**Note of the Annual Public Meeting of Great Yarmouth Port Authority 2023**

Held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 2.00pm

at Vanguard House, South Beach Parade, Great Yarmouth, NR30 3GY

**Present:**

GYPA Board Members, R. Goffin - Peel Ports, Tim Ellis -Norfolk CC, Malcolm McAllister-BAM Farrans JV

Plus guests -D. Glason ,B. Falat, K. Fuller

**Apologies were** received from G .Doyle, Harbour Master, A.Goodchild,T.Harris,R.Card,J.Anderson,M.Boon,R.Bush.

1. **Roger Arundale, Chairman GYPA**, welcomed the guests .

He introduced the GYPA Board, noting the breadth and depth of experience of the Board members. He invited guests to consider getting involved as there were due to be vacancies on the Board as members finished their period of appointment.

**2. GYPA 2022/23 Annual Report**

**RA** referred the guests to the GYPA web site where there was a full copy of the GYPA Annual report. He then explained that GYPA was a trust port, a statutory harbour authority governed by an independent board acting in the interests of its stakeholders. The Great Yarmouth Port Company, aka Peel Ports ,acts as an agent for GYPA in the discharge of its statutory duties.

**3. Peel Ports -Great Yarmouth**

**Richard Goffin**, Port Director, Peel Ports- GY gave a brief summary of port statistics.

Cargo volumes had increased overall in 22/3 by 26%.Aggregates and grain were significant. Vessel calls had grown by 9% to 3000pa with a changing mix with windfarm vessels growing and offshore support vessels declining.

**4. Great Yarmouth- Third River Crossing**

**Tim Ellis**, Project Manager, Norfolk CC presented an up-date for the GY Third River Crossing detailing the recent stages of construction.

The Herring Bridge will provide an unrestricted air draught over a 50 m width between fenders and will take 130 seconds to open and ,once clear ,a similar time to close. The bridge will normally open 5 minutes ahead of a scheduled booking time.

The control tower is on the west bank of the river as are the 2 waiting pontoons ,north and south.

The existing Harfreys roundabout has been up-graded with a Toucan crossing to provide better cycle/pedestrian links with the Herring Bridge.

**Malcolm McAllister** outlined the local benefits of this major infrastructure project including 70% local jobs and £ 17 million local supply chain spend involving 70+ local companies.

There were also social and environmental benefits including carbon reduction(10,500 tonnes),school liaison ,a museum exhibition and apprenticeships.

**Questions** were taken on when the bridge would open and whether liaison had been made with the builders of the new Gullwing Lowestoft bridge.

**The following answers were provided**:There are final finishing works to be carried out at the revised roundabout on the trunk road. When these are completed the timetable will be clearer.

The same company are building both bridges and so there has been liaison between both teams.

**Further information** is available from the Norfolk CC web site - **Third River Crossing**

**5. Great Yarmouth Operations and Maintenance Campus**

The development consultants ,Greyfriars Project Management, provided a paper powerpoint presentation detailing the progress with the GY Operations and Maintenance Campus since the previous Annual Meeting and the next steps towards completion of Phase1 in October 2024.

The project is now moving into the construction phase. Phases 2 and 3 provide opportunities for future development. Overall the project promises 650 new green jobs and 288,700 ft2 of lettable space.

**Questions** were taken on the blocking-off of the spending beach which makes small vessels more vulnerable in the river.

**The following answer was provided**:
Peel Ports have had a study done which showed that wave energy is transferred even with the piles.

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 **Further information** available by e-mailing jon@greyfriarspm.com

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**6. Closing remarks**

**RA** thanked the speakers and everyone for attending and looked forward to hearing the reports of the completed major projects discussed today. The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

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