

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT

Minutes of meeting held at ABP Offices, Newport, at 09:30hrs Wednesday, 8 January 2014

Representing Associated British Ports

Captain M Chidlow
M.J Elliott
P. Mitchell

Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners

C.P Crick
G Jug

Apologies

An apology was received from Mr P.H.C Davies.

2025 - MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 9 October 2013, were accepted as a true record, subject to one amendment (Minute 2024 – second sentence: “inspect” replaces “modernising”).

2026 – REPORT OF THE DREDGING MANAGER

Mr P Mitchell presented the report of the Dredging Manager. He referred to the latest survey of the River which had been completed on 9 December 2013. It was noted that the survey planned for 6 January had been postponed due to the bad weather. During the period, two dredging activities had occurred. This had been necessary as volumes of 110,000 cubic metres above maintenance level had been noted at the last meeting of this Committee and this had been confirmed by a subsequent survey. Following work within the main channel, the “UKD Orca” undertook further work at the Bell Mouth.

Following the campaigns, a new survey noted volumes of 30,000 cubic metres above maintenance level, which is an obvious improvement. A further survey was due to take place before the end of January, and the results thereof would be considered in detail.

2027– CIVIL PROJECTS

Mr M J Elliott reported that the work on the construction of the new rail bridge is progressing well. The old bridge has now been removed and the foundations for the new bridge have commenced. Piling work is also progressing.

It was also noted that damage has occurred to the Dock gates as a result of the recent inclement weather. Hydraulic seals will require replacement (at present the lock gates are closed manually). Remedial work will be planned around shipping movements as far as is practicable.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 9 April 2014, at 09:30hrs.

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Chairman.....