

# GREAT YARMOUTH PORT COMPANY LIMITED

## Community & Marine Liaison Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
Conference Room, EastPort UK House

Acting Chair: Bruce Coupland, GM, Great Yarmouth Port Company Ltd

Present: Richard Card, Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association (NSBA)  
Adrian Vernon, Broads Authority (BA)  
Tony Wright, Gardline  
David Broad, Cruising Association (CA)  
Trevor Wainwright, (GYBC)  
Pat McNamara Harbour Master, Great Yarmouth Port Company Ltd

Secretary to the Committee: Jill Hardy, Great Yarmouth Port Company Ltd

Apologies: Eliza O'Toole, Great Yarmouth Port Company Ltd  
Nick Dodson, Trinity House

GM undertook the role of the Acting Chair and passed on the Chair's apologies.

### 1. Minutes & Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Acting Chair and Secretary.

ACTION: None.

### 2. Update on Port Activities

The GM advised that as reported in May, 2014 has been a difficult year mainly due to the challenging conditions in the first quarter. However, business has picked up with increases in cargo volumes through both the river and outer harbour.

The GM confirmed it is a similar picture with the number of vessel calls and although the year to date figures show a reduction over 2013, the past few months have shown numbers returning to the same level as last year.

The GM reported the good news of recent agreements being signed with:

- CEV (Clean Energy Ventures) to install and operate packaged small scale biomass power plants in both sites in the river and Outer Harbour, subject to their final confirmation in 1Q 2015. This involves not only long term leases but an increase in vessel movements and cargo tonnage.
- Dudgeon Wind Farm Limited to set up their operations and maintenance base at Berth 9 in the river. DWFL are expected to commence building work on the site mid-2015.

During July and August local company 3Sun successfully carried out a large contract for Statoil in the Outer Harbour which involved the assembly of anodes for the Sheringham Shoal offshore wind farm.

The GM was pleased to advise reportable incidents and accidents continue to decrease in the port area.

The GM advised Members present that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October a special meeting had taken place to review the Haven and Breydon Bridge opening procedures. Following considerable discussion, it was agreed by those present that the current system worked well and no amendments were required to the published procedures. Regarding bridge lifts, the NSBA and CA both agreed the system is working very well on the basis of goodwill and cooperation from both sides. Gardline asked if there had been any complaints. The GM confirmed none had been received.

The Maritime Festival, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September passed without incident and was a great success from the port's perspective. The cooperation and assistance of port personnel was much appreciated.

ACTION: None.

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## 3. Update on Navigational Safety

The HM updated Members as follows:

### **FAL & CERS**

It seems likely the UK will require ports to implement the FAL requirements and also to update the existing CERS2 system to CERS 3. This would require the inclusion of information on waste and security. The CERS project is being dealt with by the MCA and the FAL Directive by the DfT and, at the moment, it appears that the UK Government is making no effort to combine the requirements of both CERS and the FAL Directive. This will require ports to set up two systems for the receipt and forwarding of ship reports. The CA asked for clarification regarding leisure craft which was provided by the HM.

### **Dredging**

There was a dredge campaign in the River Port and a water injection campaign in the Outer Harbour in May/June/July 2014. Both were successful. Further campaigns will be carried out as required.

### **Navigation Lights**

The very old navigation lights on the North Wall and Gorleston Pier are being changed out and the Local Notice to Mariners refers. The HM advised that there are plans to change the light characteristics but this will be actioned later.

This summer the HM dealt with a problem of lights interfering with safe navigation into the River Port where a Gorleston Beach leisure facility had security lights projecting directly into the port approaches. Both Trinity House and the Great Yarmouth Borough Council were consulted and helpful in resolving this matter.

### **Environment Agency Flood Wall Works**

Works on Berth 28 are nearing completion. Advice from the EA is awaited as to the next phase of work.

### **Bridges**

The HM confirmed his commitment to review the ports website entry on river passage for small vessels.

Haven Bridge is to undergo an 11 week refurbishment of the paintwork. Notice to Mariners No. 9 issued this month refers. AV drew attention to the installation of scaffolding under Haven Bridge and the need to avoid danger to small craft.

### **Port Marine Safety Code**

Independent audit carried out in September. Results yet to be received but initial advice has been that the port is compliant, with good systems in place.

ACTION: None.

## 4. Matters raised by CAMLC Members

None pre-advised and none raised at the meeting.

## 5. Date of Next Meeting

The Acting Chair thanked all for attending and advised the date of the next meeting as Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 commencing 1800 hours. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

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

POST MEETING NOTE: As from 1 November 2014, Cheryl Hughes will be taking on the role of CAMLC Secretary and our thanks and appreciation are passed to Jill Hardy for all her work to date.

Signed  
Chair



Signed.....

Secretary

