

Minutes for the 16th Humber Liaison Committee Meeting

Thursday 14th December 2017

10:00 for 10:30

Immingham Seafarers' Centre, Lockside Road, North East Lincolnshire

Present:

Name	Organisation	
Andrew Birley	ABP	
Amanda Eland	ABP	
Andrew Firman	ABP	(AF)
Catherine Jefferson	ABP	(CJ)
Captain	Pride of Rotterdam	
Captain	Pride of Bruges	
Darran Rogers	CRO Ports	
Darren Dodsworth	UKD	
David Parkinson	BWML Hull Marina	
Graham Cudbertson	ABP	(GC)
Ian Potterton	Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises	
John Swinburn	DFDS	
Kevin Drury	SMS	
Kim Harrop	Humber Workboats Ltd	
M Brydges	Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises	
Marc Waddingham	GP Shipping Hull	
Mark Collier	ABP	
Matt Booth	ABP	
Mike Abbey	ABP	
Neal Keena	APT	
Oliver Smith	P66	
Paul Daley	MCA	
Paul Holland	New Holland Dock	
Peter Curry	Hull CC	
Peter Dunn	BWML Hull Marina	
Peter Yates	Waverley Shipping	
Phil Christy	ABP	(PC)
Roy Kersey	DFDS	
Shain Ellerton	Denholme	
Sally Lovett	ABP	
Steward Taylor	ABP	(ST)
Stirling Scott	ABP	
Stuart MacKenzie	Canal and River Trust	
Stuart Scott	Rix Bunkering	
Tina Coffey	ABP	
Tom Jeynes	ABP	(TJ)
Tony Lewis	ABP	

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (AF)

- a) AF welcomed delegates to the meeting and introduced himself, and explained that the purpose of the meeting is, as Harbour Authority, to outline the last 12 months, and discuss what the plans are for the future, with an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers. A regular consultation with stakeholders is encouraged by the Port Marine Safety Code.
- b) The housekeeping arrangements for the mission were explained, and the agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the last meeting were made available.

2) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a) Apologies were received from:
 - i) Amanda Viljoen ABP
 - ii) Andrew Swift ABP
 - iii) Ian Spikings ABP
 - iv) Martin Barker P66
 - v) Martin Boyers Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises
 - vi) Mike Bill HMCA
 - vii) Richard Jackson MCA
 - viii) Shaun Casey Collett
 - ix) William Wye UKD

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2017

It was agreed that the minutes were a true and faithful record of what was discussed. No comments were made. Agreed by Peter Curry.

4) WORKS IN PROGRESS /PLANNED PROJECTS

- a) **HES - (AF)**
 - i) Introduction of new names and roles within the Department.
 - Stirling Scott was employed for 17 years as a VLS Pilot, Stirling is now a Pilotage Operations Manager.
 - Tony Lewis was a Coxswain for 20+ years and is now the Marine Services Manager.
 - Graham Cudbertson is now the Marine Administration Manager.
 - Sally Lovett, Marine Admin Secretary covering maternity leave
 - ii) 2 incidents / MAIB reports published - Year to date
 - iii) Peggotty discussed & awareness raised on the Humber for Pleasure craft. **ST** to visit Yacht Clubs / Mariners to deliver safety advice & programme of education.
 - iv) City of Rotterdam discussed. Simulators agreed confusion on bridge. (Relative motion illusion).
 - v) HMCC and MRC (Pollution Response) have now been relocated to Grimsby.
 - vi) New Survey Launch procurement in 2018
 - vii) New Pilot Launch planned in 2019
 - viii) Hornsea Windfarm.
 - ix) SDC - Accretion phase at the moment.
 - x) PPU – Investing this year.
 - xi) MCA – Audit visited in 2017 – very positive.

xii) New mooring infrastructure planned for Grimsby.

b) Personnel (AF)

Phil Christy is now appointed Dock Master GY & Immingham following Graham Hodge's retirement.

