

## **MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 06/17**

### **HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE**

**ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Mr D Martin, Mr C Toogood, Mr G Saunders, Capt R Atkinson, Mr A Hosking, Mr B Murt, Mr W Jago

**Apologies:** Mr S Summers, Mr M Stacey, Mr M England

**In Attendance:** Mrs P Hicks (secretary), Mr D Lockwood, Mr P O'Neill

**To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present:** Mr P O'Neill asked the Commissioners if they had come to any decisions on the speed limits as this seems to be taking some time.

The matter was discussed at length but DM said that the Commissioners have to make a majority decision "In Committee" before going to the public. Any proposal is then up for public consultation before asking for approval from the Department of Transport.

HM agreed that the commercial speedboats were run to a high standard, but commented that not all leisure vessels were. RHIB patrols were educating the other river users and although early in the season, there had been few problems so far.

WJ asked PO and DL if 25 knots is a workable speed for them - they said that they can work with that speed but it's the start point for this speed limit which is also of concern. Mr O'Neill and Mr Lockwood said that they didn't believe there was much congestion - only when RSWSC are running an event.

DM/HM said that when PHC went public with the first draft it was unworkable and PHC's solicitor pointed this out to the Commissioners. Learning from this experience has made PHC want to reach agreement between Commissioners as to the way forward before going to public consultation. The Commissioners could not, it was felt, reach agreement whilst discussing the matter in public and they agreed that another

'special' meeting would be required to get this issue resolved.

**Invoices and Payments  
for the period ending  
12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

From 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 invoices to the amount of £82,115.56 had been paid

DM asked about the compensation for damaged clothes - HM said that the gunnels on the ferry had been cleaned and not rinsed thoroughly - some of the cleaning agents had stained passengers' clothes and PHC had replaced them. Working practices had been changed to prevent a recurrence.

DM asked about the Cobalt Telephone charges - HM said that these were for the card processing charges associated with the 'RingGo' system operated in the car parks.

DM commented on the G4S payments - HM said that this was for the cash collection service that PHC had agreed to now that the local branch of Barclays Bank had limited opening times and could not service PHC's requirements.

**Approval of Minutes  
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Before approval there were two typing errors to correct. BM also wanted to clarify that his question regarding the insurance on the new toilet/shower for local fisherman was intended to ask HM to check that providing such facilities within the stores would not invalidate other store holders insurance. HM to action.

With these amendments the minutes were approved by CT and seconded by BM

**Matters Arising  
from Meeting  
05/17**

Camel Ski School Raft - This is now in place and marked with a yellow flashing light.

Sproull Solicitors - Nick Hall, Ralph & Co had drafted a reply to them on behalf of PHC regarding Mr Farragher's question about the use of PWC's on the River Camel. The letter states that PHC will not permit the general use of jet skis/RWC's/PWC's and will continue to authorise their use on a case by case basis as and when special circumstances dictate their use is essential for certain events which PHC may wish to support. This, the Commissioners stressed, did not mean that Mr Farragher, or any others, could simply put their PWC in the water and use it whenever and wherever they wished – if this happened, PHC would seek a prosecution under the byelaws.

Mr J Williams, DGW Sand Co – Mr Williams asked if the Commissioners would consider extending the concrete slab on

the South Quay where he operated – this would help his company keep the area clean and he was prepared to contribute to the project financially if required. Commissioners had agreed to this request in principal and asked HM to obtain quotes. HM had tried to get hold of E A Grey and Vanstones for a quote. HM asked if we needed more than two quotes - WJ/BM said that usually have three quotes, HM asked for suggestion for contractors who did ground work - BM suggested Bazeley's and WJ suggested E A Roberts. HM to contact. Mr J Hinchliffe, Padstow Sea Cadets - A donation had been sent from PHC

Mr G High, MMO - HM was pleased to report that PHC had been awarded a grant for the pontoon system on South Dock, subject to PHC obtaining the marine licence required - HM had already applied for the licence.

Fishermen's Toilet/Shower – Project agreed at previous meeting - HM had spoken to Chris Swabey who was just waiting on a quote from the plumber. HM had said to Mr Swabey that PHC would like this project completed as soon as possible.

CCTV/Webcam Upgrade - HM informed the Commissioners that the system was now up and running, there were just two more screens in the berthing office to connect. Tanist was looking into recycling the old system for use at Rock. BM asked if there was any way to have CCTV at Wadebridge, HM said that it could be done but it could be costly as PHC would either need storage space for a recorder and/or internet access to remotely access images. It was noted that Mr Wiggett had been helpful in the past and was it worth approaching him? HM to action.

## **Financial Briefing**

Mrs N Dyer had prepared a financial report for the Commissioners.

Harbour Dues and Mooring Fees - these are up for the month of May, and for the 5 months to the end of May income is up by 3%

Dredger Contracts - the favourable variance is due to the dredger contracts for Ramsgate and Whitstable which had been paid.

Harbour Maintenance - significant expenditure in May for the new Navigational Marker and replacement lights for units which had failed.

Harbour Costs - Insurance - the favourable variance is because

of a reduction in PHC's insurance renewal premium by 16%

Ferry Income - this is marginally down for the month of April but overall for the 5 months to the end of May, income is up by 13%

Ferry Costs - no significant factors to report

Car Park - income was up for the month of May and for the current year to the end of May income is up by 16.5%.

