

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT

Minutes of meeting held at ABP Offices, Newport, at 09:30hrs on Wednesday, 11 July 2018

Representing Associated British Ports

T Batchelor
W Wye
M Elliott

Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners

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

2088 - MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 11 April 2018, were accepted as a true record.

2089 - DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of personal and pecuniary interests.

2090 – 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 18 May 2018. The next survey is due to take place on 19 July 2018. There had been one dredging campaign since the last meeting – this had occurred after the last survey.

The condition of the Dredged Channel had remained good. The amount of retained material in the channel had increased by approximately 5,600 cubic metres since the previous meeting to 22,800 cubic metres. The recent dredging campaign had targeted the areas of deterioration and it was expected that an improvement would now be recognised. It was noted that the areas where siltation had been noted were generally close to the banks (e.g. to the south of the west pier, close to No5 buoy).

Mr A.R Speight noted the sluicing arrangements at the lock gate area. These continue to take place once a month over a 3-day period.

Mr J.C Neale enquired whether the vessel “Cherry Sands” was now keeping detailed and accurate records of where dredging was occurring – i.e. in the Dock or outside in the jurisdiction of NHC – so that billing arrangements were simplified. This is believed to be the case.

2091– CIVIL PROJECTS

The work to move the previously outer gates to the middle of the lock and the installation of the new outer docks were now substantively complete although some finishing works were still necessary. Similar works in the other Welsh ABP ports would now commence. Other work in the enclosed dock, such as fendering and work required for preparation for the new M4, were ongoing

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 10 October 2018, at 9.30 hrs.

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Chairman.....