

THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON

5TH DECEMBER 2018

CHAIRMAN: **K Wickham**

PRESENT: **C Bailey, B Calver, P Channer, R Fancy, C Freeman, R Hawkins, B Hazlewood, J James, D MacEwen, R Pitt, P Pope, N Pudney, D Record, A Shearring, P Woodford**

APOLOGIES: **J Biscoe, P Brown, T Dann, S Hollington, R Korda, M Smith, C Spain,**

IN ATTENDANCE: **Susan Harrison Harbour Master, J Vannuffel Assistant Harbour Master**

21 *Presentation from The Border Force*

The Chairman welcomed Fiona Craven and Mark Roberts from the Border Force.

Fiona Craven introduced her colleague Mark Roberts and then went on to briefly outline the background of the Border Force, which was established in March 2012 after breaking away from the UK Border Agency.

Miss Craven outlined their responsibilities, which also included Project Kraken a national project to help protect the 11,000 miles of coastline in the UK. She pointed out that this covered all of the rivers, estuaries, inlets, ports and harbours and they were very much reliant on information supplied to them from various sources. She explained who they worked with and how the information was routed. There was a 24 hour phone line available for anyone wishing to report anything suspicious.

The Presentation concluded with questions and answers. Miss Craven said that anyone wishing to learn more about the work of the Border Force should contact her and they would be happy to come along and give a talk.

The Harbour Master said it would be beneficial to host a meeting for the local Yacht Clubs etc. to attend. She said she would contact Fiona Craven in the New Year to make the arrangements and discuss date and venue. There were other suggestions as to who it might be of interest to. Anyone wishing to attend or knows of anyone who would like to be included should email the Office Manager and she will extend an invitation when the details have been arranged.

22 **MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH JULY 2018**

22.1 It was proposed by Mr MacEwan and seconded by Mr Freeman that the Minutes of the Advisory Committee be signed as a true record. **AGREED**

22.2 There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

23 Any Other Business:

Mr MacEwen said he had received a request from the Heads of the River Club, in particular the Long Reach Sail Board Club who have asked for a Port Hand Marker Beacon to be erected at the junction of Long & Short Reach on the upper Crouch.

The Environment Agency has recently been working on rebuilding the seawall in that area and have completely refurbished the seawall but unfortunately some of the stakes used have extended into the riverbed and are protruding above the water.

The Harbour Master confirmed that this was already in hand and the Environment Agency had already agreed to place a marker so as to keep dinghy sailors away from the area.

24 MINUTES OF THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018

24.1 There were no matters arising.

25 *Harbour Master Update:*

25.1 *Bruce Stone*

The Harbour Master reported that she had been informed by the owner of Bridgemarsh Marina that the Bruce Stone would no longer be going to the Marina.

25.2 *Essex Marina Camera*

The camcorder which had been placed on board one of the liveboards at Essex Marina has been successful, along with the two new “No Wash Buoys”. Complaints concerning excess wash in that area have decreased considerably.

25.3 *Prosecution*

A prosecution is pending against two speeders who were caught in the Burnham area by the Police. The Court date is set for the end of January 2019 where it is hoped that the case will be settled and this information can then be promulgated in order to get the message out that the Authority are in fact prosecuting certain cases.

26 *Update on Llys Helig*

Councillor Channer and Councillor Pudney declared an interest and abstained from making any comments.

The Harbour Master reported that the vessel still lay in the berth at Burnham. A new owner took over the vessel in August 2018 and has now appointed a Contractor to try and right the vessel. The owner is in the process of getting the requisite permissions from the MMO and Natural England as it is their intention to put in some piles to enable them to right the vessel. The Authority has spoken to the Contractors who have said that the MMO have been approached but it is not certain that this is the case.

MDC are still not communicating with the Authority at this juncture but they are taking funds for the vessel being on their berth therefore it is firmly back in their Court.

The Authority are hopeful that there will be some progress in the near future. Once the vessel is righted she then will have to be made fit to be taken away, which is a different issue and before any of this can take place the owner will require a Works Licence from the Authority.

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26 *Meeting Dates 2019*

AGM Wednesday 17 th April 2019	(Rawreth Village Hall)
Wednesday 3 rd July 2019	(Champions Manor Hall, SWF)
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	(Champions Manor Hall, SWF)

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.00p.m.