

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING, NEWPORT

Minutes of meeting held at ABP Offices, Newport, at 09:00hrs Wednesday, 9 October 2013

Representing Associated British Ports

Captain M Chidlow
M.J Elliott
P. Mitchell

Representing Newport Harbour Commissioners

C.P Crick
G Jug

Apologies

An apology was received from Mr S.P Davison.

2022 - MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 10 July 2013, were accepted as a true record.

2023 – 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 been completed on 24 September 2013. During the period, a small amount of targeted dredging had occurred. The dredged material had been taken out of the channel near the Bellmouth, whilst other dredging for the enclosed docks had been undertaken.

The latest survey shows a significant deterioration in the channel. This had occurred throughout the whole length, but was particularly prevalent near Number 5 buoy and the West Usk Buoy. The Channel now contained volumes of 110,000 cubic metres above maintenance level, significantly worse than reported at the previous meeting of this Committee. There was no apparent reason for this occurrence. The next survey is due to take place on 22 October. This date presents the most optimal time for this work. The probability is that a new dredging campaign will be required. It was noted that “UKD Orca” was expected in the area in approximately 2 weeks. There may provide an opportunity for the necessary work to be carried out.

After further discussion, it was agreed to await the result of the next survey, but to confirm that further dredging work was to be carried out on a timely basis if found to be necessary.

2024– CIVIL PROJECTS

Formal Notices to Mariners had now been issued with respect to the construction of the new rail bridge which was to commence shortly.

It was also noted that work continued across the South Wales region to inspect underwater structures/quays etc.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will take place on Wednesday, 8 January 2014, at 09:30hrs.

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Chairman.....