



MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOUR OFFICE OF POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS ON TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 2009 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Brian Murphy – Chairman – Poole Harbour Commissioners
Lynda Bourne - Poole Harbour Association
Jon Eads - MDL Cobbs Quay
John Rice - Poole Borough Council
Scott Oliphant - Dorset Police

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th February 2009 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Item 4.4.1 - John Rice confirmed that he had no further information on the byelaw regarding swimming and diving. Brian Murphy confirmed that it would not be necessary to commence the byelaw process until the contract for the second harbour crossing had been entered into.

Item 4.4.2 - Brian Murphy confirmed that the training requirements had now been emailed to all board members. He advised that he was still awaiting feedback. Board members discussed the content of the training requirements and generally agreed that this met the technical aspects of the potential role. They agreed that it would need to be revisited when the job description and person specification were available as there may be some additional training requirements of a non technical nature. John Rice agreed to take the training programme and match it against the current role of Bridge Operators and feed back.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Brian Murphy confirmed that the working group had now been disbanded. It was agreed that other members can be brought in as and when various issues need to be resolved.

John Rice confirmed that there was an ongoing problem with the bridge bells and this will be fixed accordingly.

John Rice confirmed that there was no update on Whittles Way. He further confirmed that there would be no closure of Wilkins Way as this would become part of the bridge approach.

4. Twin Sails – Up Date

John Rice confirmed that at present the Borough were focusing on the legal agreement with Gallaghers but major issues were now resolved. He further

confirmed that capital dredging had been discussed with the Harbour Master and PHC's proposal had been accepted subject to obtaining the necessary licence. He advised that the Borough had completed a comprehensive site investigation.

John Rice reported that the Borough were working closely with PHC regarding relocation of moorings and PHC's proposal had now been accepted.

5. Booking Bridge Lifts

Jon Eads tabled a draft form 'Commercial application for unscheduled bridge lifts' which he had designed. The Committee approved the form subject to a few minor alterations. It was agreed that JE amend and email the form to all members for final approval.

6. Bridge Lifts For Special Events

The only known special events are the fireworks on Thursday evenings in the summer months and the forthcoming air show. No official programme is yet available.

7. Navigation Issues

Brian Murphy advised that it would be necessary at some stage to consider the sequence of the two bridges. A full discussion ensued and John Rice confirmed that once the contract has been exchanged the BOB will be in a position to discuss this item further. It was agreed that in order to assess the impact on navigation while construction work is being undertaken the main contractor be invited to attend meetings of the Bridges Operating Board.

8. Moorings

Brian Murphy confirmed that PHC were looking to start the relocation of moorings during August/September 2009. He confirmed that it was agreed at a meeting of the Poole Harbour Association to form a sub-group to discuss the mooring location plan.

9. Dredging

Brian Murphy confirmed that capital dredging would take place during August 2009 subject to CEFAS approval. A Local Notice to Mariners would be issued accordingly.

10. Schedule Of Work

John Rice advised that the existing work schedule was the only one available at present.

11/12. Communications/Consultation

The Committee discussed the issue of communication and consultation with stakeholders and harbour users. It was agreed that this would be led by the Borough of Poole. Brian Murphy confirmed that PHC would be happy to facilitate this. It was agreed that communication would continue through the minutes of the BOB meetings and email addresses of all board members would be available on the PHC website. Jon Eads requested that individual reports be brought to the members as a recommendation for final approval by the board.

13. Road Traffic Summaries

Nothing to report

14. Complaints & Customer Service

Lynda Bourne advised that there were no complaints to report.

Scott Oliphant reported that Dorset Police had received a complaint from a resident of Levets Lane in Poole regarding the 0730 bridge lift. He further reported that during and after this bridge lift traffic was tailing back to the Hunger Hill Roundabout. After discussion John Rice advised that he would look into the complaint and also look at the possibility of refreshing the white road markings.

15. Health & Safety

Nothing to report

16. Any Other Business

Brian Murphy reported that he had received a request via the ferry terminal to reinstate the 1130 bridge lift and therefore remove the 1230 hours bridge lift. He further reported that this request had derived from amendments to the Brittany Ferries timetables from the 18th May 2009 to the end of September. Brian Murphy advised that from the 18th May the 'Barfleur' would arrive at Poole at 1215 hours with the 'Condor Express' arriving thirty minutes later at 1245 hours with the potential to cause considerable traffic problems leaving the Port.

John Rice reiterated that from the Council point of view it was important to make Poole an attractive destination and passengers and freight should not experience traffic problems leaving Poole. After discussion the board came to an agreement to amend the bridge lift to 1200 hours, subject to Council approval. Consultation would need to take place before the 10th May in order that arrangements can be put in place.

Lynda Bourne reported on pieces of yellow and black metal jutting from Poole Bridge. John Rice advised that this would be investigated.

Lynda Bourne reported that boats were allegedly moored illegally on the Whiteside site. Brian Murphy to investigate.

Lynda Bourne reported that Greenslade pleasure boats were turning short round close to the bridge when lifting at 1430 hours. Brian Murphy to investigate.

17. Date Of Next Meeting

1430 hours on Thursday 25th June 2009 at St. John's House

POST MEETING NOTE – TIME OF NEXT MEETING REVISED TO 1400 HOURS