



**AT A MEETING OF THE POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE,
20 NEW QUAY ROAD, POOLE ON FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2011 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL
MEETING.**

PRESENT: Chairman - Mr Richard Lacey, Vice-Chairman - Mr Ian Davies,
Chief Executive - Mr Jim Stewart, Professor Bob Cripps,
Mr Matthew Greenslade, Mrs Jacky Hardy, Mr Graham Hildred,
Professor John Humphreys, Mr Tom James, Mr Michael Mitchell,
Mr Alec Monk & Mr Brian Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Harbour Master, Harbour Engineer, Port Logistics Manager
& Mr Mark Daniels - Dickinson Manser

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from Mr Gary Cox, Dickinson Manser.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2.1 Richard Lacey and Jacky Hardy declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 9.

3. MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the Board Meeting held on the 28th October 2011 were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY UPDATE

5.1.1 Brittany Ferries

The Chief Executive reported that an article taken from the Daily Echo had been tabled for the Board. He further reported that Brittany Ferries had now announced that no decision would be made regarding the 'Barfleur' until January 2012. The Chief Executive advised that he would report back to the Board in due course.

5.1.2 Chris Fisher Report

The Chief Executive reported that a meeting had been held with Chris Fisher during the month to highlight conclusions of his report. He further reported that an Executive Summary would be given to all Commissioners with the December Board Papers.

5.1.3 Public Bodies Bill

The Chief Executive reported on the Public Bodies Bill but confirmed that the only Trust Port included in this Bill would be Dover.

5.1.4 Mike Penning, MP

The Chief Executive advised that the Under Secretary of State for Transport, Mike Penning had requested an update on progress of plans and implementation from Poole Harbour Commissioners. The Chief Executive advised that his response had been tabled for all Commissioners.

6. MONTHLY REPORTS

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

6.1.1 The Port Logistics Manager advised that PHC had started to see a slight reduction in clay, but grain export and stone imports were doing well. He further advised that Brittany Ferries' figures were similar to last year due to the loss of the 'Barfleur'.

6.1.2 The Chief Accountant reported on the finances for October 2011. After discussion it was agreed that the Chief Executive to send a letter to Channel Seaways regarding future payments.

7. EIA TENDER

7.1 A verbal report was presented by the Harbour Engineer.

7.1.1 The Harbour Engineer gave an update on the history of the draft Port Master Plan. He updated the Board on the Scoping Study and advised that following submission of the study to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the Borough of Poole (BoP), responses were due to be received in early December. The Harbour Engineer advised that following an article in the European Journal, 17 shows of interest had been received. He further advised that following the European process six tenders had now been received. The Harbour Engineer reported that Officers were due to come to a conclusion next month on the successful contractor and move the process forward.

7.1.2 The Chairman advised that a comprehensive report would be given to all Commissioners with the December Board papers in order that a full discussion can be held at the December Board Meeting.

8. **BAIT DIGGING**

8.1 This report was presented by the Chief Executive.

8.1.1 The Chief Executive reported that bait digging was not just a local problem but was a national issue. He further reported that digging bait had been carried out for generations but commercial bait digging was now becoming very lucrative. The Chief Executive advised that as Poole Harbour Commissioners own land at Holes Bay, meetings had been held during the month with representatives from Natural England, Southern Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (SIFCA), the Borough of Poole and Crown Estate. He further reported that signage had been installed at various locations and a copy of the sign utilised had been tabled for Commissioners.

8.1.2 The Chief Executive advised that since the introduction of the Marine & Coastal Access Act (2009) SIFCA have a remit to manage bait collection under section 153 (Management of Inshore Fisheries) since their establishment on 1st April 2011. He further reported that SIFCA and Natural England have come up with a Voluntary Agreement (paper given to the Board). After discussion the Board agreed that PHC should become involved with the Voluntary Agreement.

8.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Chief Executive's recommendations to sign up for the Voluntary Agreement be approved.

9. **DRAFT PORT MASTER PLAN**

9.1 A verbal report was presented by the Chief Executive.

9.1.1 The Chief Executive advised that presentations had been continuing into November. He further reported that further presentations would be made to the Sea Cadets and Rangers, National Trust, Dorset Wildlife Trust and Poole & District Fishermens' Association in December. The Chief Executive reported that two 'drop in' days were held in the North Lounge of the Passenger Terminal during the month. He further reported that there had been very positive feedback. After discussion it was agreed that the Chief Executive's presentation should be put on the PHC website.

10. **PENSIONS**

10.1 A verbal report was presented by the Chief Accountant

10.1.1 The Chief Accountant reported on a meeting held by the Employers Group of the Former Registered Dock Workers Pension Fund in respect of the forming of a Consultative Committee to deal with the Trustees of the scheme for the future. He also reported on a Trustee meeting of the PHC retirement benefit scheme held to approve the Annual accounts of the scheme.

11. **OPEN EVENING**

11.1 A verbal report was presented by the Chairman

11.1.1. The Chairman advised that the Annual Open Evening was very successful. He also advised that the Chief Executive's presentation was very positive.



12. PORT LINK ROAD

12.1 This report was presented by the Harbour Engineer.

12.1.1 After discussion the Commissioners agreed that their response should be for a direct route i.e. the 'red' route (Local Plan 2001/6 (Pre Bridge Construction)).

12.2 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Harbour Engineer respond with the Commissioners' concerns.

13. DICKINSON MANSER

13.1 This report was presented by Mark Daniels

13.2 IT WAS RESOLVED that this report be received and approved.

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

14.1 This report was presented by the Harbour Master.

14.1.1 The Harbour Master advised that with regard to the 'Designated Person' an agreement was signed which would commence from the 1st December 2011. He further advised that an audit programme with Marico Marine Limited would follow which would be passed to the Chief Executive.

14.1.2 The Harbour Master tabled an article from the Daily Echo regarding Kite Surfing. He further advised that safety issues were an on-going concern. The Harbour Master advised that this item would be brought back to the board at a later date.

14.1.3 The Harbour Master tabled a letter from Red Funnel's Chief Executive to the Chief Executive of the Royal Yachting Association. He further advised that he had hosted a Southern Solent Harbour Master's Association at the Royal Motor Yacht Club during the month.

14.1.4 The Harbour Master advised that following the Harbour Committee he had been looking at the second hand dredger market which had proved unsuccessful. Following discussion the Board agreed that the £10,000 put aside for new build plans should be put on hold until Robert Cripps had assessed the issue through a cost benefit analysis. He further reported that this may be followed up by a Harbour Committee meeting in January 2012.

15. MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

15.1 This report was presented by the Chief Executive.

15.2 IT WAS RESOLVED that this report be received and approved.



16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

16.1 Professor John Humphreys advised that he had attended a meeting relating to “Wild Purbeck as a proposed Nature Improvement Area”. This to be passed to the Chief Executive to consider if a letter of support is appropriate.

17. **PERENCO PRESENTATION**

17.1 Mike Richardson of Perenco and Suzie Baverstock of BP joined the meeting.

17.1.1 Mike Richardson gave a full presentation on Perenco and their ongoing proposals for Wytch Farm.

The meeting concluded at 1.00 p.m.