

Minutes for the 18th Humber Liaison Committee Meeting

Friday 29th November 2019

10:00 for 10:30

Grimsby Port Office, Cleethorpe Road, Grimsby.

Present: Name	Organisation	
Gary Wilson	ABP	(GW)
Andrew Firman	ABP	(AF)
Andrew Swift	ABP	(AS)
Stirling Scott	ABP	(SS)
Matt Booth	ABP	(MB)
Graham Cudbertson	ABP	(GC)
Tony Lewis	ABP	
Stewart Taylor	ABP	
Lucy Parker	ABP	
Sally Lovett	ABP	
Tina Coffey	ABP	
Phil Christy	ABP	(PC)
Mark Collier	ABP	(MC)
Grant Fotheringham	ABP	
Ian Spikings	ABP	
Mike Abbey	ABP	
Paul Duffield	ABP	
Jim Adcock	ABP	
James Williams	ABP	
Neal Keana	APT	
David Smith	Arthur Smith (Grimsby) Ltd	
Darran Rogers	C.RO Ports Killingholme Ltd	(DR)
Stuart Mckenzie	Canals & Rivers Trust	
John Swinburn	DFDS	
Roy Kersey	DFDS Seaways	
John Kearton	Eimskip Islands EHF	
Gordon Cruikshank	GB Grimsby	
Simon Winship	GCYC	
Marc Wilson	Global Shipping Ltd	
Marc Waddingham	Graypen	
Carl Jorgensen	Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises Ltd	
Phil Cowing	Hull City Council	
Kim Harrop	Humber Work Boats	
Simon Howarth	Humber Yawl Club	
Adam Richardson	Humberside Police	
Christopher Green	Humberside Police	
Darren Rose	Humberside Police	
James Glansfield	Humberside Police	
David Holden	Humberside Police	
Samantha Garwood	Humberside Police	
Steve Robinson	Humberside Police	
Kevin Drury	James Fisher Marine Services	
Gwen Lancaster	MCA	
Suzanne Slade	MCA	
John Anthony Smith	Mechsmith Marine	

David McCandless	NEIFCA
Jeremy Smith	P66
Shane Winterton	P66
Joe Barker	PD Port Services
James Cross	RMS Grimsby & Immingham Ltd Grimsby
Phil Gray	RMS Trent Ports
Richard Thompson	RMS Trent Ports
Daniel Cooper	RNLI
Ben Godby	Seaway Logistics Ltd
Matthew Winney	SMS Towage
Phil Bailey	Svitzer
Gary Barlow	Svitzer
Joseph Anderson	Trinity House
Darren Dodsworth	UK Dredging
Paul Halloway	NHD
Ian Brodie	NHD
Pete Curry	HCC
Cindy Watson	J Sutcliffe & Son
James	Selvic Shipping Services Ltd
Stuart Scott	Maritime Bunkering
Scott Lang	Frank Armit & Son Ltd
Iain Crisp	RMS

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (AF)

a. AF introduced himself and welcomed delegates to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was explained that it allowed the 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 Grimsby Port Office were explained, no fire drill was expected. The agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the last meeting were made available.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

c. Apologies were received from:

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| i. | Catherine Jefferson | ABP |
| ii. | Phil Green | ABP |
| iii. | Jon Holmes | ABP |
| iv. | Peter Wilkinson | ABP |
| v. | Tom Jeynes | ABP |
| vi. | Burke Agencies | |
| vii. | Martin Walton | Canals & Rivers Trust |
| viii. | Philippe Laporte | Coblefret |
| ix. | Allan Harvey | Humberside Police |
| x. | Lee Davies | Humberside Police |
| xi. | John Good | John Good & Sons Immingham |

xii.	Chris Limb	Limb Shipping & Chartering
xiii.	David Fuller	MCA
xiv.	Lesley Copeland	MCA
xv.	Mike Bill	MCA
xvi.	Richard Jackson	MCA
xvii.	Capt. Pride Of Hull	P & O Ferries
xviii.	Capt. Pride Of Rotterdam	P & O Ferries
xix.	Capt. Pride Of York	P & O Ferries
xx.	Ian Potterton	Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises
xxi.	Steven Findlay	Samskip
xxii.	David Farrow	Sextant Shipping
xxiii.	Trevor Harris	Trinity House
xxiv.	Andrew Sanders	Mainmast

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2018.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true and faithful record of what was discussed. No comments were made. Agreed by Roy Kersey and Darran Rogers.

