

Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

MINUTES of a meeting of the Authority held in the Council Chamber, Gravesham Borough Council, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent at 10.00am on Friday 20 May 2016

Present: Cllr J L Lamb (Southend BC), Mr J Nichols (MMO), Cllr S Walsh (Essex CC), Cllr A Wood (Essex CC), Cllr P Channer (Essex CC), Cllr A Terry (Kent CC), Cllr A Bowles (Kent CC), Cllr A Marsh (Kent CC), Cllr S Liddiard (Thurrock Council), Ms I Chudleigh (Natural England), Dr L Fonseca (MMO), Mr A Rattley (MMO), Ms S Allison (MMO), Ms B Perkins (MMO), Mr S Abbotson (MMO), Ms B Chapman (MMO), Mr P Wexham (MMO), Mr J Taylor (EA)

Apologies: Cllr M Harrison (Kent CC), Mr E Hannam (MMO), Mrs B Gibbs (Financial Advisor, KCC)

In Attendance: Mr P Sass (Clerk, KCC), Ms F Chivers (Principal Auditor, KCC), Dr W Wright (Chief IFC Officer), Mr D Bailey (Assistant Chief IFC Officer), Dr J Heywood (Lead Scientific and Conservation Officer), Miss G Galbraith (IFC Officer), Mr T Clegg (IFC Officer), Miss V Foster (IFC Officer), Mrs D O'Shea (Office Manager), Mrs K Woods (Admin Assistant)

The following information was laid around the table:

- Agenda item B1 report and 5 appendices
- Agenda item B2
- Letter from Mr T Lineham re additional cockle fishery licences (agenda item B4)
- Letter from West Mersea Fishermen's Association re Essex Estuaries SAC (agenda item B9)
- Email from Mr E Hannam

The Chairman advised Members that Cllr John Jowers had stepped down from the Authority and had been replaced by Cllr Simon Walsh. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Walsh to the Authority. The Chairman requested that it be recorded that the IFCA expressed its thanks to Cllr Jowers for his consistent contribution over many years to the work of the Authority not only in representing the fishermen of the area but for the holistic view he took.

The Vice Chairman advised Members that Cllr Liddiard was also stepping down as the representative for Thurrock Council and that this would be his last meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Liddiard for his positive contribution to the Authority.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN(A1)

The Clerk to the Authority was in the Chair for this item.

Members were advised that they were required each year to nominate and select a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Cllr Channer nominated Cllr John Lamb as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Wood. No other candidates were proposed so Cllr Lamb was elected unopposed as Chairman.

Cllr Lamb thanked the Authority and resumed the Chair.

Cllr Wood nominated Mr John Nichols as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Channer and Mr Rattley. No other candidates were proposed so Mr Nichols was elected unopposed as Vice Chairman.

2. MINUTES (A2)

The Chairman informed Members that he had been advised that Dr Fonseca had requested that the comments attributed to her on page 5 of the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2016 be altered as followed:

“Dr Fonseca thanked Dr Heywood in particular for her efforts. Given the considerable amounts of time and research carried out on this issue to date, she felt that there was now sufficient evidence to make a decision on the sustainable exploitation of the stock. Despite her concerns that the recommended number of permits was still too high, she was prepared to accept the overall recommendation of the Technical Panel to increase the riddle size to 25 mm; to keep the minimum number of escape holes at 2 per pot; and to retain the number of category one permits at 300, and category two permits at 10. She also suggested that any further research on whelks should only be approved by the Authority in the context of other Research & Development priorities, and she requested a fully prioritised list of all Research & Development proposals, to make that decision”

A Member asked when the Whelk Permit Byelaw would come back to the meeting as they had understood the matter would be raised at this meeting. The Chief Officer advised that he was developing a longer term plan to bring to the next meeting which would provide a framework for management over three years and the longer term.

RESOLVED that the Minutes and the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2016, as amended, were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS (A3)

The Chairman requested Members to declare any interests on the Agenda item prior to it being dealt with and advised that those with a disclosable prejudicial interest may not vote on that Agenda item.

