



**AT A MEETING OF THE POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE, 20 NEW QUAY ROAD, POOLE ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chairman – Mr Richard Lacey, Chief Executive – Mr Jim Stewart, Mr Peter Burt, Mr Charles Cunningham, Mr Ian Davies, 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, Harbour Engineer & Chief Accountant

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**1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 There were no apologies.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

2.1 Charles Cunningham declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 10.

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 The minutes of the Board Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were approved.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.1.1 There were no matters arising.

**5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY UPDATE**

**5.1.1 TRANSEC**

The Chief Executive advised that a meeting had been held in London with representatives from eight UK ports for a briefing from the Head of Transec. The threat for ports is currently low, however this may be moved up to Level 2 for the Olympics. The Chief Executive advised further discussions are to take place and Government will keep Ports further advised.

**5.1.2 CHERBOURG**

The Chief Executive reported that together with the Port Manager, a trip had been undertaken to Cherbourg. Meetings had been held with Port of Cherbourg officials where various issues had been discussed.

**5.1.3 PORT OF OSTEND**

The Chief Executive advised that he would be meeting with the Chief Executive of the Port of Ostend to discuss possible new business ventures.



#### **5.1.4 TRANSPORT THEME GROUPS**

The Chief Executive reported that he had chaired the Freight Quality Partnership and Multi Area Agreement Transport Theme Groups during the month. He advised that he had also given a presentation to Heads of Transport and local Councillors from Bournemouth and Poole on transport problems facing the Port and its customers.

#### **5.1.5 POOLE MARITIME TRUST**

The Chief Executive advised that he had attended a dinner hosted by Poole Maritime Trust where he was very honoured to receive an award from the Trust for his services to the Port and Harbour of Poole. The Chairman congratulated the Chief Executive on behalf of the Commissioners.

### **6. MONTHLY REPORTS**

**6.1** Monthly reports were presented by the Port Manager, Chief Accountant and Harbour Engineer.

**6.1.1** The Port Manager presented his statistics and reports to the board for October. He confirmed that year to date passenger and vehicle figures were good, but freight figures were down.

**6.1.2** The Chief Accountant reported on the finances for October 2009. The Chairman thanked Alec Monk and Charles Cunningham for their help and advice on the new layout for the monthly accounts.

**6.1.3** The Harbour Engineer advised that PHC have taken advantage of an opportunity from UK Dredging to remove 38,000 cubic metres of material, mainly from the Middle Ship Channel around the area of Aunt Betty buoy. The material is to be deposited on the Swanage disposal ground.

**6.1.4** The Harbour Engineer advised that the trailer hopper suction dredger 'Bluefin' has worked in the Harbour previously, and recently having finished a dredging campaign in the Solent was available with minimal mobilisation/demobilisation costs.

### **7. NATURAL ENGLAND**

**7.1** A verbal report was presented by the Chief Executive

**7.1.1** The Chief Executive reported that a meeting had been held with Natural England during the month..

**7.1.2** The Chief Executive confirmed that James Marsden, Marine Director of Natural England had attended the meeting. PHC representatives had included the Chief Executive, Chairman, Harbour Engineer, Ian Davies and Sarah Welton.

**7.1.3** The Chief Executive advised that previously the Ports Industry had liaised with Roger Morris, who has now left the organisation and it was felt useful to talk directly with the Marine Director. He further confirmed that it had been an interesting meeting with items including the marine planning process and marine protected areas being discussed. He further advised that PHC have written to the Marine Protected Area Advisor outlining PHC concerns regarding sites regarding disposal for dredging.



**8. LICENCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF JETTY, SLIPWAY AND WALKWAY AT 13 ELMS AVENUE**

8.1 This report was presented by the Harbour Engineer

8.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Harbour Engineer's recommendations to grant and subsequently seal a Licence for a jetty, slipway and walkway at 13 Elms Avenue 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 reported on the events leading to the salvage of the 'Channel Chieftain'.

10.1.2 The Harbour Master reported that the 'CH Horn' had completed dredging work in the Poole Quay Boat Haven. The vessel was now dredging at Parkstone Yacht Club.

10.1.3 The Harbour Master reported that an exercise 'Sunday Blocked Gate' would be undertaken on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009 on the Sandbanks Chain Ferry.  
**POST NOTE** – This was cancelled, scheduled for February 2010.

10.1.4 The Harbour Master advised that several liaison meetings had taken place during the month with no issues to report.

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 reported on the PHC Annual Open Evening which had again been a great success. He confirmed that a collection for 'Project Fortitude' had raised £372.33 and the Commissioners would make this amount up to £500.00.

The meeting concluded at 1.30 p.m.