4. MARINE SAFETY UPDATE (GW)

Captain Gary Wilson, Head of Marine, introduced himself and spoke briefly regarding his career followed by raising the following points regarding safety performance.

- Striving to improve the safety culture. Incidents are currently captured in Marnis and PAVIS. This is the formal procedure of reporting and incident investigation. All incidents are promulgated throughout the company. The common approach used for reporting incidents is analysing the data entered seeing the end result and then share our learnings.
- Marine Safety Bulletins are issued at the beginning of each year. Raise awareness through communication.
- A Forum Workshop is proposed which will be a yearly event in which information can be shared.
- Vision to improve training together in February/March of 2020. Familiarisation by visiting each other both ashore and afloat.
- MODAL is used by the Humber Marine department and everyone in the Marine team will train together.
- A glimpse of the data collected on incidents throughout the year, high-lighting some incidents including:
 - i) 60 reported incidents of weighted heaving lines.
 - ii) Access to vessels included no safety net, unsafe gangway and blocked access on deck.
 - iii) Unsafe Vessel Practice included safety chains not being replaced and lashing bar not removed.

- iv) Mooring line incidents included:
 - (1) one being caught;
 - (2) 2 lines removed by the crew;
 - (3) 7 parted lines - 2 of which by THEA II on the same visit (one inward and one outward);
 - (4) and one impacting gangway access;
 - (5) IBT parted mooring line video shown.
- v) 40 incidents of improperly rigged pilot ladder;
- vi) 7 incidents of unsafe practice by crew included 2 of incorrect or missing PPE.

5. MARINE SAFETY UPDATE

a) HES (AF)

- A service of dedication will be held today at the Grimsby & Cleethorpes Yacht Club for the naming of the new Humber Surveyor, all present invited to the event. Also in the dock today is the Humber Scout.
- Incident involving THEA II is still under investigation by MAIB. Suffered engine failure and black-out at the Chequer buoy. Anchored on the last of the ebb tide. Began to drag anchor and grounded on the Outer Binks. Tug was called to assist and also ran aground. Lifeboat assisted. Tug afloat and departed as shallower tug arrived. THEA II refused lines while floating. The vessel was moved at high water and taken by tug to the anchorage.
- Chalderness Tide-board will be removed as it's not functionally viable.
- A consistent approach is required regarding the increase in requests of crew transfers. Too high a risk when it can be done whilst in port.
- Spurn Point – constructive talks commenced with RNLI and YWT.
- Grimsby & MESU moorings.
- Move of the chartered Sunk Dredge Channel 15m north into deeper water.
- Hornsea windfarm projects on-going.
- Keadby infrastructure project and liaison with Canal River Trust.
- Humber Light Float off station from 27th January until 06th February 2020. Currently looking at buoy management in outer approaches.
- Discontinuation of Pilot Boarding and Landing Service at RSQ at end of March 2019.
- Weighted heaving lines continue charging £1000 which has been ring-fenced and throughout the year has been given to the following charities:
 - Hull, Grimsby & Immingham Sea Cadets.
 - Immingham Seafarers Centre.
 - Hornsea Inshore Rescue.
 - Police Marine Unit
 - Lincolnshire Lowlands Search & Rescue.
- We continue to support the Hull Children's University.
- Supported and assisted the movement of the Arctic Corsair.
- Visit to Grimsby by HHMS Explorer.
- MCA liaison – positive relationship with local office.

b) Grimsby (PC)

- New towage requirements in place.
- 16 non-compliant vessels using dangerously weighted heaving lines at Immingham and Grimsby year to date.
- MCA waste plan approved late 2018.

- Started issuing port notices for Grimsby and Immingham regarding pleasure craft sailing on the Humber in heavy wind and fog.
- Upgraded the ports CCTV system. Will be upgrading the system in the old ADM's office within the next month so that the Gatemen also have access and track shipping movements.
- As the wind business continues to expand number 3 Quay in Grimsby now operated by Triton Knoll.
- GRT expansion project approved.
- Humberside police rib now based out of Grimsby.
- Old coaling jetty has now been removed and works to be carried out on the 6th December to repair the quay wall.
- UKD carried out extensive dredging around the port during the year. This included the entrance to the fish dock and the old lock in Royal Dock and the Grimsby & Cleethorpes yacht club with the assistance of HWB.
- Community engagement – We have closed off the dock to allow swimmers in. This is a growing event and discussions are in place regarding a charitable raft race.
- Visited by HMS Grimsby who were then hosted at Grimsby Port Office.
- 3000 people visited the dock to see HMS Grimsby.