The following Members declared interests:

Mr A Rattley – agenda item B4 & B5 (owns cockle processing plant)

Ms B Chapman – agenda item B8 – personal interest (Kent Wildlife Trust employee)

Dr L Fonseca – agenda item B6, B7, B8, B9 & B10 – personal interest (Defra employee)

Ms S Allison – agenda item B7 (Chair of E-NORI group)

Cllr P Channer – agenda item B7 & B9 (Chair of Planning & Licencing Committee at Maldon DC)

4. STANDING ORDERS AND VOTING PROCEDURES (A4)

The Clerk to the Authority advised Members that he had been asked to circulate the Standing Orders of the IFCA and to address in particular voting procedures which were contained within the report provided to them. In respect of Technical Panels, the Clerk advised that unless a Technical Panel was given authority to make a decision then the recommendations of the Technical Panel were subject to ratification by the full IFCA. Members could make a different decision to that of the Technical Panel if they wished. He informed Members that it was important that the reports provided to them were clear with regard to whether they were submitted for information or for decision with a firm recommendation. The new format of papers now had started to make clear at the beginning of the report what the recommendation was.

In respect of voting, the Clerk advised that IFCA voting tended to be oral or by show of hand. A formal vote could be taken where each Member's decision either for, against or abstention was recorded but that tended to be rare. If Members were not supportive of a recommendation, then they could move an amendment or alternative motion to it. It was important for Members to remember that the IFCA could only debate or vote on one motion at a time and that Members were clear what they were debating. Should a decision not be made then the Chairman may decide to withdraw a paper if there was no resolution on a way forward.

5. BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 (B1)

Members were provided with the final budget monitoring outturn report and annual return for 2015/16 which gave the financial position for the Authority as at 31 March 2016.

They were advised that the overall outturn for the year showed a surplus of £92,767.70. Details of the major components of the surplus were provided for Members information, although Members were advised that this was in the main due to the sale of Ken Green and Nerissa not being operational.

Members were also provided with details of the capital expenditure and funding of that expenditure for the 2015-16 financial year together with the balance sheet as at 31 March 2016.

As the Financial Advisor could not be present, Members were asked to direct any queries on these matters through the office manager, who would arrange for them to be passed on.

Members were also provided with a copy of the Annual Return and Governance Statement for the Authority for their approval. Members were advised that it had been reviewed by Kent County Council's internal audit and it would now be required to be approved by them.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The final outturn for the year 2015/16 together with the associated financial statements be approved;
- ii) The underspend of £91,767.70 be transferred to the General Reserve; and

- iii) The Annual Return and Governance Statement be approved for submission to the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn.

6. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (B2)

Members were provided with details of the Authority's strategy of 2016-2017. They were advised that currently £1,030,324.10 was invested via Kent County Council and that although Santander UK was listed as acceptable by advisors to KCC, as requested previously this bank would not be used.

RESOLVED that KEIFCA continue to invest via Kent County Council

7. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2015/16 AND INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2016/17 (B3)

Members were provided with a report outlining the work carried out by Kent County Council's Internal Audit service on behalf of Kent & Essex IFCA. This report outlined the checks that had been carried out together with the recommendations made by the Auditors for 2014/15 and 201/16.

Members were advised that these checks had focused on controls in financial systems, however they could request that the remit of the Auditors be widened to focus in other areas.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2016/17 with the addition of checks to resources other than finance to be included be approved; and
- ii) The findings and recommendations of Internal Audit for 2014/15 and 2015/16 be noted

8. COCKLE FISHERY (THAMES ESTUARY COCKLE FISHERY ORDER 1994 LICENCED FISHERY MANAGEMENT) (B4)

The Lead Scientific and Conservation officer provided Members with information regarding the Spring 2016 cockle surveys which had taken place over a period of six days starting on 24 March 2016. Results of these surveys had shown that there were fewer cockles on the Maplin and Foulness Sands compared with the previous 10 years. Spat fall in the Autumn of 2015 was recorded as low, however there was little difference in the number of spat recorded in the Spring survey compared to the Autumn survey which suggested there had been a late spat fall.

Members were informed that due to the low spat fall in 2014, recruitment into adult stock was low and therefore it was necessary to set the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) at 6160 tonnes. This amount was 400 tonnes less than was set in 2015.

