

## CARDIFF BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at the Cardiff International White Water.

### Present:

Councillor L. Burnett (Chairman)	Vale of Glamorgan Council (Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Education)
Mrs. C. Dimond (Vice-Chairman)	Cardiff Action Committee
Councillor G. Roberts	Penarth Town Council
Councillor B. Derbyshire	Cardiff Council (Cabinet Member for Environment)
Mr. N. Ajax-Lewis	Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales (Senior Conservation Officer)
Mr. C. Atherton	Waterfront Partners (Chairman)
Mrs. N. DeLonghi	Natural Resources Wales (Operational Manager)
Mr. C. Vlaiscu	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club

### Also present

Mr. J. Maidment	Cardiff Harbour Authority (Operational Manager)
Mrs. K. Bowen	Vale of Glamorgan Council (Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer)
Ms. A. Rudman	Vale of Glamorgan Council (Scrutiny Support Officer)
Mr. G. Harcombe	City of Cardiff Council

### (a) Apologies for Absence –

These were received from Mr. A. Vye-Parminter (Cardiff Harbour Authority), Mr. C. Michael (RSPB - South Wales Area Manager), Mr. S. Jones (Quay Marinas Limited – Marina Manager) and Mr. A. Parker (Vale of Glamorgan Council).

### (b) Minutes –

AGREED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be approved as a correct record.

(c) Navigational Safety – Cardiff Harbour Authority – Mr. J. Maidment –

Mr. Maidment advised that there were delays in the procurement for the final dredging process which meant that this was not likely to take place until late June / July.

AGREED – T H A T the update report be noted.

(d) Progress Report Regarding Cardiff Harbour Authority – Mr. J. Maidment –

Mr. Maidment advised that plans for the Volvo Ocean Race (VOR) were under development and it would be beneficial and informative for the Committee to receive a fuller progress report at the next meeting. However, Mr. Maidment apprised the Committee of the progress made to date:

- Works at the “Race Village” had begun;
- There would be a 15 day dwell time as Cardiff had been awarded the Trans-Atlantic leg of the race;
- VOR envisaged that eight teams would be competing in the race;
- Security measures were crucial during the 15 day dwell time;
- More work was required to engage stakeholders for the event;
- VOR were satisfied with the work undertaken so far.

The Chairman further advised that the anticipated start date for the Volvo Ocean Race in Cardiff was 26th May, 2018, with an anticipated six day sail from Newport Rhode Island through to Cardiff. The final stop of the race was in The Hague in July, 2018.

Cllr. Roberts enquired as to the possibility of a colleague from Penarth Town Council being able to attend the next Committee meeting to ensure Penarth’s engagement with the Volvo Ocean Race which was agreed by the Committee.

An update was provided by Mr Maidment in respect of a new café adjacent to the fish pass.

Cllr. Derbyshire added that swift boxes were due to be set up in the Barrage along the Bay once financial arrangements had been finalised with the Welsh Government.

Mr. Ajax-Lewis queried where dredging materials, from the site development, would be deposited. Mr. Maidment advised that dredging from the outer area and taxi channel would go into the Channel.

Mr. Maidment advised that there was no firm date agreed for a Cardiff Bay Master Plan Report to be received by the Cardiff Council Cabinet.

The Chairman enquired as to the progress made around the Champions League Event on 4<sup>th</sup> June and the difficulties involved in using the large visual screens.

Cllr. Derbyshire advised that the Coopers Field site was to be utilised for hospitality/supporter's village. Mr. Atherton advised that a five a side floating pitch for seating was planned at Piers Head with the large visual screens erected in the Basin for the ladies and men's final games.

The Chairman shared her excitement for the events ahead including the forthcoming Champions League and suggested that an evaluation report to the City Region would be useful to record the outcomes, dynamics and practicalities of this type of event for the future.

AGREED – T H A T the update report be noted.