Tony Jones appointed as Deputy Dock Master, Immingham replacing Peter Stickland.
Amanda Eland appointed as Marine Administration Assistant, Docks.

c) Grimsby (PC)

- i) Demolition of Coal Jetty to continue and hope to be completed by mid February, 2018.
- ii) Dock Walls are a 'listed' structure.
- iii) Repair works to be carried out on Dock Tower – also a Grade 1 listed building.

d) Immingham (PC)

- i) Outer Lock Gates are fully operational.
- ii) After weekend, fully operational flood gates and no more closures are planned this year.
- iii) Middle gates – due next in 2018.
- iv) SDC – Accretion - Exceeding dredge budget this year. Targeted area 36-48 surveys and assessments.
- v) Dredge Budget will be increased next year.
- vi) Outer Harbour Pontoon – Accretion in the area and currently unable to dredge in there.

e) Hull & Goole (MC)

- i) 12 lock closures during the year. Delays have been minimised, further 2 weeks planned in 2018.
- ii) Alexandra GPH Dock – Now fully operation. Busy period will be in 3rd Q next year. Ship berthed causing damage to the Dock, refused vessel & modifications requested & done.
- iii) Green Port Hull is now operational.
- iv) Werner Quay – new to everyone. Simulator carried out this year.
- v) Weighted Heaving Lines 68 cases. Being replaced by a bean bag & financial penalty will be imposed. Report immediately to MCA.
- vi) Another Boatage company licenced in Goole.
- vii) Driving Safety campaign in Hull – Speed Gun & Telephone usage etc – proving successful and less cases.
- viii) Incident at Saltend – reminder to all of lone working.
- ix) HCT new container crane will be in place by February 2018
- x) UKD Dredging levels have been achieved.

Business as usual and maintain depths as best as we can. **(AF)**

f) HST

- i) Humber Sea Terminal – Development work ongoing. Increased capacity by 50% containers / trailers. Renewed hydraulics at berths 1 & 3. Will accommodate larger Stena vessels from January 2018.

g) TRENT AND HAVENS (AF)

- i) Working closely with PD Ports & RMS – 2 operators. On board with keeping in line with standards / boatage licence.

h) HCC RIVER HULL (P Curry)

- i) End of a busy year with “Hull City of Culture 2017”.
- ii) Drypool Bridge. Land development / Heritage Centre.
- iii) Cruise Terminal – always considering feasibility.
- iv) 5 year plan for River Hull, possibly 20 yr plan. River Hull will be closed at some point 2018 to allow piling works to be carried out on the river. This will have a large effect on the river.
- v) Port Safety Plan is in place.
- vi) River traffic in Hull has seen a decrease

** David Parkinson introduced himself as Hull Marina Manager and provided update re works on the lock gates. Would like “Educational Programme” extended to them and will liaise with **ST**. Had a very busy year in 2017 and historic ships also visited.

i) Tugs (KD)

SMS - 10 tugs. Iceman up for sale and Guardsman has gone to Portsmouth. Currently 8 in the fleet. No more planned departures/changes.
Svitzer – Simon Lee has moved on. Awaiting update / no representative.

5) Environmental Matters

- i) Licensed disposal sites. Sampled sediments / analysing them prior to disposing at sea.
- ii) MMO – 3 years sampling checks. 53 taken and generally speaking were ok. Levels of contaminant were as expected. Pesticides will be the focus next time.
- iii) Promote bio-diversity – Whitton Island was released to RSPB for 50 years and has already proved a success in relation to nesting birds

6) Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) Compliance

- i) Internal PMSC and Energy Audits during 2017 followed by MCA Health Check and full VTS audit both after completion of VTS & Data Centre relocation. A number of good practises identified.
- ii) In September, ABP’s Designated Person, William Heaps retired and replaced by James Clark now Technical Authority Marine as well as Designated Person.
- iii) Port Marine Safety Code was published late 2016. Now accompanied by PMSC Guide to Good Practice, issued Feb 2017 & amended version September 2017.

7) CERS3 (GC)

- i) Thanks have been expressed from the CERS team to all agents and port staff providing information as there were very few errors within the voyages.
- ii) Few developments within 2018 – interface to allow data transfer of Hazmat Information/ change to the way waste is reported & new workbook to reflect feedback / minor fixes.
- iii) GC also expressed his thanks to all during the CER3 implementation.

8) Emergency Response (GC)

a) Humber Clean

- i) HUMEX 2017 – Took place 14/11/17. Exercise - Collision of bunker barge at GRT. 10m³ gas oil spilt in river and 100m³ onboard vessel. Main purpose was to test the newly relocated Marine Response Centre (MRC), its communications & recent management changes. Fire drill also included in respect of HMCC & MRC evacuation procedures. As a result of HUMEX, the Humber Clean Oil Spill Contingency Plan has been amended and redistributed.

