

Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

FULL AUTHORITY – 14 JUNE 2018

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority held in the RNLi Lifeboat College, Poole on Thursday 14 June 2018.

Present

Prof J Humphreys (Chairman, MMO Appointee)
Cllr Mrs A McEvoy (Vice Chairman, HCC)

Cllr Mr M White (Hampshire County Council)
Cllr Mr M Roberts (Dorset County Council)

Dr S Cripps (MMO Appointee)
Mr T Legg (MMO Appointee)
Mr R Stride (MMO Appointee)
Mr G Wordsworth (MMO Appointee)
Dr R Morgan (Natural England)
Dr K Sims (Environment Agency)

The Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive Bateman and Richardson, the Finance and Administration Officer and IFCO Pengelly attended. Ms V Nye represented the Marine Management Organisation and Mr A Narozanski (NE) attended in the public gallery.

Cllr McEvoy proposed Prof Humphreys for Chairman and Mr Stride seconded this proposal. There were no other nominations and all Members present agreed with the proposal.

Election of Chairman

Resolved

35. That Prof John Humphreys be elected as Chairman for the period June 2018 to June 2019.

On taking the Chair Prof Humphreys thanked Members for their support. He then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr Stride proposed Cllr Alexis McEvoy and Cllr Roberts seconded this proposal. There were no other nominations and all Members present agreed with the proposal.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Resolved

36. That Cllr Alexis McEvoy representing Hampshire County Council, be elected as Vice Chairman for the period June 2018 to June 2019.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mark Roberts who had taken over from Cllr Brookes representing Dorset County Council and Ms Verity Nye

Apologies

37. Apologies for absence were received from: Mr N Horsman, Dr A Jensen, Mr S Kershaw, Ms L MacCallum, Cllr L Price, Cllr J Savage, Cllr J Hobart, Mr M Ratsey (Accountant), Mr P Johnson

Declaration of Interests

38. Members then declared their pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest in the following minutes: Mr Wordsworth (51, 57) Mr Stride (51) Mr Legg (45b, 51)

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Minutes

39. Members considered the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2018. A couple of typos were identified and once these were changed the Minutes were confirmed and signed.

DEFRA Guidance Monitoring and evaluation, and measuring performance.

40. The Chairman gave Members a brief summary of the guidance notes which he felt were useful to highlight periodically. He explained that it was important that there was an awareness of the Secretary of States guidance to IFCAs even though these had been largely superseded and included in the Annual Plan structure. The Chief Officer reminded Members that DEFRA would commence the consultation in July of the 4 yearly report on the conduct of IFCAs. Dr Cripps asked how closely IFCAs had been required to keep to the guidance and the Chief Officer explained that this initial guidance was in lieu of regulation, IFCAs had considered this guidance when they were first formed and were able to justify when they had not used it.

Executive Committee

41. Members considered the Minutes of the Executive Committees held on 15 March 2018. Prof Humphreys updated Members on the procurement of the patrol vessel. A new timeline had been offered by Southampton University for the procurement process that they were working through.

Resolved

42. That the Minutes of the Executive Committees held on 15 March 2018 were received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

43. Members considered the Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 10 May 2018. Mr Stride worked through the main items in the Minutes. IFCO Pengelly reported that the Byelaw Working Group would be presented with further findings for the netting review. Mr Wordsworth explained that one fisherman had offered to take Members out on his netting vessel. Two typos were amended.

Resolved

44. That the Minutes of the TAC held on 10 May 2018 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Progress Report on Outstanding Matters

45. **a. Office Infrastructure.** The Chief Officer updated Members on the progress of exploring options for an office move. He had explored an EMFF application with the MMO but had been informed that the Authority was not eligible for the fund.

b. Solent Bivalve Fisheries. DCO Bateman updated Members on the bivalve review. She explained following the pre-consultation in January 2018 a public consultation took place in March. Based on the responses received from stakeholders during both rounds of consultations, coupled with the vast scope and complexity of the review and associated workstreams, it was agreed at the Technical Advisory Committee in May 2018 to revise the timescales for the introduction of the permit byelaw. It is now the intention to present the draft permit byelaw to the Full Authority Meeting in December. This will allow further time to consult with industry over control and technical measures that would be part of the permit byelaw. DCO Bateman explained that as part of the consultation a number of options were being discussed, with stakeholders evenly split between the

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options, as such DCO Bateman highlighted the fact that the future scope of the permit byelaw will have to be underpinned by the best evidence available.

