

THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY MEETING

HELD ON

2ND MAY 2024

CHAIRMAN: **K Wickham**

PRESENT: **R Brown, E Buckley, R Coyle, T Dann, S Munro, S Olley, A Wise**

APOLOGIES: **J James, D Sloan**

IN ATTENDANCE: **Susan Harrison Harbour Master, M Robarts, D.P.**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

PART I (GOLD)

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

18 *Declaration of Business Interests*

Mr Dann declared an interest as a Relief Pilot for Baltic Wharf.

19 *Chairman's Announcements*

There were no matters arising.

20 **MINUTES OF AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2024**

It was proposed by Mr Munro and seconded by Mr Wise that Part 1 be approved as a correct record. All in favour. Agreed.

20.1 *Scrap Metal Export – Baltic Wharf*

Information:

Mr Brown gave a brief report on the operation at Baltic Wharf, and whilst there had been complaints received concerning noise and dust particles from the metal, every effort was being made to resolve any issues. He said that Unimetals were in the process of working with the local planning and environmental team, together with Rochford Council to relocate the activity on the site but before investing any money assurance was needed from the authorities that all requirements were being met.

Regarding complaints about light pollution, advice was taken on the light levels required in the port area on the jetty and on the roadways and storage areas and a light survey was carried out on site and adjustments had been made.

21 **MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH APRIL 2024**

21.1 *Roach Area Fairways & Conservation Committee*

Discussion: The Chairman reported that he had a seat on the Roach Area Fairways and Conservation Committee since the Harbour Act had been formed, however due to there being only himself and Mr Freeman left on the Committee, it had been decided to disband it. He went on to say that he had been asked by the Chairman at the last Advisory Committee meeting if he would remain on the Committee as a none voting member, which had the approval of the Advisory members.

Mr Buckley expressed disagreement with this decision as he pointed out that he did not think it appropriate for the Chairman of the Authority to sit on the Advisory Committee, and that it was important that the two Committees were kept separate. If the Advisory Committee specifically requested that a member of the Trustees attend their meeting, they could do so but not on a regular basis.

Decision: The Chairman said he had taken on board the comments and would write to Mr Freeman, however in the meantime Mr Buckley said he would have a look at best practices and see what the regulations stipulated.

To be Actioned by: Mr Wickham & Mr Buckley

21.2 *Burnham Town Pontoon*

Discussion: Members noted the comments made by the Advisory Committee who were in favour of having a middle railing on the Pontoon, rather than having handrails on the outside which is what Maldon District Council are proposing to do.

Decision: The Harbour Master pointed out that the pontoon was the responsibility of Maldon District Council and therefore it was not for the Authority to influence any decisions.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.56p.m.