9) Conservancy (GC)

- i) So far this year, 160 Notice to Mariners issued, 97 of which were Shoal Water warnings and resulted in 20 buoy moves.
- ii) Survey craft conducted 604 surveys. New survey vessel planned with same specifications as Humber Sounder.
- iii) Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm (Zone 4) - Project Two – by Orsted (previously Dong Energy) – is underway with UXO and boulder clearance operations completed and trench digging operations due to commence in early 2018.
- iv) Proposed Hornsea Three Project is in early stages of planning and projected to make land off Cromer. Anticipated Humber interest will be the potential shipping routes along the South East coast approaching the Humber being interrupted by usual preparation works. Will keep stakeholders updated.

10) Agents Online / Change of Agency

- i) Still discrepancy within AOL regarding interport movements and the changing of Agents. The preferred system, in order to ensure correct pilotage, is to send a fax or email (fax line has been restored) accompanied by a phone call to Data Centre. Highlighted on the slide, available within PAVIS & AOLn – nominating a forwarding agent. This will allow both agencies access to a vessels voyage but not a commonly adopted practice.

11) VTS REPORT (ST)

- a) HMCC Update** – Completion of HMCC project. Broke ground on 22 August 2016 after contract given to Britcon. Building handed over in May 2017 to begin installation of Kongsberg Norcontrol C-Scope equipment and Cyfas VHF equipment. VTS Humber went live in Grimsby on 22/08/17. The resilience suite which is home to Marine Response Centre and the back up VTS Control Room went live when we conducted our HUMEX for 2017.

- b) For the year ahead – Complete HMCC project at Spurn Point, continue with staff career development with V103/2/4/5 and work towards obtaining MCA accreditation to deliver V103/4/5 courses at MRC training suite at Grimsby.
- c) The VTS statistics show 245 reports ships defects, this is due to us having a more vigorous reporting system. (19 Pilot Ladder, 40 Bow Thruster, 186 reported to MCA)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bridge Jumper	13	8	4	4
Man Overboard	4	0	1	2
Close Quarter (Near Miss)	10	10	8	5
Contact with Floating Mark	5	4	10	1
Contact with Structures	76	63	35	59
Failure to report to VTS	1	0	2	2
Groundings (Fail to complete passage this tide)	10	10	7	7
Groundings (Off in the same tide)	49	43	11	17
Pollution	8	9	3	7
TSS Contravention	5	2	10	0
Ship Defect	196	189	127	245

12) Pilotage Report (APS)

- a) MB gave a report on pilotage figures for the year to end of November 2017 and comparisons to same period last year.
- b) Pilot & PEC Acts Nov – Nov comparison – VLS acts on a par with last year.

	2015-2016	2016-2017	Change
ABP Acts	15868	17031	6.83%
VLS Moves	1025	1028	0.1%
Non-VLS Moves	14843	16003	7.25%
PEC Acts	8713	8531	-2.13%
Total Movements	24581	25562	3.84%

There were 154 PEC renewals this year, which again were done on both the North Bank and South Bank. This is a good opportunity to discuss issues on the river and get valuable feedback from PECs. Current PEC Holders:-

Class A	102
Class B	26
Class C	36
Class D	5
Total	169

c) Pilot Figures

There are currently 107.5 authorised Pilots and 12 trainees, giving 119.5 on payroll. Of the 12 trainees, 3 will be live by year end, 2 in January, 3 in March, 1 in April and 3 in May

PILOTS	2016	2017
VLS	21.5	22
1 st	37.5	37.25
2 nd	24	23.25
3 rd	25	25
Total	108	107.5
Trainees	5	12
Total	113	119.5

d) Incidents

- i) 24.05.17 – Prima Ballerina and Smaragd
 - ii) 30.06.17 – Morning Lily
 - iii) 28.09.17 – Henrike Schepers and Anna
- (Above incidents discussed)

13) Any other business

Paul Daley – MCA. Advised of some changes, HUB includes Hull Marine and now incorporates Tyne Marine Office. Still bases at Beverley. Mick Groack in charge of the two and Lesley Copeland, Business Manager.

Peter Yates –Trustee/ Director for Seafarer Services. Spoke and promoted the facilities offered by Seafarer’s Mission at Immingham. The mission relies on the £20 voluntary ship levi and would encourage more support by agents / ship owners.

42% of agents currently support the mission and would love to see this increase.

14) Date and venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will taken place on the North Bank in December – Venue and date to be confirmed.