



**COWES HARBOUR
COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cowes Harbour Commission held at
Harbour Office, Cowes on Friday 11 March 2022**

Present: David Riley – Chairman (DR)
Vanessa Clifford – Deputy Chairman (VC) remotely
Phil Hagen (PH)
Clive Blount (CB)
Jason Losty (JL)
Gary Hall – Chief Executive (GH)

In Attendance: Harbour Master – Ed Walker (ED)
Finance Officer Theresa Dunford (TD)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest and Declarations of Related Party Transactions for Cowes Harbour Commissioners are on the CHC website.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Ra Hennessy (RH), James Evans (JE) and Fiona Fitzherbert-Brockholes (FF-B) and Steve Sheridan (SS)

3. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 21 January 2022 having been sent out it was resolved that they be signed as a true and complete record of business transacted.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5. SAFETY

The CEO/HM report was circulated with the papers for the meeting and was fully considered by the Board. The safety topic covered speed and wash.

6. ENVIROMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

In the absence of FF-B, GH updated on the following:

- (a) We await the report from Aqua Superpower from their recent visit. Some of the delay has been attributed by them to Island Roads and difficulty in getting information. In response to a question regarding funding, GH confirmed that Aqua Superpower would fund it, but CHC will receive a small profit share from the electricity sold. There is a 20-year tie-in so that they recover their capital costs. We are looking at putting a unit at Shepards and at Trinity. Portsmouth Harbour has just contracted with Aqua Superpower and are happy with them.

(b) We are awaiting the results of the carbon management audit.

7. FINANCE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022 and Year End

The Commissioners noted the financial management report for February 2022 and Year End had been considered in detail in the 'In Committee' section of the meeting. The Commissioners noted that the accounts as presented in the management report had been in order and agreed.

8. CEO/HM REPORT

The CEO/HM report was circulated with the papers for the meeting and was fully considered by the Board.

- a) In response to a query from PH about completion of Health & Safety actions at Kingston versus Shepards, GH explained the H&S contractor was brought in to specifically look at Kingston, but Shepards is benefiting from the action plan that has been generated. The target is to complete Kingston and then shift the focus to Shepards.
- b) As outlined in the CEO report, GH and Jock Rafferty had visited three commercial boatyards on the mainland and GH's view was that in many ways CHC fairs well against them. That said, three areas of improvement were identified, so work is now underway to implement changes at Kingston. SS congratulated GH and the team for taking the initiative to visit competitors and bringing back lessons learnt.
- c) CB highlighted that one of the questions they had for Martin Phipps was how does CHC make sure that other contractors follow the Port Marine Safety Code. EW confirmed that the agreement is that CHC will write to them.

9. MATTERS FOR CHAC

Following discussion, it was agreed to take the following items to the next CHAC meeting on 9 May:

- a) The 5-Year Strategy which will be circulated for information only
- b) Details of the new dredging stakeholder group
- c) Views on moorings

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

As there was no further business the Chairman formally closed the meeting at 1140.

Date of next meeting: Friday 29 April 2022