

MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD

HELD AT COBBS QUAY ON 05-12-18

Present:

Dave Wilson (DW) - MDL Cobbs Quay
Dean Cluett (DC) - Poole Harbour Commissioners
Paul Trowbridge (PT) - Poole Harbour Association
Colin Moors (CM) - Borough of Poole

| | Action |
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| 1. Welcome and Apologies Apologies: John Hennessey – Dorset Marine Police | |
| 3. Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 07 September 2018 were approved. | |

**4. Matters Arising
FACEBOOK – GROUP**

1. A query on a bridge closure was raised, and it was confirmed that a LNTM was publicised for the closure.
2. A query on wind speeds was raised. CM to provide information on wind criteria.

CM

Matters

4.1 DW noted that the previous minutes had been uploaded onto the PHC website. CM to send copy without draft BoB members.

CM

4.2 The closed Facebook page was working well with a number of visitors. DW/CM to check BoP access.

4.3 Display Height Sign – Twin Sails. Digits out on the basin side. Poole bridge – basin side turned off due to displaying incorrect height. CM to arrange for signs to be checked and repaired.

CM confirmed that it would be possible to link the display height sign to Cobbs Quay Marina. DW keen for this to happen. CM to arrange for further meeting to discuss requirements.

4.4 Bridge lifts.

In accordance with (13) 1 of the Transport and Works, England Transport, England, The Borough of Poole (Poole harbour Opening Bridges) Order 2006. The Council consulted on a proposed revised bridge lift schedule for Tuesday 25th December and Wednesday 26th December 2018. The proposal was confirmed by the Board. A LNTM will be issued.

| Lift Time |
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| 10:30 |
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| 12:30 |
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| 14:30 |
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| 16:30 |

5. Bridges Update

Poole Bridge

5.1 CM updated the group on Poole Bridge. The road gates on the Hamworthy side were damaged and BoP are in the process of assessing the gates and replacing them

CM

The initial bedding of Poole Bridge after the refurbishment works has identified issues which are being addressed working with the main contractor.

Twin Sails

5.2 There is an issue with the rod end assembly connection on the Hamworthy leaf. The bridge has been placed in the raised position and the traffic signals at Blandford Road/Rigler Road reconfigured to minimise disruption to road users. Works are due on the 5th – 7th December when then bridge will be in the down position and a LNTM has been issued. If successful the pin assembly will be removed and the bridge operated in single cylinder mode.

CM

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| <p>6. Customer Service and Complaints</p> <p>6.1 DW raised a concern over rowing in the basin during bridge lifts. DC confirmed that the rowing club activities had risk assessments in place, and that rowers were able to use the channel between the bridges.</p> <p>6.2 DW confirmed an increase in dry stack boats, and that the Cobbs Quay Berth Holders Association had prepared an information pack advising the new users on the bridge operation, DW/DC to check details on the leaflet.</p> <p>6.3 DW asked if an information sign concerning the operation of the IALA lights be erected. DC suggested that directing users to the PHC website prior to them accessing the water may be more beneficial. BoP and PHC to review where current information is available and to review communication concerning bridge operation.</p> <p>6.4 A general discussion was held on access to LNTM and how frequently harbour users refer to them, and how to have links to the LNTM on more regularly frequented webpages.</p> <p>6.5 DW offered for the bridge operators to come to Cobbs Quay to see the marina operating.</p> <p>6.6 DW asked for details on the procedure that the bridge operators follow when there is an issue in lifting one of the bridges. CM to provide operational procedure.</p> | <p>CM</p> <p>DW/DC</p> <p>CM/DC</p> <p>CM/DW</p> <p>CM</p> |
| <p>7. Health and Safety</p> <p>No issues raised.</p> | |
| <p>8. Any Other Business</p> <p>8.1 DC updated the group on the requirement of boats to have their names clearly displayed on them. DC confirmed that it is a requirement that vessels have the name as part of the PHC Harbour Dues.</p> <p>8.2 Date for next meeting to be Wednesday 13th March,</p> | |