

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING **HELD ON 11 MAY 2016**

A meeting of the Newport Harbour Commissioners was held at ABP Port Offices, Queen Alexandra House, Cardiff on Wednesday, 11th Day of May 2016, at 09:30am.

PRESENT

Mr C. P Crick (in the Chair)

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

APOLOGY

An apology was received from Councillor J.A Guy.

IN ATTENDANCE

Captain M Chidlow (Harbour Master) was in attendance.

MINUTES

3244. It was resolved on a motion by Mr J Neale, seconded by Mr S.P Davison, that the minutes of the last meeting of the Commissioners, which took place on 13 April 2016, (a copy of which had been sent to every Commissioner), be taken as read, received and adopted.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

3245. Mr W.L Mitchell declared an interest in Agenda item 3238(c) and Agenda item 3246 (c) by virtue of his membership of the Board of Monmouthshire, Brecon & Abergavenny Canals Trust

HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT as prepared by ABP

3246. 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 Board meeting in June.

b) West Usk Buoy

It was noted that the West Usk buoy had suffered damage during the recent inclement weather. Steps were in hand to remedy the matter.

c) Liberty Steel

Redacted

d) Bird Port

Photographic evidence had been received (on 11 May) evidencing the state of Bird Port. However, the photographs were taken in February and were therefore out-of-date. It was agreed to write to Bird Port requesting recent photographs and confirming the agreement that these photographs would be remitted to NHC on a quarterly basis.

e) Oil Spill Audit

It was noted that a large oil spill exercise was taking place in Swansea tomorrow (12th). It was agreed that the Harbour Master would seek information when the audit of the Commissioner's jurisdiction would take place.

MATTER ARISING FROM BOARD MINUTES

Minute 3164 NHC/ ABP Service Level Agreement

The meeting between ABP and NHC to discuss the current position of the proposed SLA will take place following this meeting.

Minute 3224 Proposed new M4

The meeting noted the result of the recent Welsh Government election, and also that a letter detailing the objections of the Commissioners to the proposed new M4 had been remitted in accordance with the timetable set out. There were no further actions at this stage.

Minute 3231(g) Training Trip

The proposed training trip had unfortunately been cancelled as the vessel to be used had been sold. There were no other suitable vessels with an appropriate licence that could be used instead. The Harbour Master agreed to monitor the position to ascertain if a different vessel becomes available. The Pilot Cutter may be used in the future to train Commissioners.

Minute 3238(c) Liberty Steel correspondence

Mr W.L Mitchell declared an interest (see above).

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Minute 3238(f) River Bridge

The Harbour Master had met the contractors undertaking the required remedial work to the M4 Bridge across the River Usk. Transportation would now be possible along the River although there would be inevitable restrictions.

PORT SECURITY

3247. The current procedures relating to Port Security were noted. An electronic alert system will also be implemented this calendar year.

ADVISORY BODY REPORTS

3248. The reports furnished to the April meeting of the Advisory Body by the Chairman and Harbour Master were duly noted.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

3249. The accounts for the current month were examined. It was agreed unanimously that the attached accounts amounting to £24,283.43 be paid. The invoice for the annual Commissioner's insurances, totalling £10,551.55 was also agreed.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

3250. The statement of the Commissioner's revenue was examined. They disclosed monthly bills of £13,037.14 compared to the budget of £14,810.00. Expenditure for the month totalled £20,453.45 compared to the budgeted figures of £47,475.00. Expenditure for the year to date totalled £52,310.64 (excluding the insurance invoice noted above) and for the year to date £70,210.

INVESTMENTS

3251. It was confirmed that the amounts at present invested were as follows:

Monmouthshire Building Society	£74,628.52
Nat West	£3,877.42
Santander	£25,000.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cardiff Conference on Transport

3252. The Secretary noted a forthcoming conference entitled “Transport-Led Development in Wales 2016” at which the Chairman of the Advisory Body was speaking. The event is to take place in Cardiff on 28 June.

Chairman: _____ Date: _____