

# **JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT**

## **Minutes of meeting held at ABP Offices, Cardiff, at 10:00hrs Wednesday, 13 July 2016**

### **Representing Associated British Ports**

Captain M Chidlow  
D Dodsworth

### **Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners**

C.P Crick  
A.R Speight  
S.P Davison

An apology was received from Mr M Elliott.

### **2056 - MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 13 April 2016, were accepted as a true record.

### **2057 – REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER**

Mr D Dodsworth presented the report of the Operations Manager. He referred to the latest survey of the River which had taken place on 8 June 2016. The channel remained in a very good condition, and no dredging had occurred in the last 3 months. The amount of deposit in the channel had risen from 18,000 cubic metres to 19,000 cubic metres, a negligible increase.

The conditions around the Bell Mouth were noted in particular. This clearly showed the benefit of sluicing. The plan now is to reduce the sluicing operation to once every two months – this change will be monitored to see if there is any effect on the dredging regime. The meeting discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the sluicing arrangements generally.

The Committee were informed that other parts of the UK continued to experience difficult conditions with a high level of dredging required.

### **2058– CIVIL PROJECTS**

Mr M.J Elliott had remitted a written report – he noted that work on the outer gates at Newport remained scheduled to commence in 2017. Other dock structures (e.g. bollards) continued to be inspected on a regular basis.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee will take place at ABP Offices, Cardiff on Wednesday, 12 October 2016, at 10:00hrs.

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Chairman.....