

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 12/11

HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE

ON THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.00PM

- Present:** Mr W Frisby (Chairman), Mr M England, Mr W Chown, Mr B Smith, Mr D R Martin, Mr S Summers, Mr M McCarthy, Capt R Atkinson (Harbour Master).
- Apologies** Mr M Hewitt, Mr W Jago
- In Attendance:** Mr N Billing (Deputy Harbourmaster), Mr A Smith and Mr M Stacey (Rock Boat Services), Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr J Porter
- To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public** None at this meeting.
- Present:**
- Invoices and Payments for the period ending 09/12/11** Invoices totalling £109,292.22 had been paid for the period 15th November to 9th December 2011.
- DM questioned the payment for the large scanner, HM informed that this was for the hire of a large A0 scanner which had been used to scan and save appx 150 maps, plans, drawings, etc to make them more easily accessible. DM also questioned the excess on the insurance claim - HM explained it was regarding the damage caused by the JCB on an employees vehicle.
- Approval of Minutes 11/11** The minutes circulated to the Commissioners prior to this meeting were then adopted as a true and accurate record of meeting 11/11.
- Matters Arising from Meeting 11/11** Change of lease (GB Smith & Son to Rock Marine Services) for Rock Waterfront Activity Centre. - HM had spoken to Doug Sidebottom at Ralph & Co and they were waiting for the paper work to come back from RMS/ GBS. BS said that he had not received any correspondence - HM explained that it had arrived with the original invoice which had been questioned.
- Mrs Woodcock - HM had written to Mrs Woodcock to advise her that the Commissioners had agreed to allow her to use the mooring for another year, after which, the situation would be reviewed again.

Rock Quarry Car Park – Natural England - In Port Administrators Business.

Rock Slipway - HM informed the Commissioners that he had now received the licence from the MMO regarding the works on the slipway.

Red Brick Building – To date, HM had not had a written reply from Ralph & Co, but Doug Sidebottom had verbally advised that one the clauses in the lease may possibly prevent any activities other than “residential”. A recent case in law had declared that holiday letting was not “residential”, but as often, this was not clearly ‘cut and dried’ and could lead to some lengthy legal debates. Commissioners instructed HM to ask Doug Sidebottom to write to the estate agents advertising the property to inform them of this.

Financial Briefing

The Commissioners read Mrs Dyer’s report which would be the last before the year end.

HM explained that the variance on the ferry profit and loss was due to the new engines, coolers and gearboxes.

Correspondence

Rock Sailing and Water Ski Club – write to the Commissioners to inform them on the improvements made to ski rafts.

Padstow Cottage Company - write regarding an advertising sign which was approved. If a space becomes available PHC will let them know but with the normal proviso that marine related signs take precedence.

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Cornwall Council - write requesting information about the Fishermen’s Stores and the renumbering.

Cornwall Council Environmental – write regarding the issues raised about dog waste and dog waste bins. The council would not move the existing bin or provide an additional one in the Rock Car Park because it is on private land. They would also be unable to empty a PHC bin as it would be on private property – if PHC site their own dog bin, they would have to empty it themselves and put it in the council wheelie bin emptied under contract. HM not keen on idea because of the potential for foul smells, especially if the bin is not emptied for a few days and the weather is hot. Suggested that PHC try this and see how it goes for the 2012 season.

Clerk for St Minver Lowlands - writes regarding a few issues – mainly they wanted to express their support for the beach nourishment scheme that Rock Marine Services were considering.

Duchy of Cornwall – write to inform us that they have written to Mr J Hewitt regarding the extension to the slipway at Rock and that RMS have given consent to the lease variation.

Wadebridge Boat Club – write regarding the licence for moorings at a Wadebridge which needs renewing. BF, SS, DM declared an interest. Wadebridge Boat Club wish to extend the area for moorings Northwards, under the bridge and asked PHC if they can lay some extra moorings (6 to 8). PHC have accepted their request but under the proviso that the channel must be kept clear and initially, only the area on the West bank is used. This will allow PHC to better assess any problems before further moorings are laid. Proposed by HM and seconded by MM and passed unanimously.

