ABP ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS

NOTES OF THE 2nd HUMBER LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE REEDS HOTEL, BARTON UPON HUMBER, ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2003

Present:

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Name	Organisation	Inits
Capt J Brennan	Assoc. Petroleum Terminals (Imm) Ltd	JB
Mr D Carmichael	ABP Connect	DC
Capt R A Coates	Humber Sea Terminal Ltd	RAC
Capt P J Cowing	Associated British Ports	PJ
Capt N Dibbert	Conoco Limited	ND
Ms R Fairgrieve	Associated British Ports	RF
Capt P P Hames	Associated British Ports	PPH
Mr T Haxby	Finn Lines Cargo Services	TH
Mr C Henery	Associated British Ports	CH
Mr M Hepworth	Associated British Ports	MH
Mr A Herbert	Associated British Ports	AH
Mr M J Holmes	Associated British Ports	MJH
Capt P Holt	P&O Ferries	PH
Mr S Horton	ABP Connect	SH
Capt C Howard	Associated British Ports	CH
Mr B Hughes	Hughes Marine	BH
Mr R G Hunt	Associated British Ports	RGH
Mr T Jeffrey	F T Everard & Sons Ltd	TJ
Mr M Jukes	Associated British Ports	MJ
Mr P Lyon	Specialist Marine Services	PL
Capt A Metcalfe	K-U-Hull City Council	AM
Mr C Middleton	K-U-Hull City Council	CM
Mr B A Nickson	Associated British Ports	BAN
Capt M Paine	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	MP
PC D Robinson	Humberside Police	PCDR
Capt D Rogers	Associated British Ports	DR
Mr S Scruton	RMS Europe	SS
Mr M Smith	Flixborough Wharf Ltd	MS
Mr R Smith	Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises	RS
Capt I Spikings	Associated British Ports	IS
Mr P Wilkinson	Associated British Ports	PW
Mr G Winter	J Wharton (Shipping) Ltd	GW

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from:

- Mr P Escreet, Specialist Marine Services Ltd
- Capt M Gough, Associated British Ports
- Mrs I Harris, Humberside Sea and Land Services
- Capt J Holtum, Ouse Pilots Ltd
- Mr E Hopkinson, Humber Cruising Association
- Mr K Vardy, Maritime and Coastguard Agency

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

 In welcoming delegates to the meeting, PH reiterated that the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) placed an obligation on ABP, as the harbour authority, to consult widely with stakeholders, hence the setting up of this committee. The inaugural meeting was held in Hull on 31.10.02 at which it was agreed to form a subcommittee to deal with day-to-day issues. The sub-committee met for the first time on 12.6.03. Minutes are lodged on the HES web site at:-

http://www.humber.com/statutory/safety-management.asp

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2002

 The minutes were agreed to give a true record of the proceedings.

4. MEETING OF THE HLC SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JUNE 2003

- Updates were given on several areas where further progress had been made since the June meeting:-
 - Statistics relating to incidents will shortly be posted onto the HES web site.
 - The HES web site would be an additional method of consultation on the proposed new Pilotage Directions.
 - A new tug had recently arrived from Japan to supplement the Specialist Marine Services' fleet.
 - RC advised that berths 3 and 4 of HST were due for completion in March and August 2004, respectively.
 - The formal signing off of the Port Marine Safety Code is expected to take place within the next few weeks.
 - The new annual chart for the Humber is expected to be available in February 2004. This chart will include the results of surveys taken in the Outer Approaches and a survey conducted over the area of the Binks, last surveyed in the 1940's.
 - The timetable for introducing electronic passage planning for vessels had slipped due to unforeseen pressures on the development team.
 - DR gave an update on the automation of bridges at Goole. A safe system of work was presently being drafted in advance of the full automation taking place before the year end.
 - Objections against the Immingham Outer Harbour scheme had been dropped. Construction would go ahead as soon as the necessary commercial

- agreements had been secured. A similar position applied to HIT 2.
- The establishment of a new radar system above the Humber Bridge is progressing, albeit slowly, due to difficulties in securing the 12 –13 scanner sites. This process may take until the end of 2004 to complete. Advice is currently being sought as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required for each of the chosen sites.

5. ISPS AND PORT SECURITY

 MJ, Assistant Port Manager, Hull & Goole gave a presentation on the impact of the International Ship & Port Facility Security Code on the Ports of Hull and Goole in particular and on other ports and wharves in general. A question and answer session followed. (A copy of the slide presentation is attached to these minutes)

6. PORT WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS

 RF, Environment Officer, ABP Head Office presented an overview of the effects of revised legislation on current PWMPs. A question and answer session followed. (A copy of the slide presentation is attached to these minutes).

7. PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE

• **PH** advised that ABP HES was compliant with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code and will be making a public statement to this effect shortly.

8. WEBSITE UPDATE

- IT Infrastructure Manager, Mark Hepworth highlighted the major features of the ABP HES website which can be found at www.humber.com
- Further development of the site would lead to additional pages being provided to give shipping details and allow direct pilot ordering.
- Any suggestions for improvement of the site were welcomed.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Spurn Roadway

 A section of the road at Spurn Point had recently been re-routed following a 3-year struggle to obtain the necessary approvals.

Auto Billing for Pilotage

 HES was currently trialling a system of automatically producing pilot notes from the Port and Vessel Information system. The next stage will be to produce invoices for passing on, electronically, to shipowners/agents. Consultation meetings have been

- arranged with customers with a view to the new arrangements being available from end-December to early January.
- RF said it was hoped that the Port Waste Reception Facility billing would be carried out using the same system.

• Humber Passage Plans (HPPs)

 The HPPs were in the process of revision and would be sent out for consultation shortly with publication expected in January/February 2004.

The next meeting will be arranged to take place in November or December next year.