



Minutes

Name of meeting	HARBOUR COMMITTEE
Date and Time	WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 2.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs P Jordan (Chairman), M Lilley and J Medland
Also Present	Jonathan Brand, Sean Newton and Joseph Rennie
Apologies	Cllrs G Peace and J Bacon

13. **Apologies and Changes in Membership (if any)**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs J Bacon, A Garratt and G Peace. Cllr M Lilley was substituting for Cllr Garratt.

14. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held 28 June 2023 be approved.

15. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none received at this stage.

16. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

There were no public questions.

17. **2022/23 Finance reports**

18. **Newport Harbour**

The Strategic Manager for Commercial Services advised that the impact of the new energy costs would be monitored over time, the forecast had been drafted based on the initial costings therefore the forecast may reduce following this.

RESOLVED:

THAT the finance report be noted.

18a **Ventnor Harbour**

There was no change in the finance report due to the management companies' responsibilities, the public slipway which was still in control of the Local Authority had been cleaned.

The Committee congratulated staff on the improvements made.

RESOLVED:

THAT the finance report be noted

19. **Report of the Senior Harbour Master**

20. **Senior Harbour Master Report**

The Senior Harbour Master highlighted information contained in his report which included:

- Duty Harbour Master vacancy had been filled
- Southern Water had carried out work at the pumping station
- Trinity House had completed their inspections with no concerns
- A full survey of the harbour had been completed
- New safety ladders had been installed at the Folly
- There were no dramas during the IW Festival

RESOLVED:

THAT the Harbour Masters report be noted.

21. **Get Well Plan**

The Committee were advised that Marico had inspected Ventnor Harbour and the following key points were raised:

- Roles and responsibilities were clearly understood
- Consultation with harbour users needed to be set up (similar to the Newport Harbour users group)
- Safety Management plan was in draft
- Emergency Management Plan was required

The Committee expressed their thanks for the work achieved and understood the get well plan for Ventnor was similar to that of Newport Harbour following early inspections.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted

22. **Newport Harbour PMSC Audit**

The Strategic Manager for Commercial services advised that the website action was ongoing following the transfer of services to the new Isle of Wight Council website.

Marico had undertaken a site visit recently and the outcomes were positive, which included:

- Good engagement with the Harbour users group
- Marine Safety Management Plan requires review and update
- One member of staff (newly appointed) required training

The Committee asked if customer surveys were undertaken, Officers advised that currently no surveys were in place, staff met with the harbour users regularly to discuss any issues and keep them update on what was happening, it was understood that there would need to be different surveys for different types of users.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

23. **Disposal of Land and building at Blackhouse Quay, Newport Harbour (Known as W5, W6, Connecting land and W7)**

The Strategic Manager for Commercial Services advised the Committee that they had previously agreed to the Isle of Wight Espresso Company to be treated as a special purchaser for the site, following negotiations it was agreed that the ownership of both the sea wall and walkway would be included in the transfer of the land.

It was believed that the company had long terms plans for the site which would generate employment in the area and possibly a tourist attraction bringing added value to the harbour.

An independent value was undertaken by the purchaser and the price took into consideration the financial contribution that would be required to refurbish the property.

RESOLVED:

- I. THAT the land and property is declared surplus to harbour requirements and disposed of.
- II. THAT the Isle of Wight Espresso Company is treated as a special purchaser and agree to dispose of the freehold of the land and building at Blackhouse Quay, Newport Harbour – known as W5, W6, connecting land and W7 - for £315,000.

24. **Members' Question Time**

There were no members' questions.

CHAIRMAN