

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT

Minutes of meeting held at ABP, Alexandra Dock, Newport, at 09:30hrs on Wednesday, 8 January 2020

Representing Associated British Ports

R Lewis
W Wye

Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners

J.C Neale
A.R Speight

Apologies for non-attendance was received from Mr M Elliott and Captain R.M McDonald.

2113 - MINUTES

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

2114 - DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of personal and pecuniary interests.

2115 – REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

Mr W Wye presented the report of the Operations Manager (copy attached). He noted that the last survey of the River, which had taken place on 29 November 2019, predated a dredging campaign. This dredging had removed 50,151 cubic metres of retained material from the Channel. The next survey, which is due to take place on 16 January 2020, should show the benefit of this work.

The last survey had shown a worsening of the position in certain areas of the Channel, and it was noted that the amount of retained material in the channel had increased by approximately 18,800 cubic metres to 44,800 cubic metres. In particular, the areas around Section 25 – 29 and Section 5 – 15 showed depths well above maintenance level. Following the dredging in December it was not expected that further work would be necessary but a formal decision would be made when the next survey was completed. A dredger would be available if needed in February.

2116– CIVIL PROJECTS

There was no substantive matter that required reporting relating to Civil Projects.

2117 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Marine Licencing and Disposal areas

Correspondence from Welsh Government concerning a review of disposal sites and marine licensing regulations was noted.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 8 April 2020, at 09.30 hrs.

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Chairman.....