

Harbour Board
24 February 2005 Public Minutes

Harbour Board
Meeting Room, Port Administration Building, Sella Ness
Thursday 24 February 2005 at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

J G Simpson I J Hawkins
E J Knight C Smith
W Tait

Apologies:

J C Irvine N McCracken
W A Ratter J Smith

In Attendance (Officers):

J T Dickson, General Manager, Ports & Harbours Operations
A Cooper, Head of Development Resources
S Summers, Administration Manager
D Haswell, Committee Officer

Chairperson:

Mr J G Simpson, Chairperson of the Board, presided.

Circular:

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Minutes:

The minutes of meetings held on 13 January and 1 February 2005, having been circulated, were confirmed.

Members' Attendance at External Meetings

There was nothing to report.

8/05 **Ports Project Monitoring Report**

The Board noted a report by the General Manager (Appendix 1).

The General Manager took Members through the report and provided updates on various projects, as follows.

The Harbour pilot unit had arrived and pilots were currently being trained on how to use it. It had been well used this week due to the number of tankers in Sullom Voe Harbour.

In relation to the Dolphin at Symbister, the Chairperson said that this had been a very worthwhile exercise and had greatly improved the entrance to the harbour.

Members noted a typographical error in section 5.1 of the report whereby the reference should be to the Foula ferry service, not Papa Stour.

Members otherwise noted the report.

9/05 **Port Operations Report**

The Board noted a report by the General Manager (Appendix 2).

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Members were pleased to note that 5 tankers had been berthed at Sullom Voe Harbour yesterday and 4 were berthed today. The General Manager provided Members with information in relation to an incident that had happened since the report was written. A problem had occurred with the propeller drive shaft of the tanker, the "Gerrita" and she had been required to be brought into port in very poor weather conditions. The first attempt to berth her "bow first" was unsuccessful. However, a further attempt to berth her stern first had gone like clockwork. The Chairperson said that all staff involved in berthing the vessel had done an excellent job and should be congratulated.

The General Manager advised that one ship-to-ship transfer of Brent oil had taken place and was pleased to advise that there had been a lot more enquiries for ship-to-ship transfers. Mr C Smith confirmed this point.

Referring to section 3.2 of the report, Mrs I J Hawkins said she was disappointed to learn of Mr Bryant's resignation. Having seen the advertisement for his replacement in "The Shetland Times" last week, Mrs Hawkins said that it was important that Mr Bryant's replacement had a great deal of business acumen given that the Board had agreed to promote all ports in Shetland and had established a Member/Officer Working Group for that purpose. Mrs Hawkins also expressed concern about the additional duties it appeared would be placed on the postholder.

The General Manager explained that Officers were currently examining the issue of marketing it was hoped a report would be presented to the Board in late summer. He added that, at the moment, 3 members of staff shared the on-call rota. It was not possible to have any less than 3 members of staff sharing the rota but, until Mr Bryant's position had been filled, the remaining 2 members of staff would have to double-up.