

MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD

HELD AT COBBS QUAY, POOLE ON 28 JANUARY 2016

Present:

Richard Dixon (RD)	-	Poole Harbour Commissioners
John Rice	-	Borough of Poole
David Wilson (DW)	-	MDL Cobbs Quay
Lynda Bourne (LB)	-	Poole Harbour Association
Jon Hennessey	-	Dorset Police

	Action
<p>1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies: None</p> <p>Meeting began with brief introductions from each attendee.</p>	
<p>2. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION</p> <p>The representations from PHC and Dorset Police were both up for election. JH Dorset Police proposed by LB and seconded by DW. RD, PHC, proposed by Cpt B Murphy, was proposed by JH and seconded by JCR. The Board elections complete the business of the meeting commenced.</p>	
<p>3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2015 were approved by those attending.</p>	
<p>4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>4.2 date agreed for visit to PHC in February JCR to advice RD how many to attend. Visit to MDL still to be arranged. Training manual still to be sent to members for review.</p>	<p>JCR</p> <p>JCR</p>
<p>7.3 Obstruction in BWC – no further action.</p>	
<p>RD confirmed that RNLI had received a verbal warning regarding speeding in BWC from PHC.</p>	
<p>Pontoons in place between the bridges and now in use, expected handover to BoP by April. Old pontoons to be stored by PHC until required.</p>	

<p>Discussion took place regarding the quality and angle of CCTV. If issues arise PB operators should be contacted and notified.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>5. BRIDGE LIFT TIMETABLE FOR PERIOD OF POOLE BRIDGE MAJOR WORKS 16/17</p> <p>Funding from Dorset LEP would be made available for 16/17 and works would commence in September 16. Throughout most of the works PB would remain open to vessels and closed to road traffic. Tugs would be moved from alongside Sydenhams to create a working area; this would be a temporary measure. Discussions were ongoing with RNLI and Dorset Police regarding berths upstream on an ad hoc basis. Rowing Club activities at the weekends and evenings are unlikely to be a problem. Pedestrian access would be lost. Restricted access to Corals during busy periods. June 2017 was the target completion date. Poole Bridge would remain in the up position and controlled by signals.</p>	
<p>Draft timetable for the duration of PB works was tabled by JCR. Discussion took place regarding the number of proposed openings and the change of time for the 1630 and 1830 bridge lift to 1600 and 1800. This was to ensure maximum flow of traffic during Sunseeker finishing; schools closing and ferries loading/unloading at the dock. It was agreed that an additional lift at weekends would be available at 1730. Following discussion, agreed that the 1830 would remain and not move to 1800. DW wanted more time to consult with users before confirming. Agreed that he would advise within one week. Proposal was for this temporary timetable to be in place from Sept 16 to March 17 when most of the works would take place. That a further timetable for April onwards would be agreed depending on the progress of works.</p> <p>Note: following the meeting DW contacted LB/JCR and requested that the 1630 remain at the same time due to Sunseeker change of finish time and data presented on the amount of traffic using the 2 bridges between 1545-1645. JCR would consider the request and advise asap</p> <p>There has been a reduced road width at the junction of Rigler Road with Blandford Road, in Rigler Road to allow lorries turning room and improve safety at the junction. Signals have been changed to allow better traffic flow.</p>	
<p>6. CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMPLAINTS</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

7.	HEALTH AND SAFETY In response to a question from LB, RD confirmed that there were no known H&S issues around RNLI in BWC.	
8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Reminder that Bournemouth Council beach replenishment would commence some time in February/March, date not yet confirmed. LNTM would be issued.	
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 15.30pm on 10 March 2016 at Cobbs Quay.	