c) Immingham (PC)

- 37 lock closures year to date to carry out various maintenance issues. We have had 2 jetty closures again to carry out essential maintenance. Agents were thanked for their patience during this time.
- Berthed the Lydden in the IOH, has a 38 metre beam.
- IBT is now operated by IBT Ltd a subsidiary of ABP and will continue to trade.
- Project Pilgrim is currently underway at ICT with new gantry cranes to be delivered next year.
- Workboat ABP Progress refurbished in April 2019.
- Upgrading the fixed CCTV cameras on the lock side. Trialling new cameras and will be renewing the VHF at Immingham in 2020.

d) Hull & Goole (MC)

- We have had 15 lock closures during the period for Hull & Goole. This has been for various levels of maintenance to the lock gates and infrastructure. We have endeavoured to work with customers to minimise disruption to services, in some cases employing tugs to swing the gates to allow shipping to continue.
- We have installed a new lock control system at Alexandra Dock, which will improve the efficiency of the lock gates. This did take longer than expected and I would like to thank all concerned for your co-operation during the closures.
- Our annual Humber Ports Oil Spill exercise was held in October. This was well attended by various external stakeholders and the exercise was a success and did take away some learning points.
- Werner Quay worked well this year, as did the dock. We are due to see some modifications to a vessel which will allow her to carry the next larger breed of turbine blades, due to start Q4 2020.
- We have held bi-monthly meetings with the licenced boatage companies, the meetings have a varied agenda based around best practice. If anyone would like to attend, as you are their customers, please let us know.

- We have been looking to install a capstan winch at Salt End for some time, this is now well on its way. The installation has been delayed due to a change in legislation which our engineers have now complied to (atex area).
- Within ABP we are now well into our re-cycling projects around the Humber with Hull and Goole collecting a huge 33cbm of hard plastics. We are having a 2nd enviro-cat built at the moment which will be based at Goole, though the craft will double up as a work pontoon.
- We have achieved our advertised depths on our berths with maintenance dredging. The high accretion levels have shown thanks to UKD for a job well done.
- Class 1 (galley) waste collections in Hull and Goole continue to be contracted out. We had in the region of 1400 collections during the period. We have submitted and had our waste management plans approved, this was followed up by an MCA audit, which received a clean bill of health.

General Engineering & Infrastructure Repairs.

Goole

- Refurbishments of fenders at South Pier Goole. Phase 1 is complete with Phase 2 underway as now.
- Blacktoft Jetty has had timber fenders replaced and new stair cases to be installed in December 2019.
- Phase 1 of concrete coping refurbishment is under way. The repairs will include timber fenders to the roundhead adjacent to WD bridge pump house.

Hull

- Salt End Jetty repairs are ongoing following damage, the repairs are scheduled to be complete by Q1 2020. We are working with the customers and have had no delays to shipping or cargo operations due to the damage.
- We have completed extensive repairs to the North Wall suspended quay in King George Dock. The repairs are continuing on 11Q. On 12Q we are currently installing panel fender down the full length. These works are going well and are expected to be complete by the end of December 2019.
- We are waiting for repairs to the West outer gate at King George Dock. Once the repairs are complete, a new walkway will be installed. The walkway is of a new design and will be 'inboard' of the face of the outer gate.
- We have re-surfaced various areas at Hull and Goole and introduced traffic management systems.

e) H S T (DR)

- Improvements to coverage of CCTV.

f) TRENT AND HAVENS (AF)

- Continue to work with operators on a daily basis.
- Opening a berth for a one-off infrastructure project that hasn't been in use since 1999 – Keadby Railway.

g) HCC RIVER HULL (P Cowing)

- 217 Barge movements.
- Flood defence works on-going.
- Arctic Corsair has now been moved temporarily to Alex Dock. This will have a new dedicated berth following on from the dry dock.
- Refurbishment of Maritime Museum and 3 berths.
- No major incidents but an increase in attempted bridge jumpers.