Cockle licence holders from the 2015 fishery had been invited to a meeting on 4 May 2016 where the results of the survey and the proposed management measures for the 2016 fishery had been discussed and agreed.

RESOLVED that:

- i) An initial Total Allowable Catch (TAC) should be set at 6160 tonnes and that further information related to the stocks would need to be continually reviewed throughout the season to ensure future sustainability;
- ii) That a further allocation of additional TAC, and therefore extension of the fishing season, may be made in the event of previously unknown or un-surveyed stocks of cockles being located, conversely if by monitoring of catch rates stocks in individual areas are shown to be falling then those areas may have to be closed;
- iii) That the Chief IFCO be authorised, after consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, to implement changes to fishing controls within the limitations of the agreed TAC;
- iv) That the fishery would commence at 21.00hrs on 26th June 2016;
- v) The fishing season would be divided into weekly specified fishing periods which would run from 21.00hrs on Sunday to 12.00hrs on Friday and during these periods licence holders would be permitted to make the following specified numbers of landings (Reg. No. 7). This would maximise production when meat yields and quality were at their best.
 - 26th June – 15th July (3 weeks) 2 specified landings per period
 - 17th July – 23rd September (10 weeks) 3 specified landings per period
 - 25th September – 7th October (2 weeks) 2 specified landings per period
- vi) The maximum quantity of cockles that could be landed or carried on board would remain at 13.6m³/500 baskets per fishing trip (approx. equivalent 11 tonnes);
- vii) Sections of Areas 1, 2 and 3 should be closed at all times during the period June - September inclusive. These areas are defined as inshore sections of Areas 1, 2 and 3 from Two Tree Island at Leigh-on-Sea in the West to The Coastguard Station at Shoeburyness in the East and also within the area of Shoeburyness East Beach. (This closure applies only to the area inside the moorings and where there are no moorings closer to the shore than a distance of 300 metres measured from mean high water mark); and
- viii) The licence fee would remain the same as 2015, at £5346.

Members considered the matter of issuing additional licences for the 2016 Fishery. As required by the Order, consultation had taken place with those persons likely to be substantially affected by a limitation on the number of licences issued. Copies of correspondence received as a result of this consultation were provided to Members.

Members considered the issues raised in these letters and **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) the number of licences would be restricted;
- (ii) 14 licences be granted in respect of the 2016 fishery which would be allocated to those that held licences last year; and

Members were reminded that a flexible permit byelaw had been introduced in 2015 for the outside area that had replaced six old byelaws and two emergency byelaws. In order to show consistency in the management of the two cockle fisheries it was proposed to update regulations 1 and 6 of the Thames Estuary Cockle Fishery Order 1994 (TECFO) and to include a new regulation to confirm maximum vessel size. Members were provided with the proposed modified text of the Order.

The Lead Scientific and Conservation officer advised Members that the Appropriate Assessment (AA) that was provided to Natural England each year on the impact of the fishery on protected features in the area would be updated from previous years in order to be consistent with Defra's revised approach to managing fisheries in European Marine Sites. This AA had been submitted to Natural England and the Authority was waiting for their comments.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the Thames Estuary Cockle Fishery Order 1994 should be updated to maintain consistency and best practice between the two cockle fisheries; and
- ii) the new format required for the AA be noted.

9. PERMITTED COCKLE FISHERY MANAGEMENT (B5)

The Lead Scientific and Conservation officer advised Members that stock surveys had taken place over 10 days between 5 April and 5 May 2016 in respect of the area outside the licenced fishing area. As required by the Byelaw anyone that wished to apply for a permit for this area for the 2016 fishery had to do so by 31 March 2106. Thirty-seven category one permits had been applied for which permitted the taking of 13.6m³ cockles per trip.

Members were informed that the main harvesting areas outside the TECFO were on the Ray, Dengie and Buxey Sands in Area 7. However, the surveys of these areas had shown that the TAC would be less than 100 tonnes. As 37 vessels had applied for a permit this would result in less than one fishing trip per vessel.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the beds in the permitted cockle fishery should not be opened in 2016; and
- ii) all permit fees paid to the IFCA should be refunded

10. BASS UPDATE (B6)

The Chief Fishery Officer reminded Members that new legislation relating to Bass had been introduced at the beginning of the year.

