



MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOUR OFFICE OF POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS ON Tuesday 22nd September 2009 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Brian Murphy – Chairman	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Lynda Bourne -	Poole Harbour Association
Jon Eads -	MDL Cobbs Quay
John Rice -	Poole Borough Council

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Scott Oliphant from Dorset Police.

Brian Murphy apologised for the late agenda. He confirmed that in future agendas would be sent out at least 14 days in advance of further meetings.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th June 2009 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Item 3 – Matters arising – Brian Murphy confirmed that one of the PHC Harbour Controllers would be visiting the control room at the Borough shortly. He further confirmed that a process would be introduced for a return visit for Borough control room operators to visit the PHC Harbour Control.

Item 3 – Matters arising – Lynda Bourne again reported on boats illegally moored on the Whiteside site. Brian Murphy advised as this is a private berth the vessels will have to be moved using the Transport Work Order. These vessels will be pursued for non payment of harbour dues as required.

Item 3 – Matters arising – Lynda Bourne advised that Greenslade Pleasure Boats were still turning close to the bridge when lifting. Brian Murphy advised there have been no official complaints of dangerous navigation or log entries to suggest the same. He requested that complainants write in with details of any incident and action will be taken accordingly.

Item 5 – Booking Bridge Lifts – Brian Murphy confirmed that the application form for unscheduled bridge lifts was on the PHC website. John Rice to check that this document is on the Poole Borough website.

Item 6 – Moorings – Brian Murphy confirmed that letters have been sent out to Mooring Holders. Letters giving notice will be sent shortly advising of when moorings have to be unoccupied for relocation work to progress.



Item 7 – Dredging – Lynda Bourne confirmed that she had received a copy of the plan showing the area to be dredged.

Item 8 – Road Traffic Summaries - Regarding information for boat movements, Jon Eads requested that both traffic movement and vessel summaries would need to be developed in a format accessible to everyone, including electronically, in order that informed decisions can be made by the board concerning the bridge operation and timing of bridge lifts. Brian Murphy advised that it was difficult finding people willing to carry out manual surveys, but he was hopeful that this would be undertaken in 2010.

4. Twin Sails – Up Date

John Rice confirmed that the contract has now gone to tender with a tender document return date of the 30th October 2009. He envisaged that an announcement of the successful contractor should be made in December. He further confirmed that dredging had commenced, equipment being sourced for replacement moorings and the clearing of the Power Station site was underway. John Rice confirmed that the proposed start date should be February 2010.

5. Byelaws

Brian Murphy confirmed that upon taking legal advice the two byelaws (1) swimming between the quays and (2) running red lights would not be commenced until the tender process had started. He confirmed that the IALA recommended light sequence would be utilised. He advised that a draft byelaw would be brought back at a future meeting.

6. Moorings Update

Brian Murphy confirmed that he was still in consultation with one block holder and that the majority of other mooring licence holders were satisfied with the latest mooring arrangement proposal.

John Rice confirmed that he would check the Borough's insurance details regarding any damage sustained to vessels that had to be moved if the owner had not been able to be contacted. Brian Murphy confirmed that he would also check PHC insurance regarding this issue when PHC were working on behalf of the Borough.

7. Dredging Update

Brian Murphy advised that 3,200 cubic metres of material had already been dredged with a further 2,300 cubic metres to be removed in this first phrase. He confirmed that it was envisaged that this work would be completed by the 5th October. Brian Murphy confirmed that the second phrase would start around August 2010 to comply with the Disposal Licence restrictions.



8. Road Traffic Summaries

John Rice reported that he had not yet received these. It was agreed that this would be the first agenda item for the next meeting.

9. Complaints And Customer Service

Jon Eads confirmed that largely there had been good feedback. He further advised that there had been a great deal of activity with vessels leaving Cobbs Quay for the Bournemouth Air Show at the end of August, with a large number of vessels coming through the bridge, culminating in two vessels abreast, this had been at the request of the Bridge Operator. He also confirmed that for some owners this had proved to be stressful. Brian Murphy confirmed that there had been no reports of any incidents. After discussion it was agreed that education should be paramount for control room operators.

Brian Murphy confirmed that Brittany Ferries had recently changed their sailing schedules. It was confirmed that as from the 5th October the 12.00 p.m. bridge lift would revert to 12.30 p.m. Brian Murphy confirmed that a Local Notice to Mariners would be circulated accordingly.

10. Health And Safety

Lynda Bourne advised that an incident had taken place at the end of August with up to four vessels running the red lights through the bridge. After discussion it was agreed that these incidents should be reported by Bridge Operators to Harbour Control. Brian Murphy confirmed that CCTV footage is available and can be interrogated to obtain boat details and action will then be taken. Byelaw enforcement will be in place when second bridge completed.

Jon Eades requested that a flyer be made available.

16. Any Other Business

Lynda Bourne advised that there may be requests for reimbursement of mooring equipment owned by the mooring holders, but not required after the moorings have been moved. Brian Murphy confirmed that any equipment that is removed will be given to the owner or disposed of at their request.

Lynda Bourne advised that the website is down which is currently being advertised on a notice for redevelopment work adjacent to Sunseeker/RNLI/Whittles Way. John Rice to investigate.

17. Date Of Next Meeting

1400 hours on Tuesday 24th November 2009 at St. John's House
Next meeting 27th January 2009 at PHC Offices – to be confirmed
Meetings to be held first Wednesday of every month after start of construction.