



MINUTES OF POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD

HELD 14.30 IN THE BOARDROOM OF POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2009

Present: Brian Murphy – Chairman (BM) Poole Harbour Commissioners
Lynda Bourne (LB) Poole Harbour Association
John Eads (JE) MDL Cobbs Quay
Tony Parfett (TP) Borough of Poole Council
Paul Spencer (PS) Borough of Poole Council
Scott Oliphant (SO) Dorset Police

BM welcomed the Board members and in particular TP standing in for JR. Although not a member of the Board, PS was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the 24 hour request form. It was agreed that PS would be asked to attend future meetings as required.

1. **Apologies**

JR sent his apologies and TP agreed to deputise for him on this occasion.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2008 were agreed as accurate.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 4.4.1 TP advised he had no information at present on the byelaw regarding swimming and diving. BM advised the byelaw could take over 12 months to be in place.

Item 4.4.2 The training requirements had been circulated and feedback was awaited. BM agreed to email the training requirements to the Board Members. **BM Action.** PS commented that the control room needed to be controlled either on site or off site. He had spoken to JR on the subject.

Item 5.6 BM has taken legal advice on the issue of “running a red light” – this has to be dealt with as a byelaw and not a General Direction.

Item 5.10.2 BM reported on the re-location of the mooring in Holes Bay. Currently the HM and moorings dept is preparing a mooring arrangement plan. The majority of illegal moorings have been lifted. Letters have been sent to PHC pile mooring holders informing them that their moorings would be re-located January/February 2010. Other mooring holders will receive letters shortly regarding re-location. It will be necessary to ascertain how many moorings will be required. BM will keep the Board advised on the mooring progress and provide a chart in due course showing the planned re-location.

4. **Bridge Traffic Signals**

BM advised that in order to successfully obtain a byelaw to enforce “running of a red light”, it is likely that IALA recommended lights would have to be used. A sequence of lights was presented for the Board to approve at a later meeting. The same lights will be used for both bridges. BM stated that it was intended to proceed with the byelaw when the contractor was on site, hopefully October this year.



5. **Booking Bridge Lifts**

JE commented that in an agreement with the BoP dated October 2005, vessels over 40m need only give 1 hours notice for a bridge lifts. The new Transport Works Order now reads 24 hours notice. BM commented that the new order would take precedence over all pre existing agreements but the BoP should clarify.

TP/JR Action

BM advised that when the up-dated final version of the 24 hour request form is produced by PS and agreed by the Board it would be promulgated by LNTM and placed on the PHC website.

PS Action

All known commercial users would be sent a copy with a covering letter.

BM Action

BM suggested that the LNTM be put on the BoP website.

TP/JR Action

LB requested a list of authorised commercial users who can currently request an un-scheduled bridge lift.

PS Action

6. **Complaints and Customer Services**

JE had no issues and nothing to report. LB felt the cameras weren't panning properly and the Control Room were not taking notice of tides when some larger vessels could transit the bridge easier than smaller vessels. TP to investigate. PS reported that the Borough were having trouble with the bridge bells and this was being investigated.

TP Action

7. **Health and Safety**

No incidents or accident to report.

8. **Road Traffic Summaries**

SO reported that the last data received was July 2007 and February 2008 and it was generally felt that the Board should be kept up-to-date. Data for July 2008 and February 2009 to be provided for next meeting.

JR/TP Action

9. **Bridge Lifts for Special Events**

The only known special events so far are the fireworks on Thursday evenings in the summer. The dates for this to be confirmed.

10. **Up date Time Scale for 2nd Bridge**

- European legislation for tender interest.
- Tender April/May 2009.
- Contract agreed August/September 2009
- 10 day standing period.
- Start dredging August/September 2009.
- Mooring re-location August/September 2009.
- Bridge foot print clear mid October 2009.
- On site October/November 2009.
- Mooring piles moved January/February 2010.



11. Dredging

- LB requested details of the dredging.
- BM will issue a LNTM.

TP/JR Action
BM Action

12. Any other Business

JE was concerned that he had heard about the commencement of the bridge work through the media and not direct as had the rest of the committee. It was agreed that relevant information should be emailed to BOB between meetings in future. LB requested an up-dated programme of work. It was agreed to disband the sub group and only use a sub group as and when required for specific tasks.

JE felt the two groups should now be amalgamated and this was agreed.

BM commented on the following:-

- CCTV cameras monitoring the basin between bridges should be linked to Harbour Control.
- During construction there is likely to be 24 hour periods when the channel will be closed to navigation. This is allowable under the Transport Works Order and these occasions will be properly advertised.
- Consider a “no wash” zone between bridges.
- Consider a dedicated VHF channel for the bridge operators.

JE suggested a contingency for free flow when both bridges would be open at busy times. BM felt a procedure for this would be necessary.

TP reported that work would be taking place commencing on 20 April for 1 week on the existing bridge, week days only, with a bridge closure between 1700 and 0500. The bridge will however be open to pedestrians.

BM was re-appointed as chairman.

LB was seeking confirmation from the BoP on the development at Whittles Way and the closure of Wilkins Way. She requested a date from the Borough.

TP/JR Action

LB requested an electronic copy of the Transport Works Order.

TP/JR Action

LB requested a copy of the 2009 mooring fees.

BM Action

13. Schedule of Meetings

Date of next meeting 14.00 21st April 2009. It was agreed that monthly meetings would be held thereafter.

The meeting closed at 17.10.



Action List

Item	Subject	Action
3.	4.4.2 Training requirements	BM
5.	Clarify booking bridge lifts Up-dated booking bridge lift form LNTM with covering letter LNTM place of BoP website List of authorised commercial users requesting bridge lift to LB	TP/JR PS BM TP/JR PS
6.	CCTV Cameras	TP
8.	Road Traffic Summaries to be provided July 08 and Feb 09	JR/TP
11.	LB requested details of dredging Issue of LNTM	TP/JR BM
12.	LB requested a date on the development at Whittles Way and closure of Wilkins Way. LB requested electronic copy of Transport Works Order. LB requested copy of 2009 mooring fees.	TP/JR TP/JR BM