

**MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 01/17**

**HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE**

**ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Mr D Martin, Mr C Toogood, Mr G Saunders, Capt R Atkinson, Mr S Summers, Mr W Jago, Mr B Murt, Mr W Chown, Mr M England

**Apologies:** Mr M Stacey

**In Attendance:** Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator) Mrs P Hicks (secretary), Mr D Lockwood, Mr P O'Neill, Mr M Smith (PHC Staff)

**To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present:** None at this meeting

**Invoices and Payments for the period ending 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017** From 13th December 2016 to 11th January 2017 invoices totaling £199,828.63 had been paid.

WC asked about the engine parts from Kelvin Diesels, HM said that when the Mannin was in Teignmouth she had problems with a cylinder head. A spare had been obtained from TMS and these parts were to recondition Mannin's original so it could be held as a spare.

DM enquired about the amount to Cornwall Environment Consultant - HM said that report was part of the planning application for the extension of the Rock Quarry Car Park.

DM asked if the amount to C Toms & Son Ltd was the final payment, HM confirmed that it was.

**Approval of Minutes 12/16** The minutes were approved by WJ and seconded by GS.

**Matters Arising from Meeting 12/16** Survey of Inner Harbour Walls by JGP - HM has not yet received a report but had spoken to them to advise that if urgent repairs were needed PHC should have their recommendations as soon as possible.

South Quay Toilets - HM had spoken to PHC's solicitors to try

and speed up the process of allowing Cornwall Council to surrender their lease.

Mr P Banks, Padstow CP School - HM had informed Mr Banks' that PHC were happy to continue to subsidise the sailing lessons as per the details of his letter.

RSWSC - HM had written to them to finalise PHC's agreement regarding the ex CEYS boats and their use for sailing lessons.

RQCP Stolen Car Park Machine - HM has instructed Metric to install the new machine in the car park at Rock.

## **Financial Briefing**

The Commissioners read the report by ND – these would be the last profit and loss figures for the financial year.

Harbour Dues - Higher than budgeted for December but overall for the 12 months the figures are down 2.75%.

Dredger Contracts - the adverse variance is due to the major overhaul during the Mannin's 5 yearly dry dock.

Harbour Maintenance - No significant expenditure this month.

Ferry - Income for December is slightly up, and overall for the 12 months ferry income is up by 3.4%.

Car parks - Income was up for December but overall for the 12 months, car park income is down approx 1%.

ND had listed the capital expenditure for 2016.

The bank balance was looking healthy and ND had noted the interest on the deposit account for the last year.

Aged debtors - the 90+ was looking very good.

WJ declared an interest in one of the accounts.

## **Correspondence**

Mr R Bird, Shipwrights - writes to the Commissioners to see if he can erect a gazebo on the Harbour. Some of the profits would be given to the RNLI (ME declared an interest). The Commissioners discussed this but said no to the idea - HM to write and inform him of the Commissioners decision.

Mr D Walford, Perfect Stays - writes to the Commissioners to see if they can sponsor the ferry tickets and advertise themselves on the tickets. CT asked about the cost of the ferry tickets, ND said that it is about 3K/year, after a short discussion it was decided to stay as is - HM to inform.

Ms H Madge - writes to the Commissioners regarding the Red Bull Storm Chase 2017. She writes to ask permission to use jet skis as safety craft for this event. This event is for wind surfers in force 8-10 storm conditions. HM said that they have said yes to jet skis for previous 'one off' events in the past, but with conditions. Unfortunately, certain individuals had not stuck to these conditions. The Commissioners discussed this with some agreeing with jet skis from Polzeath but not Daymer Bay (DM/WJ). CT said that it would be good publicity for the area; GS said that the weather conditions and the time of year there wouldn't be a lot of general public around. Decided that the Commissioners were happy for the event to go ahead but instructed HM to write to lay out conditions regarding where and when the jet skis could be operated if the event were to go ahead within harbour limits.

**Port Administrators**  
**Business**

RQCP Extension - The footpath diversion has been advertised, no objections as yet.

Justin Stevens, SPS - HM asked the Commissioners about the plans drawn up by Mr Stevens, the Commissioners discussed the plans and decided they would like to go ahead with plans as drawn with a few amendments

- The end access door on the extension should be changed for two access doors on either side.
- HM to ask the architects to build a small block built kiosk for the RNLI or similar (ME declared an interest) that faces the road.
- HM to ask if small toilet facility could be included within the main 'office' solace.

DM thought that planning wouldn't be needed but HM to write to the Cornwall Council stating that the Harbour Order allows us to develop the Harbour and see what reply we get from them. HM to arrange plans to enable cost quotes for discussion at another meeting when received.

Ringo - HM/ND have organised this 'pay by phone' service and the system will go live on 21.02.17.

Navigation Markers & Mooring Maintenance – harbour staff progressing well with this out of season activity.

RHIB Patrol - the job advertisement for a new seasonal River Patrol Officer will go in the Cornish Guardian next month.

Altron Tower - this is now installed in the Rock Quarry Car Park. Planned for AIS repeater aerial to be fitted by BT Marine and CCTV / Webcam by Tanist. This will let anyone with internet access see the conditions over the bar and allow harbour better

visibility of vessels approaching and navigating within the harbour.

## **PMSC**

HM made the Commissioners aware of mud rescues by the local coastguard/fire brigade over the Christmas period in mud off the Camel Trail and Wadebridge. Falmouth Coastguard has a team which can fly up but the time taken to scramble and arrive is lengthy and in HM's opinion, the local team should have some training and equipment for these kinds of incidents. HM said that there are boots called "Mudders" that spread weight and make it easier to walk on soft mud and he asked if PHC should invest in some of these – primarily for use when inspecting moorings but also to hold in reserve just in case there was a need for them in a mud rescue. Agreed by Commissioners.

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## **Items for Discussion**

BM - Dredging of the channel. BM said that the channel had moved and that there are now a lot of large stones and mud that needs to be removed to get the channel back by the side of the wall. He also thought that PHC's dredger should help keep the harbour clear. DM said that PHC pay to dredge/dump 10,000 tonnes and we should take advantage of this. HM said that PHC would lose dredge contracts if we focused 100% effort on Padstow – some regular customers had specific date requirements and although it was important to keep Padstow clear, the income from contracts offset the expenses of owning and running the dredger. DM said that the dredger was bought for Padstow to keep the harbour clear and once the 10,000 tonnes were completed then PHC could take up contracts elsewhere.

CT asked if PHC could satisfy both. DM said that we should aim to, but it always comes down to time and weather conditions. BM said that a lot of money is spent on the Mannin and its not doing its primary job in Padstow. GS asked about the cost of the contracts and the cost of crewing the Mannin - this was going to be discussed "in committee". A lengthy discussion ensued about the Mannin and how to maximise the use in Padstow and fulfil contracts, however the majority of Commissioners were adamant that requirements at Padstow should be fulfilled before other contracts were undertaken.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Padstow Harbour Office.

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