The IFCA had worked closely with the MMO to engage with and enforce this new legislation and would be taking on a secondment from the MMO to allow officers to enforce and educate fishers. Members were provided with information on the main actions undertaken.

These included:

- enforcement patrols on shore and at sea
- information notices and stickers for charter boat skippers to display to help them to explain the new legislation to their customers
- stickers and notices for non-English speaking anglers in relevant languages
- joint working with the MMO on their illegal, unregistered, unlicensed (IUU) work stream
- joint working with the MMO to develop a shared intelligence data base and a joint training program

Members were advised that Cefas had taken the lead with regard to research of in respect of the conservation of stock inside and outside the District with the IFCA providing assistance if required.

The Chief Officer advised Members that in order to meet the target of Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) by 2018 it would appear to be necessary to introduce more legislation with the possibility of decreasing effort by a further 50%. He felt that the IFCA could become a good conduit to provide the Minister with local information. He proposed to hold an informed debate on this matter at the next meeting of the IFCA with different sectors from the fishing community to be present to present on different management options, with Defra also in attendance.

Members had been provided with a letter from Mr M Sharp requesting a review of the netting byelaws within the District to prevent the collapse of bass stocks. Members were advised that the IFCA had started a review of their byelaws and had identified four that Members had identified as a priority from previous meetings:

- Trawling in Essex Estuaries SAC
- Fishing using bottom-towed gear in the Margate and Longsands
- SAC Oyster dredging in Essex Estuaries SAC
- Synchronising and reviewing vessel length and engine size byelaws across the district

10.55 Cllr Wood left

Dr Fonseca advised Members that she supported Mr Sharp's request for the byelaws to be reviewed, resources permitting and also the efforts made by KEIFCA and the MMO to improve enforcement of the existing legislation and felt that was more important than setting up new legislation. She stated that more reliable evidence, not anecdotal, was needed on sub adult fish

and inshore spawners. In her opinion it was very hard to quantify the contribution of inshore spawners to the whole stock using the anecdotal evidence that was currently available.

With regard to research, she advised Members that there were two types of tags in use; one which was being deployed by anglers inshore which provided data which would assist in collecting information on clusters of inshore spawners.

The other type of tag which offered a reward for its return was a data storage tag which provided information on temperature and depth and assisted in working out the most probable route the bass had taken over its whole annual cycle. This would then inform on the vulnerability of bass to specific fishing activities at different times and in different areas.

This information would then be used in two models; the adult model which would tell about whole adult movement and the pelagic model which would tell about the relationship between spawning and nursery grounds. With regard to the pelagic model, results so far had shown that it was quite difficult to quantify the benefits of small size inshore closures.

In summary Dr Fonseca advised Members that she felt the IFCA should focus on enforcement, tighten up the existing evidence on local spawning and quantify that local spawning as a contribution to the international stock as a whole.

In response to a question from a Member, they were advised that the retention of bass in the expectation that a larger fish could be landed was an offence in itself. They were reminded that Charter Boat owners had been spoken to, to request that they continued to educate their customers with regard to the legislation.

The Chairman asked if there had been an increase in illegal drift netting occurring within the District and if there was what was being done to combat it. The Chief Officer advised that they were working with the NFFO, NUTFA and the Angling Trust to feed intelligence into the MMO to address the problem. The MMO had a new high profile campaign which aimed to tackle the issue of illegally caught fish being sold on for commercial use.

The Chief Fishery Officer advised Members that Cefas had ran a trial tagging day for bass with the Essex Wildlife Trust and local anglers in Essex which was seen as successful. If Members were agreeable, then the IFCA could become involved in this project if it was seen as useful by stakeholders.