DCO Bateman provided an update on recent discussion with Defra on the proposed revocation of Statutory Instrument No. 2696 The Solent European Marine Site (Prohibition of Dredging) Order 2004. BREXIT remains the priority for the Defra Legal team at present, however in the absence of formal guidance from Defra, it was suggested that once there was an appropriate management platform in place (the proposed permit byelaw in addition to the Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2016), the revocation of the Statutory Instrument could be discussed further.

c. Mobile Interpretation Unit. IFCO Pengelly updated Members on the display trailer which was to be shared with Natural England, Dorset Wildlife Trust and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for outside events either shared or individually. It had already been used at an information day on Poole Quay and would be at other events throughout the summer. The Chairman thanked the Wildlife Trust and NE for their input into the project and especially Jane Alpine (NE) for managing the overhaul and updating of the unit.

Resolved

46. That the reports be noted.

Budget Control Statement

47. The Chief Officer explained to Members the figures in the Budget Control Statement. He and Mike Ratsey were happy that the Authority had remained within the budget for the year April 2017 to March 2018. He presented the budget statement for the first month of 2018/19 financial year. The Hampshire Pension contributions had risen and this had not been included when the budget was confirmed. There appeared a large spend on the patrol vessel budgets but this was due to annual inspections and certification; this should level out over the year. Cllr McEvoy asked how often new insurance providers were considered. The Chief Officer reported that terms were compared each year and the type of cover was important in the decision making.

The Chairman asked Members to agree the reports under general consent. All Members agreed.

Resolved

48. a. That the Budget Control Statement to date 30 April 2018, as set out in Annex "A" to these minutes, be approved.

Statement of Accounts 2017-18

49. The Chief Officer briefed Members on the report and background. He highlighted areas of the report and explained that approval was required before it could be sent to the external auditors, Francis Clark. Members asked if it could be highlighted that the substantial reserve the Authority had built up was ring fenced for large capital expenditure so that the constituent local authorities would not be asked to provide extra funding for large projects like the planned new vessel or the office review, as had happened with other IFCA's. The Chief Officer thanked Mrs Vivian for her management of the day to day accounts.

Cllr McEvoy proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded the proposal and all Members present voted in agreement. Dr Cripps added that thanks should be given to Mr Ratsey and the Chief Officer for their diligent work in keeping the budget in a healthy form.

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Resolved

50. That the Statement of Accounts for the year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, as set out in Annex 'B' to these Minutes, be received, approved and adopted.

iVMS Project

51. The Chief Officer updated Members on the project and he stressed that it was still in the early stages of discussion with the MMO and DEFRA. He worked through some of the details with Members and a long discussion took place as Members were concerned over the financial risks the Authority could face. Questions of ownership and liability for cost and equipment were discussed. The Chief Officer explained that at this early stage a bid to the EMF fund was required before the end of June to secure funding should the project progress. Cllr McEvoy proposed and Dr Sims seconded the recommendations. There were two abstentions from Members with interests and all other Members present agreed the proposals.

Resolved

52. a. That Members note the report and the financial risks associated with the project.
b. That Members note that Southern IFCA could undertake a role in the project.
c. That a bid be submitted for EMF funding for iVMS project costs.
d. That risks associated with project be satisfactorily resolved before committing to the project.

Cllr M White left the meeting at this point and took no further part in the discussions.

AIFCA MPA Project

53. IFCO Pengelly reported that the national project to capture and consolidate the work carried out by the IFCA's in assessing and managing fishing activities within Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) had commenced. Ms J Small had been recruited to carry out the assessments with technical support from IFCO Pengelly and Cooper. IFCO Pengelly explained that the information gathered would be used to identify gaps and lessons learned in evidence collection, the production of a communications package that would promote the progress made by IFCA's in the management of the fishing activities within the MPAs and increased engagement with stakeholders and delivery partners. The Chairman thanked Dr S Bolt, CEO of the AIFCA for his involvement in putting the project together and for basing the project at Southern.