- Flood defence work is progressing.
- No progress on Hull Cruise Terminal Project due to Brexit uncertainty and the new lagoon project.
- On behalf of Trinity House – thank you to ABP for facilitating the naming ceremony and dedicated a safe berth.

h) Tugs (Phil Bailey – Svitzer)

- Same operations as last year SMS & Svitzer.
- Rolling out a 5 year strategy.
- Safety to be reinforced and improved.
- Annual Safety day.
- Customer service – want to give a safe and efficient service. Known as towage supplier.
- Will continue to review the executions of the operations.
- Professional team with challenges ahead. Plans in place to train as competent skippers.

Tugs (Matt Whinney - SMS)

- 2 new vessels on the fleet.
- We currently have 10 tugs now on the river.
- AF thanked the tug operators for their service.

6. Environmental Matters (AF)

- AF outlined ABP Humber position of “Scrubbers” as follows: “ABP as the Statutory Harbour Authority for the Humber Estuary and the Ports of Hull, Goole, Grimsby and Immingham are taking the general position of permitting the use of IMO approved Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems or ‘Scrubbers’ which are designed to meet the requirements relating to the emission of Sulphur Oxides (SOx) which comes into force on 1st January 2020. However, should future concerns or risks be identified following local assessments then any change to this position will be communicated specifically.”

7. Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) Compliance (GC)

- There have been no revisions of the PMSC and GTGP since the last Humber Liaison meeting.
- The Port’s role within the MCA has been vacant for some time with recruitment ongoing. Once the Port’s and VTS Manager position has been filled next year they will look at potential revisions to the code and GTGP – although they would like highlight – there are currently no issues raised via UKMPG (Major Ports Group) and UKHMA.
- In April this year HES completed its annual internal audit which covers our Environmental, Safety, Security and Marine responsibilities. In line with previous years we were given several ‘Best Practices’ along with a few minor ‘Areas for Improvement’.
- On 11 December 2019 HES will undertake an external audit by MARICO to ensure that we are MCA compliant in line with the Port Marine Safety Code. For information we must complete an external audit every three years.

8. CERS3 (GC) – Statement from Richard Jackson, MCA:

- Earlier this year a new version of the CERS Workbook was released, V1.2.3, that amended the Workbook based on feedback from users and hopefully made the process of completing and submitting the Workbook easier.
- Upon release we discovered the amendments had created an unintentional glitch in the ~Hazmat tabs, so a patched version was released, V1.2.3.1. This is the version that should now be in used and we would ask all users to update to this version of the Workbook if they've not done so already. It is available on www.gov.uk.
- We still welcome all feedback on the Workbook; while we wouldn't expect to release another version for 12 months, any comments on Workbook usage will be collated and considered when we review whether any changes are needed. Please email CERS3@mcga.gov.uk with any feedback.
- The MCA have been working closely with ABP on non-compliance and data quality issues and are implementing some measures behind the scenes to improve the standard of data quality; some of this will involve monitoring error messages more closely and follow-up with those users who are repeating the same mistakes.
- We stated at last years liaisons meeting that MCA were monitoring agents and vessels closely with a view to intervention on repeat offenders who fail to upload a workbook.
- ABP have been very pro-active in assisting MCA with upgrades and tweaks to increase the quality of the information they receive. The MCA themselves transmit that information to EMSA and operate within a KPI parameters.

9. Agents Online

- We appreciate that there have been many amendments to the vessel arrival process over the years. Indeed an initial presentation to the AOLn portal was actually undertaken in March 2009. Since CERS inception and the AOLn portal creation the Humber has seen a large turnover of staff – whether that is within ABP or our stakeholders.
- In an effort to present the current methods for ordering a vessel into the Humber the MCA have agreed to participate in a joint workshop with ABP covering the 'CERS workbook, via Agents Online to PAVIS' process. We aim to provide guidance for all and ensure that our VTS teams can deal with agent issues as well as allowing the agents better understanding of the vessel voyage progress into PAVIS.
- The workshop will be developed and delivered at some point in 2020.

10. Conservancy

- We have issued 155 Notice so far this year, down 21% on this point last year. Within those we have released 115 Shoal Water Warnings – down 4% on the previous year and as a result we've made 44 buoy moves to identify the best channel available in comparison to 29 within the same period last year – which shows the Humber's continued dynamic changes.
- Our Survey craft have been operating throughout the year and I am pleased to confirm that our new survey vessel 'Humber Surveyor' was built and launched earlier this year. As you are aware we currently have the vessel moored at the Grimsby & Cleethorpes Yacht Club where the naming ceremony will take place at 1330 hrs today.

