

MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD

HELD AT COBBS QUAY ON 18 June 2018 -

Present:

Dave Wilson (DW) - MDL Cobbs Quay
 Dean Cluett (DC) - Poole Harbour Commissioners
 Dave Brown (DB) - Dorset Marine Police
 Paul Trowbridge (PT) - Poole Harbour Association

	Action
<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies: John Hennessey – Dorset Marine Police, DB attending in his absence.</p> <p>DW introduced CM as a new member of the group and thanked DB for attending.</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>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2018 were approved.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>4.1 DW noted that the height clearance signs on Poole Bridge are still missing and need to be replaced as soon as possible. CM confirmed that signs were being installed this week and should be operational by Friday 22nd June.</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 the fibre link is partially operational and that the video equipment has been checked. BoP are awaiting quotations and will then be either replacing the fibre from Sydenhams to PHC or identifying and repairing the fault.</p> <p>4.3 Display Height Sign – Twin Sails. PT discussed that the display height sign in the basin was faulty. CM updated group that BoP are looking at options for replacing the signs. DC advised that if the sign was displaying an incorrect number due to the display being faulty then it should be turned off. CM to arrange for sign to be turned off.</p> <p>DW asked if consideration that the display height signs real time information could be made available so that the information could be displayed at Cobbs Quay Marina. DC suggested that infographics showing if the clearance was increasing or decreasing could be used. CM to investigate if it is possible. DW noted that funding may be available from MDL.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>

5. Bridges Update

Poole Bridge

- 5.1 CM confirmed that in engineers determined the nose weight of the lifting leaves and confirm the adequacy of the modified counterbalance weights following all the changes made to the structure. Further work is required on the counterbalance.
- 5.2 The road gate sensors have been modified in response to reliability issues which has had a positive effect on the operation of the bridge.
- 5.3 DW raised concerns over the reliability of the bridge during the peak summer period. CM advised that the works being undertaken now are to address reliability issues, however, due to the nature of the structure that during periods of hot weather that there may be some expansion to the structure which may cause issues.

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Twin Sails

- 5.4 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 to arrange for any alternative options to be considered and reviewed.

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<p>6. Customer Service and Complaints</p> <p>6.1 PT raised an item of a 07:30 request lift that was unable to be undertaken due to a fault with the bridge. Once the fault was resolved at 09:15 the bridge was not lifted due to an assessment being made by the bridge operator on the traffic. DW asked CM to confirm the procedure.</p> <p>6.2 DW raised an item that during a fault with a bridge lift, two vessels contacted the bridge operator concerning the bridge lift and then moved “off station”. The bridge lifting sequence then commenced at a later time, and the vessels missed the bridge lift and had to wait until the next lift. DW asked if the bridge operators could inform any known waiting vessels when the normal bridge operational recommenced. DC suggested that this was done on VHF channel 12 or by using the marine tanoid system. CM to confirm the procedure.</p> <p>6.3 DW raised that there had been an increase number of thefts. DB advised that their figures showed a drop in incidents and encouraged the reporting of incidents. DB updated the group on changes to the marine division.</p> <p>6.5 DW raised an issue of illegal netting, DC reported other incidents in the harbour.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>
<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 CM advised that the Hungerhill/Townside works would be commencing in October. CM proposed that a short presentation (10-15mins) be made to update the group on the scheme.</p>	<p>CM</p>