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## CARDIFF BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at the Cardiff International White Water.

Present:

Councillor I. Burnett (Chairman)	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Councillor G. Roberts	Penarth Town Council
Mrs. N. DeLonghi	Natural Resources Wales
Mr. S. Jones	Quay Marinas Ltd
Mr. C. Michael	RSPB

Also present:

Mr. A. Vye-Parminter	Cardiff Harbour Authority
Mr. S. Ellery	Cardiff Harbour Authority
Mr. G. Soltys	Penarth Tourism and Visitor Association
Mr. C. Hope	Vale of Glamorgan Council

(a) Apologies for absence -

These were received from Mrs. C. Dimond (Vice-Chairman), Mr. J. Maidment (Cardiff Harbour Authority), Mr. C. Parsons (Cardiff Bay Yacht Club), Mr. M. Chidlow (Associated British Ports), Councillor B. Derbyshire (Cardiff Council), Mr. C. Atherton (Waterfront Partners), Ms. S. Newbold (British Marine Federation and Royal Yachting Association) and Mr. A. Parker.

(b) Minutes -

AGREED - T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 be approved as a correct record.

(c) Matters Arising -

There were no matters arising.

(d) Navigational Safety - Mr. A. Vye-Parminter -

(i) Dredging of the navigational channels was due to start this coming Saturday and would take two weeks to complete..

(ii) Since the start of December 2015, some 200 tonnes of debris (including large trees) had been removed from the rivers and Bay and this work was ongoing.

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(iii) The steel dolphins in the outer harbour had been removed following the failure of some of the chains holding them in place. They had been very rarely used by vessels and had been deemed to be unfit for purpose. Alternative provision was being considered.

(e) Progress Report - Mr. A. Vye Parminter and Mr. S. Ellery -

(i) The applications for dredging licences had been approved under Section 3 of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Act 1993. The licences would apply for the next three years and the Marine Licence for the disposal of the material had been extended by Natural Resources Wales until it can issue a new licence for the July dredge campaign.

(ii) Biodiversity controls had been introduced to prevent invasive species from being transferred between vessels (invasive shrimps and Zebra Mussels).

A Member enquired as to the spread of invasive species within the Bay and was advised that there had been no increase in the biomass of Zebra Mussels.

(iii) 'Storm Central' was now fully operational and had combined real-time water quality, weather and flow information. It was accessible through [www.cardiffharbour.com](http://www.cardiffharbour.com).

(iv) At the recent ASERA (Association of Severn Estuary Relevant Authorities) AGM and in their published guide to recreational boating in the Severn Estuary, Cardiff Harbour Authority were identified as an exemplar for their implementation of biosecurity measures. It was intended to share this best practice with the relevant authorities that make up ASERA and also strengthen knowledge of invasive species through continued collaboration across the UK and Europe..

The Chairman enquired if the recent heavy rain had impacted on water quality in the Bay and was advised that the water quality had been no different to what is normally expected at this time of the year.

A Member enquired if the high river flows had created problems for migratory fish and was advised that Natural Resources Wales monitored the annual migratory fish information. There had been no obvious trend.

The Chairman enquired where the dredged material was deposited and was advised that the material was deposited at Orchard Ledgers near to the Bay.

It was noted that Orchard Ledgers was in the vicinity of the planned location of the Newport/Cardiff Lagoon.

The Committee were advised that should the Lagoon proceed, an alternative site will have to be considered to deposit the dredged material.

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In referring to the Dredging Licence, a Member enquired if consideration had been given to boat movements at low tide when considering the times of year of dredging.

The Committee were advised that the dredging was limited to certain times of year so as not to disturb the migratory fish.

(f) Update Report - Mrs. N. DeLonghi, Natural Resources Wales -

(i) It was confirmed that the Dredging Licences had been issued.

(ii) There had been no reported incidents of pollution within the Bay since the last meeting of the Advisory Committee.

(iii) A barge had sunk in the Wharf but this had not resulted in any issues for the Bay.

(iv) A request had been received for the closure of the fish pass in order that routine maintenance could be carried out.

(v) New 'rod and line' data would be available soon.

(vi) Fish stocks were low and no improvement was expected.

(g) Timetable of Meetings -

The Advisory Committee considered suggested dates for future meetings of the Committee in line with the decision of the Advisory Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

Members expressed the view that the date of the meeting proposed for 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 should be reconsidered and changed to a date following the Annual Meetings of the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Councils.

AGREED -

(1) T H A T the next meeting of the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee be held on a date following the meetings of the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Councils and that the Chairman be authorised to agree such a date.

(2) T H A T the remainder of the dates for future meetings of the Advisory Committee be as follows:

- Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 @ 5.15 p.m.
- Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 @ 5.15 p.m.
- Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 @ 5.15 p.m.

and that the provisional venue for the meetings be Cardiff International White Water.

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(h) Any Other Business -

(i) Events -

The Chairman enquired if the Advisory Committee could receive presentations on the programme of forthcoming events within the Bay and Barry/Penarth areas.

(ii) Lagoons -

The Chairman requested a presentation at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee on the proposed Tidal Lagoons should there be a favourable announcement.

(iii) Cardiff Master Plan -

The Chairman enquired as to the current position of the Cardiff Master Plan and was advised that the Master Plan had yet to be considered by Cardiff Council's Cabinet.

(iv) The Chairman enquired as to progress on the Volvo Race and was advised that it was still very early days and the date had yet to be set.

(v) Cardiff City Deal -

The Chairman felt that there may well be an announcement in respect of the above in the near future and felt that if appropriate, the Advisory Committee should receive a presentation.

(vi) World Half Marathon -

It was reported that the World Half Marathon would be a major event and would be held on Easter Saturday. The event would involve significant road closures between Penarth and Cardiff.

(vii) Date of Next Meeting -

AGREED - T H A T the Members of the Advisory Committee be advised of the date of the next meeting.