

THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY MEETING

HELD ON

4TH SEPTEMBER 2019

CHAIRMAN: E Buckley

PRESENT: D Adams, R Coyle, S Hollington, R Lingard,
D MacEwen, M Mason, K Wickham

APOLOGIES: J James, P Howard, Cllr G Ioannou

IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Harrison Harbour Master, M Robarts DP,
R Noble Hon Treasurer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: R Pitt

PART I (GOLD)

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

Before the meeting commenced the Harbour Master reported that Mr Border was no longer working at Baltic Wharf and that there had been no official notification from the Company to say that he was no longer sitting on the Committee.

Mr Mason confirmed that he had recently taken over from Mr Border and said he would be happy to write a formal letter to the Harbour Master for the file.

30 *Chairman's Announcements*

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mason from Baltic Wharf who had taken over as Port Director.

31 **MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2019**

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

31.1 There were no matters arising.

32 **MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3RD JULY 2019**

The Chairman welcomed Russell Pitt who had attended the meeting to speak on behalf of Mr Smith.

33 *Application from Matthew Smith to lay Oyster Beds – River Roach*

Mr Pitt gave a brief report describing what Mr Smith's proposals were. He said the grow bag system worked over in France and should they get permission from the Authority to lay an oyster bed in the Roach would be keen to use the system in Cliff Reach. He pointed out that if Mr Smith could increase his turnover this would benefit the Authority as they would get more revenue.

Mr Wickham expressed concern and pointed out that this application came up a couple of years ago and it was agreed that the area was not ideal as it would restrict the river. It was then decided that Mr Smith would look at Plot 2 & 3 to lay the beds so Mr Wickham was unsure why Mr Smith now wanted to utilize Plot 6.

Mr Pitt confirmed that they would have to be above the low water mark and would be clear of the Fairway and explained that this decision had been controlled by IFCA as to where they could lay the beds.

The Harbour Master suggested that the beds could be marked by withies and asked how Mr Wickham would feel if the beds were clearly marked. Mr Wickham said there would be opposition as the RSA had already fought Mr Smith's proposals in the past.

When put to the vote all were in favor of the proposals. Mr Wickham voted against the proposal.

The Harbour Master said she would speak to Mr Smith and say for his benefit as well as the Authority that the beds should be marked and also to participate in a Risk Assessment.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pitt for attending the meeting.

34 *Harbour Masters Update*

The Harbour Master said that she had nothing to report at this meeting.

35 Any Other Business:

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.50p.m.