A Member raised the possibility of a Technical Panel meeting being held to discuss the ecology, science and research with bass more fully in order that should fishing effort be required to be reduced Members would be able to make an informed decision. The Chief Fishery Officer advised that this matter had been discussed at every meeting for the past two to three years. He stated that he intended to include a paper on the science, management and enforcement of bass at the next meeting where he would invite representatives from Cefas and Defra to contribute to the discussion. He felt that this would be more effective if done at a full Authority level rather than as a Technical Panel. With regard to the issue of reviewing the byelaws, the Chief Fishery Officer reminded Members that they had previously prioritised four byelaws to be made or reviewed which would take approximately 18 to 24 months, by which time more information would be known with regard to bass.

RESOLVED that:

- i) An agenda item be included at the next IFCA meeting regarding Sea Bass to which representatives from Cefas and Defra would be invited to attend; and

ii) Byelaws relating to:

- Trawling in Essex Estuaries SAC
- Fishing using bottom-towed gear in the Margate and Longsands
- SAC Oyster dredging in Essex Estuaries SAC
- Synchronising and reviewing vessel length and engine size byelaws across the district

be reviewed prior to a review of the netting byelaws affecting Bass

11. ADDRESS BY MR KEN GREEN MBE TO THE AUTHORITY

Members had been provided with a letter from Mr Green with their papers where he had requested that they give consideration to allowing a local fisherman a dispensation from the byelaw relating to over powered engines in the district. Mr Green spoke to Members on this subject.

Members considered this request and debated the matter. Members were advised that the byelaw had been in place since 1997 and the boat in question had been built in 2009. The fisherman in question, Mr Stimpson, had been spoken to by officers of the IFCA together with the Chairman and Vice Chairman in respect of the boat being overpowered but had continued to use it to trawl within the district and as a result had been prosecuted.

The Chairman proposed that no derogation be granted to Mr Stimpson in respect of his vessel Sea Glory II in respect of the byelaw relating to vessel size and engine power. This was seconded by the Vice Chairman and agreed by all Members

The Chairman thanked Mr Green for attending the meeting.

12. BLACKWATER, CROUCH, ROACH AND COLNE MCZ (B7)

Members were reminded that they had approved the payment of £7,500 each year for three years to undertake native oyster restoration trials; work had begun in June 2015.

The results of the first year of this study was provided to Members. They were advised that harrowing had been carried out in two sites by the Industry; the Ray Sands Channel and the mouth of the Blackwater Estuary. This harrowing had taken place for 15 to 18 hours at each site over a period of two months. The marks from the harrowing were visible in the Ray Sands and Blackwater Estuary six weeks after the trials, but had disappeared from the Ray Sands after eight months.

It was hoped that the work that had been carried out would provide a baseline upon which future work to restore native oyster populations and habitat would be compared and the data provided assist in informing future management decisions.

In response to a question from a Member, the Lead Scientific Officer advised that there had been insufficient funds to carry out a full Particle Size Analysis (PSA) on the samples taken, however samples had been frozen and if funds became available then this would be carried out.

Members were also reminded that they had approved a contribution from the IFCA to support a PhD student project on native oyster restoration work in the Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne MCZ. Alice Lown had started this work in October 2015; the main aim of her research would be to investigate factors that affected native oyster stocks in Essex including predation, competition and spat density.

In respect of native oyster management, Members were advised that the current ban on native oyster fishing would expire in March 2018 and that they would need to consider developing future management of the site. They were advised by the Lead Scientific Officer that they could consider developing a Flexible Native Oyster Permit similar to that used for cockles. This work could begin once the management measures for the Essex Estuaries and Margate and Longsands SAC had been developed.

In response to a question from Members, the Chief Officer advised that discussions with key stakeholders and Natural England would be conducted when formulating any management measures for this species.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The continuation of the harrowing survey was approved; and
- ii) A Flexible Native Oyster Permit byelaw be developed, following discussions with stakeholders and after work had been completed on the Essex Estuaries Trawling Byelaw and Margate and Longsands SAC management

13. MARINE PROTECTED AREAS UPDATE (B8)

Members were updated on the progress made to date in respect of Habitat Regulations Assessments (HRA) and progress on ongoing test of likely significant effect (TLSE) within the district. Members were advised that where fishing gear had been deemed likely to have a significant effect then a more in depth appropriate assessment (AA) had been required. Natural England had provided informal feedback on the AAs undertaken and these were now being revised to be submitted to Natural England for formal advice before the end of May. Information received as a result of this would be shared with Members at the next meeting.

