

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING **HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2016**

A meeting of the Newport Harbour Commissioners was held at The Mission to Seafarers, Alexandra Docks, Newport, on Wednesday, 13th Day of January 2016, at 10:00am.

PRESENT

Mr C. P Crick (in the Chair)

Messrs S.P Davison, G Jug, W.L Mitchell, J Neale, A.R Speight, Captain R.M McDonald and Councillor J.A Guy.

IN ATTENDANCE

Captain M Chidlow (Harbour Master) was in attendance.

MINUTES

3209. It was resolved on a motion by Mr S.P Davison, seconded by Mr J Neale, that the minutes of the last meeting of the Commissioners, which took place on 9 December 2015, (a copy of which had been sent to every Commissioner), be taken as read, received and adopted.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

3210. No such disclosures were recorded.

HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT as prepared by ABP

3211. The Harbour Master's Report, as prepared by ABP, is attached.

The following further matters were noted:

a) East Usk Lighthouse

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

b) Navigation Lights and Buoys.

The light on the West Usk Buoy had not proved to be of good quality and Sealite had agreed to replace it free of charge. The Julian Pill front light had now been restored.

c) Bird Port issues

Following recent issues raised by the pilots Bird Port had now supplied much information on procedures etc at their berth. REDACTED

d) Liberty Steel issues

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e) Pilotage

The pilotage service available has been maintained.

f) Pilotage SLA

The Sub-Committee had met representatives from ABP on 21 December. Good progress had been made in the production of a draft replacement SLA. ABP will present this to the Sub-Committee by the end of the month.

MATTER ARISING FROM MINUTES

Minute 3182c - Incident at Liberty Steel

REDACTED

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL DREDGING

3212. A meeting of the Joint Committee had taken place immediately prior to this Board meeting. There had been no requirement for a dredging campaign in the last quarter. The Channel remained in a very good condition. The next Survey is due tomorrow (14 January) and a campaign will take place in early February if required.

3213. It was noted that the work to update the Lock Gates in South Wales continued, and it was planned that two of the gates in Newport would be updated in 2016.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

3214. The accounts for the current month were examined. It was agreed unanimously that the attached accounts amounting to £18,088.64 be paid.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

3215. The statement of the Commissioner's revenue was examined. They disclosed monthly bills of £11,968.67 compared to the budget of £12,900.00. Expenditure for the month totalled £18,088.64 and £118,780.38 for the year to date compared to the budgeted figures of £11,040 and £124,638.00.

3216. An email from Hanson relating to the recent increase in harbour dues was noted. It was agreed to reply noting that the increase still did not take the level of dues to the pre-2008 level.

INVESTMENTS

3217. It was confirmed that the amounts at present invested were as follows:

Monmouthshire Building Society	£74,628.52
Nat West	£3,877.04
Santander	£25,365.73

CASH FLOW OUTTURN – ACTUAL TO FORECAST – Q3

3218. The cash flow outturn for the 3 month period ended 31 December 2015 was examined. All questions raised thereon were answered satisfactorily.

CORRESPONDENCE

3219. A letter from Trinity House, dated 17 December 2015, was noted relating to an installation of a temporary platform in the River near to the Brynglas Tunnels. It was agreed to write to request further information required for a Notice to Mariners.

Chairman: _____ Date: _____