

# **JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT**

## **Minutes of meeting held at The Mission for Seafarers, Newport, at 09:30hrs Wednesday, 13 January 2016**

### **Representing Associated British Ports**

Captain M Chidlow  
D Dodsworth

### **Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners**

C.P Crick  
A.R Speight  
S.P Davison

### **Apologies**

Mr P Mitchell has apologised for non-attendance.

### **2050 - MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 14 October 2015, were accepted as a true record.

### **2051 – REPORT OF THE DREDGING MANAGER**

Mr D Dodsworth presented the report of the Dredging Manager. He referred to the latest survey of the River which had recently been completed (15 December 2015). In the last 3 months, there had been no requirement for any dredging campaigns with just one load being taken by the “Blue Fin”. The survey continued to show slight encroachment near No.4 and No.5. The area around the Bell Mouth looked in very good condition, partially due to the monthly sluicing carried out. Dredging would be carried out in early February if required.

The Committee referred to the very poor weather of the last few weeks. It was noted that some UK rivers had been seriously affected with very high siltation (e.g. Tyne) whereas others (e.g. Humber) had hardly been affected at all. Cardiff and Port Talbot had also been affected by high levels of siltation.

The meeting noted the requirement for a licence to dredge. At present, this is renewed tri-annually although it is hoped that this period could be extended. The possibility of the Commissioners obtaining a licence for the River was discussed, but it was agreed that it was sensible and commercial for this not to occur (particularly given the proximity of dry docks where pollution(eg lead) is often situated. It is the norm for organisations such as NHC not to have a licence to dredge – rather the individual berths would each obtain the licences that they individually require.

### **2052– CIVIL PROJECTS**

It was noted that work on the gates at the various South Wales’ ports continued, and good progress was being made.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 13 April 2016, at 09:30hrs.

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Chairman.....