

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 01/21

HELD BY ZOOM MEETING, PADSTOW

ON THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr N Billing (Deputy Harbour Master)

To Take Information and Comments from None at this meeting under the present restrictions of the Covid 19 virus regarding social distancing.

Any Members of the Public Present:

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 14th January 2021 Invoices totalling £114,748.13 had been paid for the period 11th December 2020 to 14th January 2021.
The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

JH declared an interest

Approval of Minutes 12/20 The minutes for November were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by ME and seconded by PO.

Matters Arising from Meeting 12/20

Iron Ore Steps Repair – BP is awaiting further details from JGP.

Ferry Slipway Repair & North Wall repair – BP awaiting details from JGP.

South Dock Barrier System – BP is waiting to confirm installation date.

CCTV – BP is waiting to confirm installation date.

Drying Grid – BP has received communication from the MMO grants team regarding application submission for the renewal of the grid. The MMO have asked for a licence application to be submitted before the grant application can be processed any further. BP to submit licence application.

Petrol Pontoon – A&G have provided preliminary drawings for the petrol

tank installation. Detailed drawings will now be submitted to the petroleum officer. BP is hoping that once approved, works will be completed by end of March 2021. BP explained an over ground tank is proposed and will provide details of finalised drawings to the Commissioners for their comments.

Inner Quay Piles – The material has arrived and the works are estimated to commence towards the end of February.

Ice Plant – BP informed the Commissioners that a separate water metre had been installed to record the water usage for the Ice Plant only. RSW will arrange to visit site soon to discuss various options with regard to the future of the ice plant.

ATS Wadebridge – The works are complete and all plant and equipment has been removed from site.

Financial Briefing

The Commissioners were presented with a current debtors and bank situation plus a Profit and Loss account for the month of December 2020.

Correspondence

Mr A Cameron, Wavehunters - writes to the Commissioners with a business proposal to operate a third vessel from Padstow. The vessel would conduct sea safari 3hr/half day trips with an intention to also operate from Port Isaac as well private charters and light commercial works. BP asked the Commissioners their comments. IK declared an interest and left the room. The Commissioners discussed this at length and it was decided to grant permissions for a trial period of one season and on the basis of certain provisions.

It was proposed by PO and seconded by PB to the trial period, 5 in favour and 2 against, the remainder abstained. BP to inform Mr Cameron of the decision

Karen Meneer – writes to the Commissioners regarding the micro plastic and polystyrene debris depositing on the shore line and dunes at Cassock Hill. BP has forwarded KM concerns to the Duchy of Cornwall as they are the land owners – The Duchy explained they would normally organise a beach clean but due to current restrictions this is not possible. The Commissioners will provide assistance to the Duchy on this matter once restrictions are eased.

Nadelik Lowen – write to thank the Commissioners for their assistance with the erection of the Christmas Tree.

Port Administrators Business

Covid 19 – The PHC Ferry service has been suspended due to the current lockdown restrictions. Five PHC employees remain furloughed with the remaining staff undertaking necessary maintenance and repair work.

BT 1 – The vessel has been lifted out of the water and maintenance and repairs are in progress whilst awaiting for the MCA survey date to be confirmed.

Mannin – She is currently undertaking a lengthy campaign at Exmouth Marina and experiencing delays due to bad weather. BP is hoping to conduct some home dredging in Padstow before she dry docks for five year MCA inspection.

Wadebridge Pontoon – Work will begin on the installation Wednesday 27th January.

Landing Davits – The work on relocating the davits will commence once the work at Wadebridge is complete.

Elections - BP informed the Commissioners that the notice for elections has been submitted for advertisement to the Cornish Guardian with a closing date for nominations at noon on 12th February 2021. BP asked the Commissioners their thoughts with regard to postal voting due to the pandemic. The Commissioners agreed they would make a decision at the following meeting, after the next Government review of restrictions.

Commissioners Code of Conduct – BP had received a draft copy from the solicitors and once finalised he will provide a copy to the Commissioners for their comments.

PMSC

PMSC Monthly Report – BP had sent by email Pete Haddock’s (PHC DP) monthly risk assessment report for the Commissioners perusal.

Paddleboard Incident – BP attended the inquest on 7th January 2020. The Coroners verdict was accidental death by drowning. The Coroner asked the media, present at the inquest, to report on the discussions during the inquest regarding the manufacturers and distributors of paddleboards to provide safety information at point of sale. BP is in discussions with Chris Rea of Harlyn Surf School to work towards documentation of paddleboard safety information to share with our port users.

Any Other Business **PB/CT** – Asked if there was anything to report on a previous discussion regarding Beach Huts. BP explained he will resume instigating after Duchy lease negotiations.

IK – asked if PHC BML’s should be issued for a further year due to pandemic complications – BP explained this has already been passed and PHC licences for existing licence holders will be extended until March 31st 2022.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February 2021 at 19:00hrs in either the Long Room, Padstow or by Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.19hrs.