

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 01/20

HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE

ON THURSDAY 17th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM

Present: Mr J Hewitt, Chairman, Mr M England, Mr D Martin, Mr C Toogood, Mr W Delacour, Mr G Saunders, Mr P O'Neill, Mr I Kitto, Mr B Phillips, Harbour Master.

Apologies: Mr P Blewett

In Attendance: Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr D Lockwood.

To Take None at this meeting

**Information and
Comments from
Any Members of
the Public**

Present:

**Invoices and
Payments for the
Period Ending
10th January 2020** Invoices totalling £91,076.14 had been paid for the period 13th December 2019 to 10th January 2020.
The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

**Approval of
Minutes 12/19** The minutes for November were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting with just a change of initials on the first page – it was proposed by GS and seconded by CT.

**Matters Arising
from Meeting
12/19** **Christmas Festival** – BP had written to Mrs T Evans informing her of the Commissioners provisions to allow the Christmas Festival and also of the annual rent increase, in line with PHC's Schedule of Rates.

Iron Ore Steps – BP is awaiting EA response with regard to determining fund availability for repair of the steps. BP was hoping to conduct temporary repairs to allow use for the coming season. It was discussed that BP shall arrange further survey work by JGP to provide a better understanding of the underlying problem rather than conduct temporary repairs.

Inner Quay Piles – BP had met with Malcolm McCarthy who confirmed that the walls where the piles are situated are not listed, however BP is awaiting confirmation from Country Records. Once BP has all the information regarding PHC land he will produce a map to provide future awareness of land ownership throughout the estuary.

South Dock Compounds/Drying Grid/Petrol Pontoon – BP has been informed by the MMO to provide a business case for application of funding for a petrol pontoon. With regard to other grants, the MMO have suggested that funding is unavailable at this time due to transitional stipulations between EMFF and MFF funding processes. BP is appealing the decision due to PHC being regarded as a public body and not an unincorporated association.

Financial Briefing The Commissioners were presented with a current debtors and bank situation plus a Profit and Loss account for the month of December 2019.

Correspondence **Mr David Green, Padstow Sea Cadets** - writes to the Commissioners regarding their upcoming 60th anniversary of the Sea Cadets. They write to ask if PHC will help with funding and asks for sponsorship. £500 sponsorship was proposed by ME and seconded by CT – all in favour. 01/20/01

BP read outgoing correspondence to the Padstow Town Council which was considered important for inclusion in the minutes for necessary promulgation of information.

“Due to the constant and increasing comments and concerns of the local residents, general public and local business owners regarding the festival and PHC’s involvement with the leasing of the land enabling the festival to take place, it was decided that the festival may proceed this year with certain provisions.

One of the provisions and as discussed previously, the Commissioners feel that a meeting needs to take place involving the Padstow Christmas Festival committee, Nadellick Lowen committee, Padstow Christmas Lights committee, Padstow Town Council, Padstow Harbour Commissioners and local residents and business owners so that questions and unfortunate hearsay can be answered with an aim to provide better communication, consultation, transparency and the possibility of events working alongside each other and the town coming together rather than being divided during this time of year.

I am writing to ask if you could please bring this to the attention of the councillors to see if this is something which they would consider being involved in and to provide suggestions for a way in which a meeting could be conducted for appropriate questions to be answered, in a controlled environment, to alleviate the possibility of over spirited discussions?

I think it is important that we work together on this. We understand the huge financial benefit to the community that the festival brings and we also understand the importance of making it work for everyone.”

Port
Administrators
Business

Mannin – She will have hopefully completed most of her dredging quota which is more than in previous years. Dredging will continue before she departs for possible contracts in Plymouth, Teignmouth, Ramsgate and Whitstable.

Rock Activity Centre – Work had started on the re-cladding, and is progressing well. JH commented that it was looking really good, BP said the colour choice was definitely the preferred option.

JGP North Quay Report - James Blyth from JGP has provided BP with a section report of the North Quay Harbour Wall which highlights recommendations for works that need immediate attention. BP asked for permission to instruct JGP for the best way forward for repairs and maintenance. JGP will prepare all the particulars to put out to tender. DM suggested that with it being a listed wall it may incur complications. PO commented that listed walls should be provided with a list of appropriate materials for use. BP to proceed with instruction.

Car Park Machines – New machines have arrived and installation will take place imminently.

New Ferry – A meeting has been arranged to discuss the designs for a new ferry. BP asked what would be the preferred material for the ferry construction – aluminium or fibre glass. After discussion fibre glass was favoured. JH said that he would like to see the cost difference between the two materials.

South West Marine Plan – The MMO had started consultation on the SW Marine Plan with a closing date of 6th April 2020. BP had emailed the link to the Commissioners to provide questions and concerns should they have any.

Brea Spit Sand – Navigable deep-water channels and access to the port are still present but recent storms and high tides have evidently eroded the dunes at Brea Spit and depositing the sand further out into the estuary which could cause a hazard. BP had previously been approached with a proposal to dredge the area but he didn't see the need at the time, circumstances may now have changed. BP had a site meeting with the Duchy on 22nd January to confirm ownership of the dunes and to explain what was the navigable channel only a few months prior to the meeting. BP informed the hydrographic surveyors of the need to concentrate on this area as well as the dredged areas. Topic was discussed further in committee.

PMSC

PMSC monthly report – Commissioners read the report.

External Audit – BP has emailed a copy to the Commissioners to provide any questions for DP Pete Haddock to answer at the next meeting.

BT 1 Ferry – PHC staff noticed that BT 1 was lying low in the water. The ferry had taken on water up to the gear boxes and starter motors. Chapman & Hewitt pulled the ferry out of the water and the staff have stripped and repaired both engines.

Incident on Coastal Path – BP was not informed about an incident at Brea Hill over the Christmas period. He has been in contact with the Polzeath Coastguards to discuss improvements in communication when incidents occur within estuary.

Any Other Business

GS - He had a request from WBC to ask if the Commissioners would consider extending the pontoon at Wadebridge. DM said apart from mud silting up he didn't see it a problem. JH asked BP to enquire about costs to extend the pontoon.

CT/IK - Ice Plant – As previously discussed the ice plant is an expensive asset to operate and are there alternative options to provide this service for the future. JH said that a memo should be sent to invite the local fishermen to discuss this at the next fishermen's meeting to learn of their opinions and concerns.

BP – Shaun Alcock from the Padstow Rowing Club had approached BP to ask the Commissioners for their permission to hold a small event, date TBC, to raise money for Katy Crow in memory of Laura Smallwood. Commissioners all in favour, BP to inform him.

BP – Padstow RFC are playing a charitable rugby match at St Just on 23rd Feb 2020. BP had been approached by Sid Porter for a donation (BP declared an interest) towards the game, raising money for the Mermaid Centre at Truro and Bowel Cancer. A £250 donation was proposed by GS and seconded by IK, with one Commissioner abstaining, the remaining were favourable.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 19:00hrs in the Padstow Harbour Office.

All other business was taken 'In Committee'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00hrs.

