

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

## **Minutes of meeting held at ABP Offices, Newport, at 09:30hrs on Wednesday, 10 April 2019**

### **Representing Associated British Ports**

R Lewis  
W Wye  
M Elliott

### **Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners**

J.C Neale  
A.R Speight  
R.M McDonald

### **2100 - MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 9 January 2019, were accepted as a true record.

### **2101 - DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of personal and pecuniary interests.

### **2102 – REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER**

Mr W Wye presented the report of the Operations Manager. He referred to the latest survey of the River which had taken place on 25 March 2019. The next survey is due to take place on 23 April 2019. There had been a single dredge campaign (4 – 6 February) over 4 tides and a dedicated channel dredge campaign between 16 and 20 February.

Following the dredging work, the condition of the Dredged Channel was very good with no major areas of concern. The amount of retained material in the channel had decreased by approximately 8,700 cubic metres since the previous meeting to 17,100 cubic metres. Captain R Lewis stated that a watching brief was now required. The dredger was next in the area in August and, if not required sooner, the benefits of dredging work then would be considered.

In response to a question from Captain R.M McDonald, Captain R Lewis explained that a 6m vessel (“Resolution”) was used for the dredging work – it suited the terrain well. As a backup the Pilot Cutter could also be used. The survey was usually undertaken immediately after the monthly sluicing of the entrance locks. This ensured, as far as is possible, that the surveys undertaken throughout the year were comparable.

Captain J.C Neale asked whether multi-beam technology would be adopted on the Resolution. It was expected that this would be in situ by the end of 2019.

### **2103– CIVIL PROJECTS**

Mr M Elliott reported that work on the hydraulic arm of the outer gates was now being undertaken. Wires were being used in their place presently. The last phase of the masonry/ building works within the dock was also being undertaken.

The work on the spring fender that was badly managed following a collision with an incoming ship remained outstanding pending negotiations with the vessel’s owners.

**2104 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) Dredging Contribution

It was noted that the Dredging Contribution for 2018 has been calculated using the formula set out on NHC Website. This was in accordance with the relevant Act of Parliament.

(b) Survey

It was noted that the Key Plan on the survey had not been updated to show the East Usk Lighthouse's new characteristics. It was agreed that this amendment would be made.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 9 July 2019, at 9.30 hrs.

Date.....

Chairman.....