(e) Natural Resources Wales – Mrs. N. DeLonghi –

Mrs. DeLonghi apprised the Committee of recent incidents and their outcomes:

- Hydraulic oil had been detected in the River Ely that was traced back to an industrial estate and subsequently the supply was stopped. The supply had not had a significant impact.
- There was a structural fault with the fish pass, so the pass had been temporarily closed until after the repair had taken place.
- A member of the public had notified Mrs. DeLonghi about their concerns for water quality and they had had been forwarded to the Harbour Authority and Cardiff Council for response.
- Arrests had taken place for illegal fishing around the Penarth Sea Fishing Competition.

For clarification, Mr. Maidment added that the structural fault at the fish pass was a fractured pipe and advice was being sought on options for repair via framework consultants.

Cllr. Derbyshire enquired if the numbers of fish were decreasing and highlighted that it was important to identify if the fish pass was meeting its objectives. Mrs. DeLonghi advised that numbers going up stream were decreasing however; the exact reason for this was still under investigation. A report with regard to this was planned for the next Committee meeting.

AGREED – T H A T the Natural Resources Wales update be noted.

(f) Timetable of Meetings –

The Clerk presented the suggested dates to the Committee for approval and advised that with the Chairman's agreement a review of the Committees Terms of reference would be undertaken in the forthcoming weeks with the intention to report to the next meeting of the Committee.

AGREED – T H A T the suggested timetable of meetings as indicated below be approved:

DATE	PROVISIONAL VENUE
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2017 at 5.15 p.m. <b>(Annual General Meeting)</b>	Cardiff International White Water
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.	As above
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.	As above
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 5.15 p.m.	As above

(g) Tidal Lagoon Cardiff Update –

A copy of the report that had been presented to Cardiff Council’s Cabinet on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 had been circulated with the agenda for information, however Mr. Harcombe took the opportunity to summarise for the Committee the key statistics and advantages for the Tidal Lagoon Scheme:

- The scheme was one of six proposed by the Tidal Lagoon company
- The structure would cover 22 kms
- The scheme would produce 4-6 Terra Watt hours (TWh) of energy per household
- It was 11 times bigger than the Swansea scheme
- Supplier of green energy (as detailed within the report)
- The scheme would produce new employment opportunities
- Can be used as an example and replicated across the world
- The cost benefits would be considered of 70-80 years and within the region of 30p – 50p per household.

It was important to note that Cardiff Council would not be providing approval for the scheme. The Council’s role was advisory only and the scheme would not be approved until the response was received from Central Government following the latest review.

AGREED – T H A T the information report be noted and further updates be provided to the Committee in due course.

(h) Cardiff Capital Region City Deal –

AGREED – T H A T the information report that had been presented to Cardiff Council's Cabinet meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be noted and further updates provided to the Committee in due course.

(i) Any Other Business –

Cllr G. Roberts apprised the Committee of the Active Residents Association in Penarth and their concern over the narrow and dangerous right of way as a result of the building works near the Barrage and El Paso Restaurant. The Residents Association were requesting that this issue be rectified urgently. Mr Maidment agreed to look into the matter.

Cllr. Roberts also informed the Committee of a major campaign around plastic bottles and the effect of their waste on the oceans he considered that it would be advantageous to help the campaign at a local level and to contribute to the national debate.

Mr. Maidment advised the Committee that one of Volvos core themes as an organisation was sustainability with no bottle water being sold on site. Mr. Maidment also advised that the Cardiff Harbour Authority had data on waste but it was not specific to plastic items however, he would be happy to lead a debate on the issue.

The Chairman also advised of a bottle refill scheme at a number of events where shopkeepers fill bottles free of charge.

Cllr. Derbyshire agreed that bottled water was a big issue; however, careful consideration of a refill scheme was essential to avoid disruption to local retailers.

Mrs. DeLonghi also agreed that any recycling and recovery plan needed careful consideration; however, the message of sustainability was a worthwhile message to take back to all the organisations represented by the Committee.

(j) Announcement –

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking the Committee for their contributions during her five years as Chairman and wished them well for the impending elections and Committee meetings.