

GREAT YARMOUTH PORT COMPANY LIMITED

Community & Marine Liaison Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th May 2013
Conference Room, EastPort UK House

- Chair: Eliza O'Toole, Great Yarmouth Port Company
- Present: Richard Card, Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association
Stuart Ward, Great Yarmouth Port Users Association
Adrian Vernon, Broads Authority
Martin Broom, Royal Yachting Association
Tony Wright, Gardline
Richard Wynn, Trinity House
Jamie Frater CEO, Great Yarmouth Port Company
Pat McNamara Harbour Master, Great Yarmouth Port Company
- Apologies: David Broad, Cruising Association
Trevor Wainwright, GYBC
- Secretary to the Committee: Jill Hardy, Great Yarmouth Port Company

The meeting commenced at 1800 hours with the Chair welcoming returning attendees and those new to the meeting.

1. Minutes & Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

TW requested the final sentence at the foot of page 2 be removed. This was agreed and subject to this, the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

2. Update on Port Activities

The Chair invited the CEO to provide an update on port activities.

2.1 Vessel calls

During the first 4 months in 2013 the river handled a total of 651 calls and for same period in 2012 handled 715 calls. The 9% decrease primarily due to lower calls of general cargo vessels of coal and wheat. The offshore PSV vessel calls remained strong and up 1.5% on the same period in 2012. For the same period the outer harbour handled 46 calls total compared to 144 calls for the same period in 2012. The lower calls are a consequence of no offshore wind farm project activities in 2013 owing primarily to project delays.

2.2 Cargo Tonnage

During the first 4 months of 2013 a total of 127,092 tonnes, compared to 140,921 tonnes for the same period in 2012 were handled through the river, which represents a reduction of 9.8 %. The reduction is primarily driven by 3 commodities being; coal which for working capital reduction reasons is being transported in smaller volumes by truck as opposed to vessels; lower volumes of durum wheat for milling and a reduced demand for aggregates owing to ongoing construction downturn affecting the region.

2.3 Business Outlook

The business outlook for the remainder of 2013 remains flat in line with the economy. An uptick in the next 2 years is expected, thereafter energy driven activity is expected to drive growth.

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2.4 General Matters

As part of the Port's on-going commitment to health, safety, quality and the environment the Port has recently updated its ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 accreditations and is aiming to achieve ISO 18001 by year end 2013.

3. Update on Navigational Safety

3.1 Security

There has been further discussion with the UK Government Marine Security Division, TRANSEC with regard to the legislation requirement to set up a Port Security Authority. The suggestion put forward by the Port that there was no necessity to set up such an authority in Great Yarmouth was rejected by TRANSEC and since then TRANSEC have commenced the consultation process for the setting up of such an Authority. This is in the early stages and we are presently establishing the boundaries within which the Authority will have responsibilities. The Port is leading this at present and looking for co-operation from all those berth operators that have an established Security Plan.

3.2 FAL DIRECTIVE (Facilitation of Maritime Traffic)

Nothing further to report.

3.3 Outer Harbour Navigation Marks

At the present time we are awaiting the caisson surfacing works to be completed before installation of the navigation equipment and lights on the caisson tops. This is anticipated to occur in the second half of the year.

3.4 Marine Navigation Act 2013

The Marine Navigation Act, a private members bill, has recently been ratified by Parliament. This Bill addresses a small number of mainly port related issues which were drawn together into this single Act. This includes the powers for ports to make Harbour Directions (not particularly relevant to Great Yarmouth Port as it already has those powers); changes to the way that Pilotage Exemption Certificates and holders are dealt; and marking of wrecks. Other sections deal with harbour closure orders, port police (for those ports that have them) and the ability of Trinity House and the like to undertake certain commercial activities.

4. Matters raised by CAMLC Members

None.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair thanked all for attending and advised the date of the next meeting as Monday 7th October 2013.

Should any member wish to raise any item prior to the next meeting, or advise items for inclusion on the next Agenda, please do so through the Committee Secretary.

The meeting closed at 1840 hours.

Signed

Chair

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Secretary