

# MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD

HELD AT COBBS QUAY ON 07-09-18

Present:

Dave Wilson (DW) - MDL Cobbs Quay  
 Dean Cluett (DC) - Poole Harbour Commissioners  
 Paul Trowbridge (PT) - Poole Harbour Association  
 Colin Moors (CM) - Borough of Poole  
 Beth Barker Stock (BBS) - Borough of Poole

	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies: John Hennessey – Dorset Marine Police</p> <p>DW proposed a “closed” facebook group so that matters can be added between the BoB meetings so that items can be added to the Agenda and relevant links/information can be shared.</p>	
<p><b>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2018 were approved.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>4.1 DW noted that the previous minutes had not been uploaded onto the PHC website. CM to send copy to PHC and DC.</p> <p>4.2 The closed facebook page was working well with a number of visitors. DW/CM to check BoP access.</p> <p>4.2 DC asked when the CCTV link from the Bridge Control Building to the Harbour Office would be restored. CM confirmed that this was planned for w/c 24<sup>th</sup> September..</p> <p>4.3 Display Height Sign – Twin Sails. No recent comments on display height sign. CM to arrange for sign to be checked.</p> <p>CM confirmed that it would be possible to link the display height sign to Cobbs Quay Marina. CM to arrange for further information.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>

**5. Bridges Update**

***Poole Bridge***

- 5.1 DW noted that it had been an exceptionally busy summer, and that there had been concerns raised over the bridge reliability. CM updated the group and noted that interference with the pedestrian gates was causing an issue. DW suggested that an audible message to communicate with the public could be used. CM to investigate.  
(Post meeting note: painted decking has been installed so that the bridge operator can ask pedestrians to stand behind the line)

CM

***Twin Sails***

- 5.2 The annual maintenance closure for Twin Sails was undertaken in March. DC raised concerns over the traffic flow along Blandford Road due to the signals at Rigler Road and asked if BoP could review the operation to see if any other options are available. CM provided update on signal operation.

CM

## **6. Customer Service and Complaints**

- 6.1 DW asked if the use of double bridge lifts was used during the summer. CM was unaware and would look at the bridge logs and provide the information. DC confirmed that PHC could request double leafs and that it would also be able to undertake them in case of emergency.
- 6.2 Bridge usage over the Christmas period was discussed. BoP is currently reviewing an internal request for reduced lifts on Christmas Day.
- 6.3 DW raised a concern over rowing in the basin during bridge lifts. DC confirmed that the rowing club activities had risk assessments in place, and that rowers were able to use the channel between the bridges.
- 6.4 DW asked for confirmation if vessels were able to go under the bridge approach spans. DC to check. PT confirmed that the IALA lights apply to the entire width of the channel.
- 6.5 DW confirmed an increase in dry stack boats, and that the Cobbs Quay Berth Holders Association had prepared an information pack advising the new users on the bridge operation, DW shared the information to the group. The group acknowledged the good work that the Berth Holders Association were undertaking.
- 6.6 DW asked if an information sign concerning the operation of the IALA lights be erected. A general discussion was held on the location and if this would be beneficial. DC suggested that directing users to the PHC website prior to them accessing the water may be more beneficial.
- 6.7 A general discussion was held on access to LNTM and how frequently harbour users refer to them, and how to have links to the LNTM on more regularly frequented webpages.

CM

**7. Health and Safety**

7.1 DW noted that a member of public had jumped from Poole Bridge and was collected safely. There were also reports of children jumping from the quayside at Sunseekers.

7.2 DW had a note from JH concerning cyclists and vehicles turning onto The Quay. BBS confirmed that the current arrangement is due to be modified as part of the Townside scheme and will be reconfigured to allow cyclists to enter The Quay but not vehicles.

**8. Any Other Business**

8.1 BBS provided a presentation on the Hungerhill/Townside works that would be commencing in October.

8.2 Date for December meeting to be agreed. (6<sup>th</sup> December, 10:30)