

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT

Minutes of meeting held at The Mission for Seafarers, Newport, at 09:30hrs Wednesday, 8 July 2015

Representing Associated British Ports

Captain M Chidlow
J Neale
P Mitchell

Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners

C.P Crick
A.R Speight

Apologies

Messrs S.P Davison and M Elliott have apologised for non-attendance.

2044 - MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 8 April 2015, were accepted as a true record.

2045 – 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 recently been completed (18 June). One targeted dredging campaign had taken place during the period. The vessel UKD Orca had extracted 21,347 cubic metres, principally from close to No5 buoy, at the outer end of the channel and near the Bell mouth. The channel remained in good condition. A further survey would take place in August, following the next set of spring tides.

It was noted that the condition around the Bell mouth was assisted by regular sluicing in addition to the dredging. Mr J Neale noted that the dredging in this area was not covered by any contribution from the Newport Harbour Commissioners. Advantage would also be taken of the visit to the area by the “Cherry Sand”, a grab dredger, which would be in Newport in late July/ early August.

The meeting discussed the capacity of the “Orca” and the potential effect of the Tidal Lagoons on dredging in the area. The “cycle” time for depositing waste would inevitably be lengthened and this would increase costs.

The continued investments made in the area by ABP, including the purchase of a new survey ship, were noted.

2046– CIVIL PROJECTS

A report received from Mr M Elliott was read to the meeting. Proposed works to the middle lock gates in Newport next year were noted.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 14 October 2015, at 09:30hrs. Venue to be announced in due course.

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Chairman.....