

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 01/22

HELD BY ZOOM MEETING

ON THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00pm

Present: Mr J Hewitt (Chairman), Mr M England, Vice Chairman, Mr D Martin, Mr W Delacour, Mr B Phillips, Harbour Master, Mr I Kitto, Mr P Blewett, Mr G Saunders

Apologies: Mr C Toogood, Mr P O'Neill

In Attendance: Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mr N Billing (Assistant Harbour Master)

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

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 14th January 2022 Invoices totalling £119,864.85 had been paid for the period 14th December 2021 to 14th January 2022.

The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

Approval of Minutes 12/21 The minutes for December were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by ME and seconded by WD.

Matters Arising from Meeting 12/21
Drying Grid – BP informed the Commissioners that there has been no further progress with regard to the MMO licence application. BP explained that PHC have been waiting 13 months for an answer rather than the 13 weeks as initially notified by the MMO licencing department. The local MMO team at Hayle have been very proactive with assisting in following up the licence application.

Petrol Pontoon – The petrol pontoon and white diesel tank are awaiting commissioning before signing off which will be arranged in the next few weeks.

Borrowing Powers – BP asked the Commissioners if they had any comments on the letter from PHC solicitors regarding the change of Borrowing Powers legislation. The solicitors informed PHC that the MMO have advised PHC to apply for unlimited borrowing powers rather than capped borrowing powers as initially applied for. The Commissioner were surprised by the advice as a justified decision had been made before making the application. WD proposed 01/22/01 that PHC should move forward with the advice of the MMO and PHC solicitors, seconded by DM – all in favour.

Ice Plant – BP has asked company Ziegra to provide a quote for a 3 ton ice plant, an inclined conveyor and 6 x 500 kilos storage bins so we are able to understand associated costs with renewing the existing plant. Consideration will also be needed for a building to contain the plant. The Commissioners discussed options with the sale of the existing ice plant and instructed BP to make further contact with Cornish Ice who wrote a letter of interest to purchase the machine in November 2021.

RQCP Toilets – BP is still awaiting further quotes.

Seaweed Farm – BP has communicated with Mr Henderson who is happy to provide the Commissioners a presentation on his proposal at a face to face meeting, or by zoom, whichever is preferred. The Commissioners would like to invite Mr Henderson to a face to face meeting when Covid mitigating restrictions allow.

Financial Briefing

The Commissioners were presented with a current debtors and bank situation plus a Profit and Loss account for the month of December 2021.

Correspondence

Mr D Ashford, Watersedge Flats - writes to the Commissioners regarding the possibility and/or suggestions for the installation of a defibrillator near the ferry slipway. BP commented that he had spoken with Mr Ashford and suggested White Shelter, Greens Café and Padstow Sealife Safari booking office as possible, suitable locations. Ian Kitto of PSS asked BP to provide Mr Ashford with his details as he would like to discuss situating a defibrillator on his building, but this would be dependent on the Town Council allowing the facility and the power supply the facility would require.

Mr A Cameron, Wavehunters – writes to the Commissioners regarding operations of the Water Taxi. Mr Cameron asked if the Water Taxi can start operating no later than 1845 hrs throughout the season. Mr Cameron also asks if the Water Taxi can be licensed for other operations outside of the Water Taxi operating hours, such as sightseeing and picnicking trips. The Commissioners considered the correspondence as two applications (IK declared an interest). The Water Taxi licence has always stated that the service must start when the PHC Ferry service finishes. The PHC Ferry service stops operating at 2000 hrs during the school summer holidays and has done so for many years. Mr Cameron has signed a licence and is aware of the terms and it was unanimously agreed that the Water Taxi service must continue to operate as it is determined in its lease, and only commence operations once the PHC Ferry service has finished. The request to operate in daytime hours for private hire was discussed. JH said that we should treat this application on merit like all other applications. The Commissioners agreed that the river towards Wadebridge is a very busy part of the estuary with the increase in traffic on the river and are reluctant to add to this with any H&S implications. Concerns of the vessels ability to go to sea were questioned as it had not previously been used for this purpose and were unaware of the coding requirements. The Commissioners were unfavourable to commit to a decision with the limited information they had received and whilst they seek further H&S advice, invite Mr Cameron to a face to face meeting to provide a presentation to better understand his application. BP instructed to write to AC and inform him of the Commissioners decision.

Port Administrators
Business

BT II – The new engines are confirmed for delivery w/c 7th February. A meeting with Simon Judge of the MCA has been arranged to discuss Ferry DSM's and the preliminary drawings for a new ferry.

Mannin – The vessel steering ram had been delivered and will be fitted immediately. Home dredging will commence in February and March. JH asked that the figures and notes on the dredger be provided when face to face meetings are permitted as it will be beneficial due to Zoom meetings creating frequent issues.

MAIB Report – BP asked the local fisherman that had attended the recent fishermen's meeting for any suggestions of a possible aid to navigation to mark the NE extremity of the Doom Bar. The attendees were unable to think of anything suitable that wouldn't cause a hazard to those entering or exiting the estuary. JH commented that once face to face meetings are permitted, a discussion around a chart will be beneficial.

Fisherman's Meeting – BP explained that there were limited attendees. BP asked the fishermen about the integrity of the stores, and would they like to consider new stores? Comments highlighted that the structure is sound so would be timely and costly to invest in a new building however, agreed that the doors, rails and cladding need attention. Comments regarding the parking in that area for fishermen suggested it wasn't a big problem as previously thought but perhaps a different layout might help.

Website – BP had met with Tanist and taken the team out on the Rhib to show them the estuary so they are aware of the area when building the website.

South Dock Paving – This has been arranged to start w/c 7th February.

PMSC

Incident – FV Harvester – At 0545 on 19th January BP received a call to inform him that the FV Harvester had grounded at St Saviours Point. BP contacted the Coastguard who informed him that the Lifeboat is not allowed to tow the vessel from the rocks. BP mustered the PHC crew who arrived and prepared BT I for mobilisation with the oil spill kit, but thankfully Amber Mabel was able to tow her from the rocks preventing what could have been a serious environmental incident. PB asked if the starboard hand mark at St Saviours needed moving. It was discussed that perhaps a second mark could be considered on the rocks further North than the existing mark. BP will get investigate and consult with other port users.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of additional buoyage towards Wadebridge and that perhaps the channel could be marked with more buoyage, now more vessels are frequenting the boatyard there. BP to investigate for future discussions.

Incident 8th January – On Saturday 8th Jan the Padstow and Rock lifeboats were launched to reports of windsurfers in distress at Hawkers Cove. A sail and harness were found and after a search the Coastguard were able to confirm

that all involved parties were safely ashore.

Incident 15th January – On Saturday 15th Jan BP was contacted by Rob Norfolk to inform him of the Coastguard giving medical assistance to a man after falling in the quay. It has since transpired that the man may have drunkenly jumped after an argument with his girlfriend in the pub and video footage suggests the same.

PMSC Monthly Report – BP explained the report provided by H&S representative Mr P Haddock.

Any Other Business None at this meeting

Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th February 2022 at 19.00hrs the location the Long Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40 hrs