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**Port Administrators
Business**

Harbour Office Slipway – BS declared an interest. After the site meeting on Thursday 8th December, it was agreed that the toe of the slip could be lowered 12 inches maximum and this would provide a suitable gradient for the water taxi to work from. BF stated that once these changes had been made, there would be no further alterations. Mr A Smith agreed that these alterations to the slip would solve the problems they had been experiencing – would the bank of shillet be re-instated after the works? HM replied that it would, but as before, it would probably take some time to harden up into a usable surface. E A Grey had sent an email just before the meeting with a quote for the job. BF/MM both stated that they and the Commissioners considered any alterations to be final and there should be no come backs once the work has been carried out. The alterations were proposed by MM and seconded by SS and carried. HM to contact E A Grey to do the work as detailed in their quotation.

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Harbour Dry Down – Had gone ahead as planned and on inspection, all the walls, ladders and fittings had appeared OK apart from some very minor repairs to some of the ladders. Harbour staff had also coated the pontoon piles where corrosion was appearing. Gribble was already eating into the wood pile caps on the Shipwrights wall and may need replacing with plastic next time. HM was a little disappointed that despite communication with A&T and the EA neither came to do any maintenance work on the gate. PHC staff looked at the mud in the sump and the anodes and all seemed ok

at the moment.

Mannin – During dredging in the inner harbour, she had sat in soft mud and bent the Kort Nozzle again. HM was awaiting reports from the insurance assessors but had obtained quotes for the work from Penzance Dry Dock and Tom's yard at Polruan.

Slipway Wall – E A Grey had started the job of re-rendering a large patch of the wall where slabs of existing render had been falling out. They will dowel into the wall and build out larger holes with suitable material before fixing stainless mesh to render over.

RHIB – ready to be accepted but better weather was needed for the on site training.

Ferry – Work installing the new engines was complete, but harbour staff were now delayed by having to wait for the coolers and gearbox power take offs which had been ordered several months ago. Virtually impossible to get the bits from elsewhere, so resigned to having to wait – thought that the ferry should be finished and re-launched by the end of January.

Rock Quarry Car Park – had a late reply letter from Natural England with regard to the study results in the SSSI development area, so will circulate a copy of the letter to all Commissioners so that the matter could be discussed at the next meeting.

Fishing – HM had received a letter of complaint from a fisherman who had been fishing off the North Quay and had his lines run over by the ferry. HM had asked the crew about the incident, but as it had happened in darkness they had not seen anything or even realised that they had run over any lines. HM did not want to stop angling from the piers but stated that this incident highlighted potential problems with passing vessels (particularly those carrying passengers) where hooks get carried towards the occupants or where boats suffer damage to stern gear by mono line wound into the units. HM asked the Commissioners if they thought there should be any type of permit system – this would obviously not work with the many 'crabbers', but would at least allow the harbour to make sure that people angling off piers had some basic guidelines and realised that they must pull their lines in to allow boats to pass. MM suggested that someone from the local angling club should come along to the next meeting, where the issues could be discussed. HM to arrange.

Rock Moorings – Two outside trots had been re-laid and the next suitable low water for marking out is in mid January. Shortly after this, staff will lay the next two trots. It had proved to be a little costly with new sinker chain, riser chain, concrete and new buoys, but it had improved the moorings and their spacing.

New Slipway at Rock - tenders had been received by John Grimes Partnership (PHC's consulting engineers) who recommended Celtic Construction, who they had worked with before. An MMO licence had been received and the work could start on 3rd January 2012. HM passed around the tenders from Carnon Contracting, EA Grey and Celtic Construction for the Commissioners to read. SS asked if this company had a web site so PHC could look at other jobs they had done, but BF said that if there were problems, it should be for John Grimes partnership to deal with. HM stated that the works would be carried out under a generally accepted contract – "Institute of Civil Engineers Minor Works", this should afford both sides sufficient protection. MM proposed accepting the tender from Celtic Construction and WC seconded (HM declared an interest) – passed by all.

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Items for Discussion

None at this meeting

Date of Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.15 hours.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th January 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Padstow Harbour Office.