



AT A MEETING OF THE POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE, 20 NEW QUAY ROAD, POOLE ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2009 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman – Mr Richard Lacey, Vice-Chairman – Mr Ian Davies, Chief Executive – Mr Jim Stewart, Mr Peter Burt, Mr Charles Cunningham, Mr David Greenslade, Mr Clive Lane, Mr Michael Mitchell, Mr Alec Monk, Mr Graham Sutton, Mr Brian Thomas & Mrs Sarah Welton.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Gary Cox - Dickinson Manser, Harbour Master & Chief Accountant

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from the Harbour Engineer.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the AGM & Board Meeting held on the 27th November 2009 were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1.1 None

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY UPDATE

5.1.1 Ostend

The Chief Executive reported that he had been invited to meet with the Chief Executive and Senior Management of the Port of Ostend where new business and cruise ship opportunities were discussed.

5.1.2 Proposse Project

The Chief Executive reported that together with the Port Manager he had attended a meeting in Aveiro, Portugal regarding the Proposse Project, to investigate container and Ro/Ro services between Portugal/Spain/France/Ireland and Poole. He advised that the next stage would be to meet with various container and Ro/Ro companies.

5.1.3 British Ports Association

The Chief Executive reported that a meeting of the ports named in the Operational Efficiency Programme was held at BPA in London during the month. It was confirmed that new D of T guidelines will be issued in the New Year. The Chairman advised that the original guidance notes pertaining to the procedure for the sale of trust ports would be circulated with the minutes of the December meeting.



5.1.4 Pilots' Pension Fund

The Chief Executive confirmed that he had attended a meeting in London to discuss the Pilots' Pension Fund. He advised that this issue had already been brought to the attention of the Commissioners at previous meetings. The Chief Executive reported he had been assured that Poole's special status would be put forward at the court hearing to be held on the 18th January 2010.

5.1.5 Transport

The Chief Executive reported that together with the Transport Manager and Port Manager a meeting had been held with Atkins, the lead consultant for the Multi Area Agreement to highlight the transport issues for the port.

5.1.6 Brittany Ferries

The Chief Executive reported that an urgent meeting had been called by Brittany Ferries on Thursday 17th December. He advised that Brittany Ferries had announced a decision to withdraw the 'Barfleur' as from March 2010. He further advised that Brittany Ferries would be increasing the frequency of sailings of the 'Cotentin' to Cherbourg with one weekly sailing to Santander. A full discussion took place. The Chief Executive advised that PHC were waiting for schedules before further action was taken, however it was agreed that he would contact Brittany Ferries to request an urgent meeting.

6. Monthly Reports

6.1 Monthly reports were presented by the Port Manager & Chief Accountant.

6.1.1 The Port Manager presented his statistics and reports to the board for November.

6.1.2 The Chief Accountant reported on the finances for November 2009. It was agreed that the Chief Accountant to look at budgeted figures and make necessary adjustments as required.

7. Bait Digging

7.1 A verbal report was presented by the Chief Executive.

7.1.1 The Chief Executive tabled a paper for the Commissioners on Bait Digging in Holes Bay. He advised that the Borough of Poole had talked about introducing a bait digging byelaw which had previously been brought before the Board of Commissioners and the Poole Harbour Steering Group. After discussion it was agreed that the Chief Executive to write to the Borough with the Commissioners' concerns.



8. LEGISLATION SUB-COMMITTEE

8.1.1 A verbal report was presented by Gary Cox.

8.2. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Legislation Sub-Committee's recommendations be approved.

9. DICKINSON MANSER

9.1 This report was presented by Gary Cox.

9.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that this report be received and approved.

10. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT/MONTHLY MARINE SAFETY REPORT

10.1 This report was presented by the Harbour Master.

10.1.1 The Harbour Master advised that he had written to the MCA with constructive comments regarding the 'Channel Chieftain IV'.

10.1.2 The Harbour Master advised that 50% of the moorings relocation had been completed.

10.1.3 The Harbour Master advised that the 'C.H. Horn' would complete dredging at Parkstone Yacht Club early in the New Year.

10.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that this report be received and approved.

11. MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

11.1 This report was presented by the Chief Executive.

11.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that this report be received and approved.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 The Chairman advised that a letter had been received from Major Neil Wraith of the Royal Marine thanking the Commissioners for the donation for Project Fortitude.

The meeting concluded at 12.20 p.m.