests as a member of the Royal Yachting Association; Mr 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.

The Chairman reminded the Committee of the dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel allowing all Members who are harbour dues payers to participate and vote in Item 9 on the agenda regarding the setting of harbour dues.

**112. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

**113. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**114. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding incidents and events in the Harbour.

The Committee discussed the incidents of antisocial behaviour which sadly had been high once again during the summer period. The Harbour Authority was working in close partnership with other authorities, including Hampshire Constabulary and the Marine Unit, to address these incidents and the Committee heard that there had been some official warnings served for individual offenders.

**RESOLVED:**

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the content of the report.

That the Committee note their recognition and thanks to Harbour Authority officers for their extensive efforts throughout the national lockdown and since emerging from the lockdown in re-opening the River in a safe manner.

**116. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services with an update on environmental matters.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the content of the report.

**117. RIVER HAMBLE FINAL ACCOUNTS 2019/20**

The Committee considered the report of the Directors of Corporate Services – Corporate Resources and Culture, Communities and Business Services outlining the final accounts for 2019/20.

In response to Members' questions regarding future strategies for income generation, it was confirmed that the impact of future lockdowns and the evolving pandemic would play a key part in the generation of income. Members heard that this was being closely monitored throughout and had been from an early stage.

As part of the discussion it was noted that the annual recruitment of seasonal staff had begin but that the process had been interrupted by the announcement of the national lockdown.

RESOLVED:

- i. That this report, the statutory accounts and management accounts be noted by the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and submitted to the River Hamble Harbour Board for approval.
- ii. That the Committee notes that as at 31 March 2020 the General Reserve has a £189 balance, but this is expected to increase to £17,189 at the end of 2020/21.
- iii. That the Committee supports a £35,000 increase to the 2020/21 Harbour Dues income budget, to be submitted to the Board for approval, to reflect the newly introduced dry launching charges and in accordance with the principle agreed by the Board at the meeting of 10 January 2020, with the expected surplus from the additional income being added to the Revenue Reserve.

**118. REVIEW OF HARBOUR DUES**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services in setting the annual rate of Harbour Dues.

Members heard that the demand for moorings on the River continued to be extremely high.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee recommends to the River Hamble Harbour Board the approval of an increase in Harbour Dues of 2% for 2020.

119. **FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services with regard to the future business items for the Committee and Harbour Board agendas.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the report.