Resolved

54. That the details be noted.

Compliance and Enforcement

55. DCO Richardson updated Members on compliance and enforcement for the period from February to April 2018. He highlighted different operations and risks identified in these months. The Chairman asked if Members could be given a presentation of recent operations at the next meeting.

Resolved

56. That the report be received.

Mr Wordsworth as he had expressed an interest, left the room for the next item.

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Poole Harbour Fishery Order Management Plan Review

57. DCO Richardson explained that as a grantee of the Order the Authority was required to produce a revised management plan each year. He reported that the body of the report had not changed however the SPA species had been revised following advice from NE. the Chairman asked if footnotes could be added to the plan. Dr Cripps proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded the recommendation to accept the inconsequential changes and all Members present agreed.

Resolved

58. That the 2018 Poole Harbour Fishery Order Management Plan be adopted.

Membership 2018-2019

59. The Chairman informed Members that the IFCA was made up from a number of Sub-Committees, which included the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Executive Committee (EXE), Permit Interview Sub-Committee (PISC) and the Appeals and Scrutiny Sub-Committee (ASSC). The Chairman reported that attendance of the ASSC had not been quorate for over a year so the number of Members asked to attend this committee altered to be all elected Members not already involved with the EXE. Dr Sims proposed and Mr Stride seconded the proposal to agree the Membership for the year 2018-19.

Resolved

60. **MEMBERSHIP 2018-19:**

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Simon Cripps	MMO Appointee
Nigel Horsman	MMO Appointee
John Humphreys	MMO Appointee
Antony Jensen	MMO Appointee
Paul Johnson	MMO Appointee
Simon Kershaw	MMO Appointee
Ted Legg	MMO Appointee
Louise MacCallum	MMO Appointee
Richard Morgan	Natural England Appointee
Kerry Sims	Environment Agency Appointee
Richard Stride	MMO Appointee
Gary Wordsworth	MMO Appointee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Full Authority
Vice Chairman	Full Authority
Chairman	Technical Advisory Committee
Vice Chairman	Technical Advisory Committee
Elected Member	Dorset County Council
Elected Member	Hampshire County Council

PERMIT INTERVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

An Interview Sub-Committee be appointed to approve the issue of permits throughout the District. Vice Chair to act as Deputy, when required.

Chairman	Full Authority
Chairman	Technical Advisory Committee
Elected Member	Full Authority

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APPEALS & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

An Appeals and Scrutiny Sub-Committee be appointed to consider any appeal made against any decision made by the Joint Committee or any Sub-Committee with regard to Staff matters and the operation of the Poole Regulated or Several Fisheries and to decide whether any such appeal be upheld. The Sub-Committee would scrutinise the accounts and financial statements when required and report to the Full Authority.

Elected Member	Poole Borough Council
Elected Member	Bournemouth Borough Council
Elected Member	Southampton City Council
Elected Member	Hampshire County Council
Elected Member	Isle of Wight CC
Elected Member	Portsmouth City Council

Recreational Sea Angling - Minutes

61. The Chief Officer presented the Minutes from 2 May 2018 for Members. He explained that the Members were pleased that the minimum size boards had started to be erected. IFCO Mayne had been seeking permissions to attach the boards to local piers and notice boards. These Minutes were tabled for information.

Resolved

62. That the Minutes of the recreational sea angling meeting be received.

South Coast Fishermen's Council (FMC)

63. Members considered the Minutes of the South Coast Fishermen's Council meeting held on 21 March and 2 May 2018. Mr Stride worked through the details for Members. He thanked IFCO Dell for assisting with latest information regarding the iVMS and he informed the meeting of the Dreadnought Unit within Guy's and St Thomas' hospital in London which provided specialist care for seafarers.

Resolved

64. That the Minutes of the 330th meetings held on 21 March and of the 331st meeting held on 2 May of the South Coast Fishermen's Council be received.

SIFCA Quarterly Report

65. Members considered the latest report which covered proceedings from February to April 2018. The Chairman felt it was a very useful Authority document that showed Members the amount and variety of duties carried out by officers. Members were disappointed to see no report from IFCO Pengelly in the quarterly.

Resolved

66. That the report be received.

Date of Next Meeting –27 September 2018

67. The next meetings of the Full Authority would be held on 27 September 2018 in the SeaCity Museum, Southampton.

68. There being no further business the meeting closed at 16:55.

Chairman:

Date: