

Minute

Harbour Authority Sub-committee

Tuesday, 23 May 2023, 09:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors David Dawson, Gillian Skuse, Graham A Bevan, P Lindsay Hall, Ivan A Taylor and Heather N Woodbridge.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Buck, Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master.
- David Sawkins, Deputy Harbour Master: Strategy and Support.
- Shonagh Merriman, Service Manager (Corporate Finance).
- Karen Bevilacqua, Solicitor.

Observing

- Kirsty Groundwater, Team Manager (Communications).

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor David Dawson.

1. Pilotage Directions

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

1.1. That, in terms of the Pilotage Act 1987, the Harbour Authority had authority to create and issue Pilotage Directions.

1.2. That it was good practice to regularly review and, if necessary, update Pilotage Directions, with the last published amendment of Orkney Pilotage Directions being authorised in 2016.

1.3. That, on 27 October 2020, the Harbour Authority Sub-committee recommended that the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure should review the Orkney Pilotage Direction 1988 and Amendments, carry out consultation with stakeholders, and thereafter submit a report, to a meeting of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee in early 2021, detailing the outcome of the consultation and presenting the final version of the Orkney Pilotage Direction for consideration.

1.4. That a full series of consultations with both pilots and the wider marine community had been conducted, which included publication of the Amendment in the local newspaper from 23 March to 13 April 2023, with no comments or objections being raised.

1.5. The revised version of the Pilotage Directions for the Orkney Islands Council Competent Harbour Authority, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.

The Sub-committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

1.6. That the Pilotage Directions for the Orkney Islands Council Competent Harbour Authority, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved, to come into effect on 1 July 2023.

2. Port Marine Safety Code

Annual Compliance Audit Report

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.1. That the Designated Person, David Foster, Marico Marine, undertook an audit of compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code, as part of his annual visit on 9 and 10 November 2022.

2.2. That, as part of the Port Marine Safety Code compliance audit, an assessment was made of progress with recommendations arising from the audit.

2.3. The Port Marine Safety Code compliance audit report, produced by the Designated Person, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, which had raised four new actions, together with those arising from previous audits, which had been implemented and acted upon.

2.4. The Action Plan, attached as Appendix 2 to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, associated with the Port Marine Safety Code compliance audit, which had been updated to reflect progress made as at May 2023.

The Sub-committee scrutinised:

2.5. The Port Marine Safety Code compliance audit report and associated Action Plan, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 respectively to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, and obtained assurance that action had been taken or agreed where necessary.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:20 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: David Dawson.