

ADVISORY BODY TO THE NEWPORT HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

14 October 2020

A meeting of the Advisory Body to the Newport Harbour Commissioners was held remotely on Wednesday, 14th day of October 2020, at 11:30 hrs.

PRESENT (in absentia)

Mr A Hemmings (in the Chair)

Ms A Kingston (Tata) and Messrs M Beale (Liberty Steel), B Breen (Severn Sands), N E Challenger (Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers), L Davey (Simec Ports UK Ltd), C.W Dowds, A Jones (Tarmac), R Morgan (Natural Resources Wales), R Van Der Meer (Isca Boat Club) and D Walsh (Liberty).

IN ATTENDANCE (remotely)

Mr J.C Neale (Chairman - Newport Harbour Commissioners).
Captain R Lewis (Harbour Master)

EXPLANATION OF REMOTE MEETING

The current pandemic relating to Covid-19 has resulted in severe restrictions across the UK. In most circumstances business meetings such as those required by the Commissioner's Advisory Body are being held remotely. This allows the Body to achieve its objective of representing the stakeholders of the Commissioners as laid out in its constitution.

MINUTES

207. The minutes of the last meeting of the Advisory Body, held on 11 March 2020, (a copy of which had been sent to every Member), were taken as read, received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF NHC

208. The report of the Chairman of NHC had been circulated to all members. There were no questions raised thereon. The Chairman requested that the Advisory Body be updated on the position relating to proposals to amend the CHA/ SHA status of the Commissioners. at the next meeting

209. The Chairman noted a matter raised previously concerning small vessels or other items impeding larger ships within the jurisdiction of NHC. It was noted that matters of navigational safety are the core business of the Harbour Commissioners and these are dealt with by the marine professionals within, or engaged by, NHC. Only one incident of a small craft impeding the passage of a dredger has been reported to NHC. This incident, which occurred on 19th December 2019, has been investigated but due to the limited information available it was not possible to identify the craft involved.

HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

210. The Harbour Master's report on the period to 30 September 2020 had been circulated to all members. There were no questions raised thereon.

Details of the next meeting of the Advisory Body will be circulated in due course.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____