

MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD

HELD AT COOBS QUAY ON 12 MARCH 2018

Present:

John Rice (JR) - Borough of Poole
Dave Wilson (DW) - MDL Cobbs Quay
Dean Cluett (DC) - Poole Harbour Commissioners
Jon Hennessey (JH) - Dorset Marine Police

	Action
<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies: Paul Trowbridge – Poole Harbour Association</p> <p>All members are reminded that if they know they are not able to attend a meeting they are to provide a substitute if possible.</p>	
<p>2. Election of Chair</p> <p>Following the departure of Lynda Bourne from BOB there has been no chair of the board. Following a discussion by those members present there was unanimous support for Dave Wilson to be chair of BOB. DW accepted and started role immediately by chairing this meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 were approved.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>4.5 DW noted that the height clearance signs on Poole Bridge are still missing and need to be replaced as soon as possible. JR confirmed that technical issues have now been resolved and an order has been placed with the supplier. JR confirmed that the signs should be operational by the end of April.</p> <p>4.6 DC asked when the CCTV link from the Bridge Control Building to the Harbour Office would be restored. JR confirmed that issues with the ducting route were being resolved to allow the replacement fibre to be installed and that the link should be operational within the next two to three weeks.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>JR</p>

<p>5. Bridges Update <i>Poole Bridge</i></p> <p>5.1 Following reopening of the bridge the contractor continues to make progress to finish details and correct outstanding defects.</p> <p>5.2 The permeant footway timbers have been installed over a series of night-time carriageway closures.</p> <p>5.3 Completion of the painting of the steelwork will be undertaken after Easter when the environmental conditions will be more favourable for this task.</p> <p>5.4 Since reopening the bridge to traffic some operational and reliability issues have emerged. JR confirmed that appropriate actions will be taken to resolve all the outstanding issues as soon as possible.</p> <p>5.5 There will be a requirement for further temporary over night closures to carry out investigations and undertake some works. Arrangements will be made to minimise the disruption to all users as far as possible.</p> <p>5.6 JR confirmed that during April it is planned to close the bridge for one the evening/ over night to allow access for a crane. This will allow engineers to determine the nose weight of the lifting leaves and confirm the adequacy of the modified counterbalance weights following all the changes made to the structure.</p> <p><i>Twin Sails</i></p> <p>5.7 The annual maintenance closure for Twin Sails will commence on Monday 19th March. The maintenance lifting schedule will be in operation during the closure.</p>	
<p>6. Customer Service and Complaints</p> <p>6.1 DW noted that recently there had been a problem with Poole Bridge on a Sunday morning when it was unable to be lifted. Although Cobbs Quay had been notified of the fault they were not notified when it was resolved and the bridge was operational again. JR to check procedure to ensure full information is provided to users.</p> <p>6.2 JR recorded his thanks to mariners during the period of the Poole Bridge works for their patience and understanding throughout the challenging refurbishment project.</p>	JR

<p>7. Health and Safety</p> <p>7.1 No issues or concerns were raised.</p>	
<p>8. Any Other Business</p> <p>8.1 JR confirmed that he is retiring from BOP and would therefore be leaving BOB. JR will confirm BoP replacement before the next scheduled meeting.</p>	JR
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>18 June 2018 at 10:00 at Cobbs Quay.</p>	