

THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY ZOOM MEETING

HELD ON

29TH OCTOBER 2020

CHAIRMAN: E Buckley

PRESENT: R Coyle, T Dann, S Hollington, G Ioannou, J James,
R Lingard, M Mason, K Wickham, S Wootton

APOLOGIES: D Adams

IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Harrison Harbour Master

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

PART I (GOLD)

(Matters of a non-confidential nature taken with the public and press present).

44 *Chairman's Announcements*

The Chairman thanked the staff at the CHA for their ongoing support and professionalism.

45 **MINUTES OF AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

It was proposed by Mr Lingard and seconded by Mr Mason that Part 1 be approved as a correct record.

45.1 Matters Arising:

45.2 *Safety Issues*

Action Items from Last Meeting: The D.P. to contact other local Harbour Authorities to find out how they regulate safety issues on the water.

Discussion: The D.P. and the Harbour Master have been in contact with the UKHMA to progress collectively.

To be Actioned By: M Robarts/Susan Harrison

46 **MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

46.1 Matters Arising:

46.2 *Upper Noise Limits for Motorized Craft*

Action Items: Chairman will take this up with the Harbour Master.

To be Actioned By: Edwin Buckley/Susan Harrison

46.3 *Speed Limit of 40 mph on the River*

Action Items: Chairman will take this up with the Harbour Master.

To be Actioned By: Edwin Buckley/Susan Harrison

46.4 *Banning of PWC's on the River Crouch*

Decision: No

46.5 *Advisory Committee*

Discussion: To encourage all Advisory Committee members to use Zoom in the absence of "face to face meetings".

Decision: Every attempt will be made to support members but if unable to participate in meetings may have to step aside and appoint someone else.

Action Items:

Alternative Solutions

- Conference Call on Landline
- To check out the ability to dial into Zoom if no Internet Connection

To be Actioned By: E Hawksworth

All in favour: Agreed

46.6 *Appointment of Secretary to Advisory Committee*

Discussion: To ease the burden of administration in discussion with the Harbour Master and Chairman of the Advisory Committee decided to appoint one of the Advisory Committee members to act as Secretary in the distribution of Advisory paperwork and send feedback to Elaine Hawksworth.

Decision: Agreed.

Action Items: To progress and set up.

To be Actioned By: E Hawksworth

All in Favour: Agreed

47 *New Enquiry from Liam Ellis to Moor 26/27m Barge in River*

N.B. Typo on the Agenda - correct size of the new vessel is 88ft x 18ft (26/27m Barge).

Discussion: To decide whether to give permission for the barge to navigate into the river to its berth. There are no navigational or practical issues as to why it should not proceed to the berth.

The issues regarding the usage and the fact that the owner has indicated it will be used as a Houseboat is a separate matter despite concerns expressed.

Mr James objected to the proposal to bring the barge into the river, concern was also expressed by other members. The Harbour Master also shared her concerns as to what would happen when the barge was in situ.

Decision: Proposed by Edwin Buckley to allow the barge into the River with the following caveats:

- Must be accompanied by a Tug/Workboat
- Mooring must be appropriate and secure
- Provide Valid Insurance Certificate to include a clause on Wreck Removal
- Paperwork to prove that the vessel is seaworthy before transit
- Insurance to be filed online annually before a Harbour Plaque is issued
- Confirmation that the owner has Planning permission to moor the boat on the foreshore

Action Items:

- Contact Rettendon Council to see if they have a Houseboat Policy
- Contact Peter Riches at Crown Estate to find out who owns the riverbed

To be Actioned By: Susan Harrison

All in Favour: 6 in favour to allow the barge into the river. Agreed.

49 *Introduction of New Style Meetings and Minutes*

Discussion:

- To hold meetings once a month
- Less Agenda Items
- New Style of Minutes with bullet points and action required.

Decision: To report any issues to the Chairman.

Action Items:

To be Actioned By:

All in Favour: Agreed

50 Any Other Business:

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.05p.m.