

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT

Minutes of meeting held at ABP Offices, Newport, at 09:30hrs **Wednesday, 10 January 2018**

Representing Associated British Ports

Captain R Lewis
M Elliott
W Wye

Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners

J.C Neale
A.R Speight
S.P Davison

2079 - MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 11 October 2017, were accepted as a true record.

2080 - DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of personal and pecuniary interests.

2081 – 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 8 December 2017. Due to inclement weather on that day, the survey had been curtailed. Accordingly, the survey information being reviewed seaward of No.3 buoy related to a November survey. There had been no dredging undertaken since the last meeting.

The channel remained in good condition. There was some siltation within the area 5 – 15. At some points the siltation was 0.2/0.4 m above maintenance level. There was also some build-up near No.1 buoy. The amount of retained material in the channel had increased by approximately 1,500 cubic metres since the previous meeting to 28,900 cubic metres. A dredger was currently working in the enclosed docks and the opportunity would be taken to perform some dredging in the River in the next month.

There was a general discussion on the new technology now being utilised on dredgers (e.g. multi-beam).

2082– CIVIL PROJECTS

The work on the Newport Dock gates had been delayed due to inclement weather. Delivery of the new gates was now expected in February. An agreed window of work would then be discussed with the stakeholders.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 11 April 2018, at 9.30hrs.

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Chairman.....