

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT

Minutes of meeting held at ABP Offices, Newport, at 09:30hrs Wednesday, 8 April 2015

Representing Associated British Ports

Captain R Lewis
D Dodsworth

Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners

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

Apologies

Messrs P Mitchell, M Elliott and Captain M Chidlow have apologised for non-attendance.

2041 - MINUTES

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

2042 – REPORT OF THE DREDGING MANAGER

In the absence of Mr P Mitchell, Mr D Dodsworth presented the report of the Dredging Manager. He referred to the latest survey of the River which had recently been completed (24 March). One small dredge had taken place between 25-27 January. This was in keeping with the policy of dredging “little and often”. The survey noted retained material of 14,000 cubic metres above maintenance level. This is an excellent result. Various potential reasons for this were considered.

It was noted that some encroachment was taking place near to No5 buoy but this had no effect on commercial navigation. Accretion was also noted around MIR Steel’s berth. This is not relevant at present. It would be the responsibility of MIR to undertake remedial action if needed as this is without the Dredged Channel.

The meeting also discussed the proposals for Tidal Lagoons at Swansea, Cardiff and Swansea. The Planning Inspectorate had been made aware of matters that could affect Newport if the proposals went ahead (Tidal Range, additional sedimentation etc). Captain R Lewis noted that the procedure was open and transparent and all comments would be available for review on the website.

2043– CIVIL PROJECTS

A report received from Mr M Elliott was read to the meeting. Minor corrective work on the rail bridge was due to take place in April.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 8 July 2015, at 09:30hrs.

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Chairman.....