

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 02/22

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOWN

ON THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 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 P O'Neill, Mr P Blewett, Mr G Saunders

Apologies: Mr C Toogood, Mr I Kitto

In Attendance: Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mr N Billing (Assistant Harbour Master), Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr J Conibear (Duchy of Cornwall), Mr W Owen (Wavehunters), Mr R Henderson (Seaweed Farm)

To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present: **Mr Will Owen, Wavehunters** - Mr Owen address the Commissioners on Andy Cameron's behalf. Mr Owen commented with regard to AC's previous letter, asking the Commissioners to amend the operating licence of the Water Taxi to allow additional operating methods when not operating in the capacity of the evening Water Taxi service. WO answered the Commissioners questions and explained the vessel would be used for private hire, picnic trips, ash scattering and will allow disabled access. Areas such as Polzeath and the Narrows were mentioned for operations and WO commented to say that persons will remain aboard the vessel during any trip, rather than being disembarked at various locations. WO commented that these operations will take place in daylight hours and will not affect the evening ferry service. WO explained that the vessel is being coded to CAT 3 which will allow operations to sea. BP commented that any extra costs associated with the coding should not be considered the fault of PHC as the vessel can be coded under the inland waterways coding with her existing operating area, which would require far less expenditure than the CAT 3 coding. JH commented that the Commissioners base every application on merit and the suggested operations will be referred to the designated person who is the H&S representative for PHC. A decision will be based on risk assessment, taking into account increased traffic, narrowing of channels, increases in waterborne activities and speeds of tide, to name a few. JH explained to WO that the proposal will be discussed later in committee and BP will be instructed to inform AC of the outcome.

Mr Ross Henderson, Seaweed Farm – RH passed around paperwork to the Commissioners containing information with regard to a previous proposal to situate a seaweed farm in the Port Quinn Bay area. RH explained that the proposal is at the consultation stage and although the proposal is outside of PHC jurisdiction, asks for the Commissioners support in the form of a letter, which will be included in a licence application to the MMO. RH explained the methods involved with the farming and that he has consulted with local

fishermen on the idea which could essentially see them realise an additional income when harvesting the seaweed. WO asks if the lines from the seeded strings will be a hazard to navigation. RH commented that Admiralty will ensure that the area is sufficiently buoyed with lit aids to navigation, providing clear marking of the farm. The farm should increase the wildlife in the area and can be included in any commercial tripping operation as an area of interest. The harvested product will initially be used for fertiliser and will eventually develop into other areas such as animal feed and plastic replacement. RH asks if the Commissioners could send a letter of support, proposed by DM and seconded by GS – all in favour.

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Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 10th February 2022

Invoices totalling £181,007.08 had been paid for the period 14th January to 10th February 2022.

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

Approval of Minutes 01/22

The minutes for November were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by ME and seconded by DM.

Matters Arising from Meeting 01/22

Drying Grid – BP informed the Commissioners that he had received a draft licence from the MMO but had only a short time to respond. BP has been accepted for grant funding to aid the project but will need to revisit the costings of the drying grid renewal due to the delay in receiving the licence.

Petrol Pontoon – The date for commissioning is being arranged before the start of the season.

Ice Plant – BP has been unable to make contact with Colin Stewart of Cornish Ice so unfortunately no further forward with sale of the ice plant.

RQCP Toilets – BP is awaiting several other quotes from companies for the improvements to the RQCP toilet facility. Commissioners to discuss quotes received in committee.

Seaweed Farm – Mr Henderson addressed the Commissioners earlier in the meeting.

Financial Briefing

The Commissioners were presented with a current debtors and bank situation plus a Profit and Loss account for the month of January 2022.

Correspondence

Mr A Cameron, Wavehunters – Mr Owen had presented the Commissioners with Mr Cameron's proposal.

Mr C Nicholls – writes to the Commissioners regarding erosion of the riverbank on the Camel Trail and the need for a repair. The land in question is at the Bodmin side of Polbrock bridge, outside of PHC's jurisdiction. BP explained to Mr Nicholls that they may need a licence for any work needed to be undertaken. JC said that Cornwall Council were the landowners, BP to pass this

on to Mr Nicholls.

**Port Administrators
Business**

BT II – New engines had been delayed until w/c 21st February. BP to ask the MCA for an extension for the operating licence for BT I in the event that the new engines aren't fitted in time for the operating licence expiration on BT I.

Mannin – Recent storms have delayed any home dredging but will commence as soon as the weather improves.

Website – BP said that development was in hand and asked the Commissioners about possibly rebranding the PHC logo. The Commissioners favoured keeping the existing logo.

South Dock Paving – Works are underway, but there will be a shortfall with the existing spare paving bricks due to a large number of damaged pavers being taken out. Bridge Civil Engineering have offered alternative options, quotes to be discussed in committee.

Rock Revetment Work – Work has been halted due to the delivery of undersized boulders. Larger boulders have been ordered and works will commence once they have been delivered.

New Ferry – BP explained that he had spoken with John Grimes Partnership about the possibility of extending the width of the existing ferry slipway or the installation of a link span pontoon. It was agreed that a condition survey of the slipway should be conducted to understand the integrity of the facility as it is now over 30 years old. BP commented that if new infrastructure is required, then a new ferry won't need to be designed around a slipway, so other, larger ferry designs could be considered which would be more beneficial to the ferry service. BP to arrange a site meeting with JGP to discuss options.

MAIB Report – BP had received correspondence from the MAIB with regard to their consideration for an AtN to mark the North East extremity of the Doom Bar, and they have requested a response by the 30th April 2022. JH said to bring admiralty charts to the next meeting as well as comments from various consultees, to discuss the best outcome with regard to the consideration.

PMSC

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

Any Other Business

ME – Thanked the Commissioners, as the plaque in remembrance of his father has now been erected on the Red Brick Building.

**Date of Next
Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March 2022 at 19.00hrs the location the Long Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.28 hrs

