

# MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD

HELD AT: Poole Harbour Commissioners

ON: Wednesday 14th April 2021

## PRESENT:

Dean Cluett (DC), Chair	-	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Colin Moors (CM)	-	BCP Council
Gary Powell (GP)	-	BCP Council
Dave Brown (DB)	-	Dorset Police

## 1. WELCOME and APOLOGIES

- 1.2 Apologies received from Paul Trowbridge
- 1.2 DC Welcomed Gary Powell to the Board

## 2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

- 2.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 were approved. DC to arrange to be published on PHC website.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS / SOCIAL MEDIA

- 3.1 No Communications were received via social media during the period 22/9/20 to 14/04/21
- 3.2 Gp and DC agreed to meet to work towards developing a bridge specific website **(Action GP and DC)**

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 Replacement IALA lights are on order and in transit but no date currently available for installation. DC advised the board that PHC cannot not take any byelaw enforcement action with regards to IALA lights infringements until this has been resolved.
- 4.2 Digital air height display twin sails inbound are still not functioning correctly, physical board display still outstanding. BCP to advise timescale for installation of board and repair to digital display. **(Action GP)**
- 4.3 Breakdowns – No breakdowns in period 22/09/20 to 14/04/21
- 4.4 Lifting Schedule – Currently on the standard summer schedule
- 4.5 GP to discuss with Tom Pearce creation of 3 schedules with supporting document. Winter schedule, summer schedule and maintenance schedule. **(Action GP)**

## 5. **BRIDGES UPDATE – BCP COLIN MOORS**

### 5.1 **Poole Bridge**

- Barriers repaired on Hamworthy leaf and heras fencing removed and bridge gates now fully operational.
- Bridge operating system has had its routine maintenance carried out
- Poole Quay is currently closed due to the COVID Emergency Active Travel measures.
- Friday 29th January 2021 there was a bridge strike due to a boat being untied on Poole Quay. This was responded to by BCP and PHC and the boat freed.

### 5.2 **Twin Sails Bridge**

- Twin Sails Bridge continues to operate on single cylinder and works to the second bearing are being planned, further updates will be provided.
- Works at the Twin Sails junction was completed
- IALA lights have been ordered but delivery delayed due to COVID and Brexit.
- Height Display Board are being reviewed for repair/replacement

## 6. **CUSTOMER SERVICES & COMPLAINTS**

6.1 No Complaints received for the period 22/09/20 to 14/04/21

## . **HEALTH & SAFETY – BCP COLIN MOORS**

7.1 Dc raised concerns other the amount of road markings on the Poole bridge approach. GP advised these are under constant review.

## 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 One VMS currently non-operational, repairs are scheduled.

8.2 CM is stepping down from the board and DC thanks him for his service.

8.3 In accordance with Schedule 6.1.4 and 6.1.5 of The Borough of Poole, Poole Harbour Opening Bridges Order 2006, I can confirm that the Council has appointed Mr G Powell, Engineering Manager, to be the Councils representative on the Bridge Operating Board from 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 representing the local highway authority.

8.4 Tom Pearce will provide statistics at next meeting so that the board can review the lifting schedules **(Action GP)**

8.5 BCP to forward any social media regarding bridges to PHC so that it can be channelled more effectively to harbour users.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9.1 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Poole Harbour Commissioners harbour office at 10:00