

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING **HELD ON 9 MARCH 2016**

A meeting of the Newport Harbour Commissioners was held at ABP Port Offices, Alexandra Docks, Newport on Wednesday, 9th Day of March 2016, at 09:30am.

PRESENT

Mr C. P Crick (in the Chair)
Messrs G Jug, J Neale, A.R Speight, Captain R.M McDonald and Councillor J.A Guy.

APOLOGY

Messrs S.P Davison and W.L Mitchell have apologised for non-attendance.

IN ATTENDANCE

Captain M Chidlow (Harbour Master) was in attendance.

MINUTES

3229. It was resolved on a motion by Mr J Neale, seconded by Mr A.R Speight, that the minutes of the last meeting of the Commissioners, which took place on 10 February 2016, (a copy of which had been sent to every Commissioner), be taken as read, received and adopted.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

3230. No such disclosures were recorded.

HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT as prepared by ABP

3231. 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 until the next meeting.

Redacted

c) Pilotage/ HM SLA

Mr J Neale had met ABP to progress the drafting of a new document(s) to describe the relationship between ABP and NHC. ABP wish to consider the SLA in two distinct parts:

- ABP are content to move forward with drafting a new SLA to cover the Harbour Master's duties. This will be drafted in accordance with ABP's Safety Management Systems, and will also include new services now delivered to the Commissioners (for example, ABP MARNIS). The annual fee for this service will be negotiated in due course.
- ABP are not content at present to produce and agree a long-term agreement to undertake pilotage in the Commissioner's jurisdiction unless there is a distinct allocation of resources for that work. Given the level of requirement for pilots, this may prove difficult to operate within a commercial pricing structure. Another option being considered by ABP is for the company to become the CHA for the whole area. Discussions continue, and a further ABP/NHC meeting will be arranged when a proposal has been completed.

- Were NHC to relinquish its CHA status, systems would be designed to ensure timely consultation with ABP on all key pilotage matters, and the monthly report would be enhanced

d) Oil Spill Audit

In accordance with guidance from the Counter Pollution Officer, 2P training took place on 2 March and will do so again on 16 March. 5P training occurred on 14 January.

e) Balmoral

There are two trips planned for the Balmoral to the River Usk – on 13 May and 11 August. It is planned that the ship will traverse the River without docking.

f) River Bridge

Town Bridge is in need of urgent repair, and it was noted that this will involve some disruption to River users when scaffolding is erected. A Notice to Mariners will be issued at the appropriate time.

g) Advisory Body meeting

It was agreed that invitations for the training meeting aboard “Dame Shirley” will be sent, and that all Commissioners wishing to invite specific people should inform the Clerk.

MATTER ARISING FROM BOARD MINUTES

Minute 3222 Proposed new M4

Councillor J A Guy noted the current position of Plaid Cymru in relation to the proposed new M4. The party intend to vote against the new motorway at the Assembly.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

3232. The accounts for the current month were examined. It was agreed unanimously that the attached accounts amounting to £3,901.85 be paid.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

3233. The statement of the Commissioner’s revenue was examined. They disclosed monthly bills of £14,758.62 compared to the budget of £12,900.00. Expenditure for the month totalled £3,410.78 and £126,829.17 for the year to date compared to the budgeted figures of £21,775.00 and £161,518.00.

INVESTMENTS

3234. It was confirmed that the amounts at present invested were as follows:

Monmouthshire Building Society	£74,628.52
Nat West	£3,877.17
Santander	£25,365.73

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ABP Marnis

3235. It was agreed unanimously that the annual ABP MARNIS review should take place, and the Secretary and Harbour Master agreed to arrange this.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____