11. VTS REPORT (ST)

- We currently have 11 trained VTS operators.
- As UK's biggest Port complex we have launched a Vessel Traffic Services Training Academy in Grimsby.
- Planned Training Courses;
 - HUMEX 2019 will be held on 6th December.
 - V103/1 Under pinning knowledge booked for February 2020.
 - V103/1 Operators (Simulator) booked for 2020
 - V103/2 Supervisors booked for May 2020.
 - V103/4 OJTI planned for November 2020
- Incidents recorded as below:

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Bridge Jumper	4	4	4	2
Man Overboard	1	2	0	7
Close Quarter (Near Miss)	8	5	6	2
Contact with Floating Mark	10	1	6	8
Contact with Structures	35	59	67	75
Failure to report to VTS	2	2	0	2
Groundings (Fail to complete)	7	7	8	5
Groundings (Off in the same tide)	11	17	25	13
Pollution	3	7	3	7
TSS Contravention	10	0	0	4
Ship Defect	127	245	237	165

12. Pilotage (APS)

a) Pilotage Report

- Ship moves – down by 354
- Pilot moves - down by 1183
- PEC moves - up by 829 ships
- Pilot Figures (To End of October)

	2017-2018	2018-2019	Change
ABP Acts	17,133	15,950	-6.90%
VLS Moves	1,039	966	-7.03%
Non-VLS Moves	16,094	14,984	-6.90%
PEC Acts	8,402	9,231	9.87%
Total Movements	25,535	25,181	-1.39%

- Current PEC Holders:-

Class A	115
Class B	26
Class C	29
Class D	10
Total	180

- There were 165 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 obtain valuable feedback from the PEC's.
- All PEC's are seen each year individually.

- Incidents regarding 4 PECS this year in which the skippers of the vessels were brought in.
- A new online PEC incident reporting form can now be accessed through the website.
- This gives instant transmission of information
- In line with updated reporting procedures for Pilots post incidents.
- Pilot Numbers
 - There are currently 111.5 authorised Pilots and 4 trainees giving 115.5 in total.

PILOTS	2018	2019
VLS	22	21
1 st	34.25	36.5
2 nd	25.25	22.25
3 rd	28	31.75
Total	109.75	111.5
Trainees	3 live by year end 1 January 2 February 2 March	2 live by year end 1 January 2020 1 March 2020
Total	119.5	115.5

- Pilotage Updates - A revised Master Pilot Exchange is now in use. This has Safety Messages on regarding non-compliant pilot ladders and dangerously weighted heaving lines.

b) Incidents

- Finnmaster using excessive speed with a tug. This is not acceptable and basic practice was discussed.
- Floating Mark incidents on a stem tide ended up on the Clay Huts.
- Salt End Jetty required repairs due to a vessel using inappropriate speed.

13. PROJECT OPERATION SCIMITAR

Chief Inspector of Humberside Police, linked with Operation Scimitar will be organising training on how to self police and how we can act on. There will be a more co-ordinated, closer relationship regarding the security of ports regarding organised crimes.

- The official launch for this is next week.
- SCIMITAR covers the security of the docks and airports regarding counter terrorism as organised criminals using different routes. This is a multi-agency approach in which we gain and share vital intelligence.
- North East region; Grimsby, Immingham, Hull & Goole, plus inland and smaller ports.
- Immingham & Grimsby UK number 1 for tonnage per year.
- During the last year HGV's were searched at Killingholme involving the UK Border Force and in which 10 pistols were recovered having had their serial numbers removed.
- The Grande Tema had 4 stowaways on board. These were quarantined but escaped and threatened the crew of the vessel. This was a safety related incident.
- In Tilbury, 39 Vietnamese bodies were discovered in a container lorry, smuggled through.

- MCA have identified the Humber as a hotspot for and will have a targeted approach.
- Police will work closely with the National Maritime Information Centre, stakeholders and multi-agencies. Forging closer working relationships nationally and internationally.
- Currently working closely with colleagues in Belgium and have a defence de-brief team. Will be improving quality of our intelligence and will use our internal communications to spread the word.
- Have been pro-active having boarded 159 vessels in 2019.

14. Any other business

- Harbour Board ABP RPI increase by 2.4% for Pilotage and Conservancy rates from 01 January 2020.
- Official naming of the 'Humber Surveyor' will take place today.
- Ian Spikings on his last day in ABP was marked and congratulated.
- Gary Wilson thanked HES and all those that attended.

15. Date and venue of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will take place on the North Bank in December 2020 – Venue and date to be confirmed.