

**NOTES OF THE PILOT HARBOUR EXECUTIVE MEETING
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
MONDAY 14 MARCH 2021 AT 1:00pm
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Executive: Nick Edwards, Director (NE) & Chair
Cllr J Jefferson, Portfolio Holder (JJ)
Alex Richards, Economic Development Project Manager (AR)

Requested Supporting Officers:

Capt. Chris Burrows, Borough Harbour Master (CB)
James Buck, Deputy Harbour Master (JB)
Gary Pearson, Deputy Harbour Master (GP)
Louise Dudman, Senior Estates Assistant (LD) -
Martin Lloyd, Principal Engineer (ML)

1. Welcome and Apologies

James Hird and Kelly Rose sent their apologies.

2. Notes of Previous Meeting

Notes of meetings on 06 December 2021 (Appendix A) were agreed as accurate record.

3. Matters Arising (not on agenda)

None

4. Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) (JB)

JB advised the Group of the incidents at Scarborough since the last meeting, including a cradle which had collapsed in the outer harbour. This was reported at the last meeting but has now been brought to a close with the vessel and cradle having been removed.

No incidents to report from Whitby or Filey.

MAIB Incidents since last meeting include; Chemical Tanker grounding off the Isle of Skye; Engine Room Fire on North Sea Ferry from Hull; Potting boat was damaged by a WW2 Mine off Norfolk; Prawn Boat was sunk with tangled gear lines off Tynemouth; Jetski and RIB incident with 1 loss of life off Menai Straits.

Mentioned the loss of the Trawler *Njord* that is registered in Scarborough but it is early days into the investigation and we have no details to share with the group.

5. Stakeholder Engagement on Strategy/ Strategic Direction/ Regen Projects

AR & LD addressed group.

Consultations are progressing on West Pier. AR reported some hampered by a lack of fishers willing to attend the meetings. All current tenants have been offered a new premise in the scheme.

Kiosks; All tenants happy with details so far.

Building 1; Tenants unhappy about restaurant taking over a culture space.

Building 2 & 3; No issue with changing working side to the 'wet side' of West Pier.

Net loft tenants reported as generally happy with the exception of one tenant. Current use of net lofts and allowable activities discussed briefly. LD highlighted that some activities could represent a breach of their lease unless landlords permission was granted.

Building 4; Discussions ongoing with tenants as to requirements and possibility of relocation during the construction phase.

LD concerned that only building tenants are being consulted over the scheme and we are looking to disseminate information to all harbour users giving them chance to offer insight to the scheme. Newsletter and FAQ sheet to be sent out.

6. Borough Harbour Master Briefing Note – (Appendix B)

CB presented the report, which was received.

The shellfish mortality event was highlighted as a significant event that will impact the stocks, livelihoods and taking of dues by the Harbours. At present landing figures are being collated by CB with assistance of Office staff to present to JJ and Robert Goodwill MP so that the appropriate minister can be involved in action plans going forward.

Dredging is behind where desired, a dredger management meeting is planned for 15/03/2022 to ascertain plan moving forward to get back on track.

Budget; unfortunately no KR available. CB gave a brief overview of the current positions at both ports.

Staffing; Very difficult to recruit for position of Ports Assistant in Whitby. The job is currently being advertised on its second run to gain more interest and suitable candidates.

ACTION: CB

7. Financial Report (KR)

KR Absent

8. Maintenance and Assets (ML)

Eskside Wharf, Whitby – dive survey taking place soon

West Pier Lighthouse, Whitby – this has been fenced off for safety. Proposed action to sheet the lighthouse and scaffold it have been considered, for now remain as fenced.

No movement has been detected in West and East Piers in Whitby

Building 1 at Scarborough West Pier, has been inspected by ML

Building 2 at Scarborough West Pier, has been inspected by ML over concerns of corrosion on supporting framework which has caused cantilevering and the cracking on the concrete balcony. Proposed action to support the area directly under the affected balcony.

ACTION: ML

9. Fish Pier (ML)

ML advised that there is an agreement in principle with the RNLI and CB confirmed that the harbours will not use the pier for visitor pontoons anymore going forward. The waiting pontoon would be relocated to another area of the lower harbour.

10. Utilities Update (JH / CB)

CB advised that James Hird has sent his apologies but sent a snippet of information about bringing utility charges into line for Whitby and Scarborough Harbours.

SH Vincent Pier – JB is assisting in taking meter readings for *Southern Star* and

Regal Lady, they are now being charged appropriately.

WH Fish Quay – A check meter is being fitted for the commercially operated freezer, one was not fitted on its installation back in 2019 and no charge has yet been raised. This meter will ensure the energy cost is passed on to the correct party.

11. Estates

Private and Confidential

12. Priorities for Q4 (CB)

A new installation of a waiting pontoon for vessels waiting for the bridge to open, enhancement of the passenger landing facility on New Quay Road, AFDNE – Heavy Involvement, Continue to Support Regen on SHWP and Whitby Maritime Training Hub.

13. Any Other Business

No items raised.

14. Date of Next Meeting – June 13th 2022