DM asked how much more tonnage the dredger had to move from Padstow to complete her annual quota - HM answered that there was appx 4500 T left and the dredger would move this from areas around the ferry slip, and North Quay (in the autumn after the trip boats were moved off). In January 2018 she would start dredging the South dock, the pontoon system used by leisure boats. HM will write to boat owners in September advising that they will need to remove their vessels so that the South Dock can be dredged. The Commissioners were also concerned about the "lump" of concrete covering an old sewer pipe at the South Dock entrance - it was proposed by BM and seconded by WJ that once PHC have made sure that this pipe is redundant, we engage contractors to remove this obstruction - all agreed except HM who abstained due to concerns over ownership and fears that it could disrupt what was currently a 'safe' and level bed for boats to sit on.

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## Correspondence

Meredith Milliken - writes to the Commissioners regarding a Make-up/Bronzing promotion they would like to hold in the South Quay Car Park. HM suggested this would have to be on the end of the quay away from the cars using the car park and all the Commissioners agreed to the event – HM to charge as per previous promotional campaigns plus 10%.

Mr J Blyth, JGP - writes regarding updates on projects:-  
The Inner Harbour Walls - JGP give an estimated cost to install bore holes behind inner harbour walls for monitoring and assessing most serious areas which will need repairs first. They suggest that the costs could be reduced by installing fewer holes and also suggest that PHC could Commission some ground penetrating radar to try and identify areas where there are voids. AH suggested getting further quotes if possible. Commissioners agreed that the work needed to be done.  
Iron Ore Slip Steps – It was suggested that the Iron Ore steps need to be closed as the wall is bulging and the causes are unknown. To try and find out what is at fault, the face of the

wall needs to be removed but HM was concerned that this could lead to the fill material behind the face stone being removed by wave action. Investigations would need to be done when builders were available to rebuild removed face material immediately – scaffolding would also be needed.

RBB - the lintels on some elevations had corroded and caused cracks to appear on the building. The lintels need replacing – HM has asked Chris Swabey to provide a quote and if accepted, sufficient notice of dates could be given to the owners of the flats.

Mr J Hinchliffe, Padstow Sea Cadets - writes to the Commissioners thanking them for their donation.

Mr A Garrett - writes to the Commissioners to see if they would allow a large painting to be exhibited on a raft in Padstow Inner Harbour. Similar painting had already been displayed on a lake in Snowdonia. The Commissioners said no to Padstow but perhaps Wadebridge might be a more suitable place. HM to contact the artist.

Mrs Davies – Writes asking to keep her NQCP residential parking space. HM read the letter to the Commissioners that he had sent to Mrs Davies regarding the sub-letting of her NQCP Space. Commissioners agreed that as Mrs Davies had broken the terms of the licence, PHC should take back the space and reallocate it. AH commented that others also appeared to be sub-letting spaces – HM agreed but said that it was very difficult to obtain proof. Commissioners agreed that they wished to stop sub-letting for gain but did not know quite how to achieve this in a fair and consistent manner. A long discussion ensued and individuals were asked to think about the problem and bring any suggestions / solutions to a future meeting.

## **Port Administrators Business**

MMO Consultation - Bridge View, Wadebridge - papers circulated to Commissioners prior to meeting. PHC had been asked to comment on proposed drainage from a new residential housing scheme discharging directly into the River Camel. Commissioners instructed HM to reply to MMO voicing concerns over extra outflow into river and their desires to see attenuator tanks and oil interceptors to be built into the scheme.

Chris Matthews, Duchy of Cornwall – The Rock Rent review was now due and Mr Matthews asked PHC to prepare some profit loss and expenditure figures. PHC Accountants to put some

figures together. With regard to Rock Road, PHC solicitors had advised that PHC do not actually lease the access road as part of the lease from the Duchy. HM had advised Mr Matthews of this and that PHC did not intend maintaining the road or pavement in future. The speed bumps had been installed by PHC and therefore PHC would still be liable for these. Commissioners decided that rather than removing the bumps, they would agree to continue maintain (marking) these bumps as a gesture of goodwill to the Duchy.

Black Tor 1 Ferry - this is now back in service after installation of the new jet drive units.

Mannin - the annual load line survey was done today. A few minor jobs to be done but more concerning was the fact that the new paint applied in the void spaces during dry dock was peeling off in large sheets. Commissioners instructed HM to contact the yard that did the work, perhaps send them an email with photos and get them to come and have a look.

South Quay Toilet Block - SPS have got the tender pack ready to send to builders to get three quotes; the Commissioners would like to keep the work local and suggested that the pack should be sent to Chris Swabey, Bazeley Construction and David Flew.

## **PMSC**

Ice Plant - the safety issues with regard to the rake had been resolved and the safety strops were now in place to allow the plant to be safely cleaned. The Ice Plant had been out of commission because of bent rakes and sheared bolts. HM had contacted KTI for spares but they would take six weeks and were very costly. DHM had got the spares made locally and galvanised.

Adler & Alan (OSRL) - had come to Padstow to do an oil spill exercise last Wednesday. HM said that this was a very good exercise and useful to PHC, the company were so pleased they want to come back next year to do another exercise. BM said that this makes a good working relationship.

## **Items for Discussion**

None at the meeting

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th July 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Padstow Harbour Office.

There being no further business, the meeting went "In Committee