Members were advised that three tranche 2 sites were designated by Defra on 17 January 2016:

- Swale Estuary MCZ
- Dover to Deal MCZ
- Dover to Folkestone MCZ

These sites would be expected to be managed within two years of this date. Officers had already met with members of the fishing fleet in the Dover area and would continue to work with other members of the community, together with Natural England to manage the MCZs in line with their conservation objectives.

In respect of Margate and Longsands, Members were advised that officers had met with Natural England and the MMO regarding the management of the site. It was suggested that an extraordinary meeting be held in July to discuss potential management options.

RESOLVED that:

- i) an extraordinary meeting would be held in July 2016 to discuss and evaluate potential management options for Margate and Longsands SAC; and
- ii) the report be noted

14. ESSEX ESTUARIES BOTTOM TRAWLING (PROHIBITED AREAS) BYELAW (B9)

Members were reminded that they had met and approved the drafting of a byelaw to prohibit trawling within a specified area within the Essex Estuary. The draft byelaw and associated Impact Assessment were provided to Members for their information.

The Chairman advised Members that a letter (previously circulated) had been received from Mr Craig of West Mersea Fishermen's Association requesting that the proposed area be reduced in size to allow bottom trawling to continue in Swire Hole.

The Assistant Chief Officer informed Members that the IFCA had held meetings with the Industry to discuss the management options for the SAC and prior to that had met and discussed the site with Natural England and NGOs. Natural England had provided advice that of the habitats requiring protection in the site, riverine mud was considered the most sensitive. Survey data had shown that a significant quantity of subtidal mud had been found at Swire Hole.

Miss Chudleigh advised the Authority that Natural England stood by its initial advice that there was a need to protect subtidal mud in the SAC.

In response to a question from a Member as to the location of the specified area, the Assistant Chief Officer advised that subtidal mud was found mainly in the north of the SAC and that in the south, intertidal sands were more prevalent.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the wording of the Essex Estuaries Bottom Trawling (Prohibited Areas) Byelaw and draft impact assessment be approved; and
- ii) an extraordinary meeting would be held in July 2016 to make this byelaw.

12:25 Cllrs Marsh and Bowles leave

15. RIVER MEDWAY NURSERY AREA (B10)

Members were advised that the River Medway Nursery Area (Prohibition of Fishing) Byelaw had been submitted to the MMO for final approval before being sent to Defra for signing by the Secretary of State.

In order to raise the profile of this byelaw the IFCA had been working with various departments, both locally and nationally. Officers had taken part in an English Festival held in Gillingham and would be attending the Medway River Festival on 9 July when they would be promoting the byelaw by bringing together an art project featuring hundreds of wooden fish that had been coloured in/decorated by the public.

Members **NOTED** the report

16. HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE (B11)

Members were provided with an update on the work carried out by the IFCA to ensure that Health & Safety requirements and legislation were adhered to.

Members asked that any refresher training carried out by staff be included in any subsequent reports.

Members **NOTED** the report

17. ANNUAL PLAN

The Plan had been provided to Members at the previous meeting when they had been asked to contact officers with any changes they wished to have made.

Members requested that reference to the Common Fisheries Policy be included in the introduction.

Members **APPROVED** the Annual Plan

18. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Members received:

- Quarterly Report of the Kent IFCO (C1)
- Quarterly Report of the Essex IFCO (C2)
- Quarterly Report of the Kent Patrol Vessel (C3)
- Quarterly Report of the Patrol Vessel 'Tamesis' (C4)
- Sea Angling Report (C5)
- Communication Update (C6)
- Enforcement Report (C7)

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Members were provided with details of the discussions of the Technical Panel that had met on 15 March 2016 and their recommendations with regard to the Patrol Vessel "Nerissa". They were also

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updated on discussions that had taken place with the boat builders, Blyth Boatyard, on 16 May 2016. Members agreed to accept the recommendations of the Technical Panel.

13:15 Meeting closed