

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 03/22

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOWN

ON THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 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 A Cameron & Mr W Owen (Wavehunters)

**To Take Information
and Comments from
Any Members of the
Public Present:**

Mr Andy Cameron, Wavehunters – (IK declared an interest) Mr Cameron addressed the Commissioners and apologised for not attending last month's meeting. AC asked the Commissioners if they had any questions on the proposal for the Water Taxi to be used for other licensable activities during daytime hours.

WD asked if the picnicking proposal would entail passengers disembarking the vessel at various locations on the estuary – AC replied that the passengers would remain aboard the vessel and the new coding will allow the Water Taxi to proceed out of the estuary in fair weather.

DM asked the intended area of operation – AC suggested the areas of Tregirls and Hayle Bay if the weather allowed it. DM was concerned of introducing another commercial vessel in an area which is used by the hi-speed tripping vessels, AC replied to say the Water Taxi is a slow vessel which would often be anchored in that area for passengers to enjoy the scenery.

GS commented that the vessel was purchased as an evening Water Taxi and would like to see that remain – AC replied to say that he is trying to make the business financially viable and would like to consider other avenues to allow this to happen and stated that the daytime excursions would not interfere with the evening Water Taxi service. PB commented to say that if it didn't interfere with any other operation, he didn't consider the proposal a problem. AC explained that the vessel wouldn't use the Rock pontoon or the PHC Ferry loading areas to operate.

JH explained that the Commissioners are consulting with their health and safety representative Peter Haddock on the proposal but due to personal reasons, he has been unable to work on a report so there will be a delay with the Commissioners decision. BP said that PH had started his report and would email this to the Commissioners when ready. JH said that BP would contact AC once the Commissioners had received and considered PH comments.

AC/WO left the meeting.

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 11th March 2022

Invoices totalling £146,671.74 had been paid for the period 11th February to 11th March 2022.
The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

Approval of Minutes 02/22

The minutes for November were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting with one correction that the proposed Seaweed Farm is in the area of Port Isaac and not Port Quinn Bay – it was proposed by ME and seconded by WD.

Matters Arising from Meeting 02/22

Drying Grid – BP met Mark Crumplin of John Grimes Partnership on Monday to discuss the design of the Drying Grid and previously received quotes to understand associated costs with the continuing increase in material prices. BP has notified the MMO that works will commence in November 2022. Even though PHC have MMO grant funding for reinstatement of the facility, the Commissioners aired their concerns on the rising costs of materials. PB asked why PHC had not considered building a concrete pad by the red brick building which may negate such high costs. BP understood this idea had previously been declined by the MMO.

Petrol Pontoon – The petrol and white diesel will be delivered on the 25th March ready for the commissioning of the new facility. WD asked who will be permitted to use the petrol service. BP commented that petrol dispensing will be for commercial operators only. The tank capacity and fuel delivery will not allow for every boat on the estuary to purchase petrol. GS commented to say that a minimum order should be considered so that recreational vessels may use the facility. PB suggested that PHC employees provide a fuel service for customers. BP explained that the original proposal had always been aimed at commercial users and no budget had been considered for a staff member to provide a service. It was agreed that a trial of the facility should be undertaken before any further decisions are made.

Ice Plant – BP is currently waiting for any correspondence with Colin Stewart of Cornish Ice in Newlyn. The Commissioners suggested advertising the ice plant for sale in a publication. BP explained that this isn't a typical item for sale and would need advice on where to advertise. JH commented that a similar item had been advertised in a fishing magazine. The Commissioners asked that Nick Billing find a suitable publication to advertise the plant for sale.

Seaweed Farm – BP had forwarded the template letter of support to Mr Henderson to provide to the MMO.

Wavehunters – AC had 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 March 2022.

Correspondence

Ms Sarah Schloemer – writes to the Commissioners regarding a giant inflatable lobster. The lobster is 12m in height and they would like to site it on the Sand Bar near the Lobster Hatchery for two hours on 22nd March to promote the National Lobster Hatchery. BP will obtain all relevant permissions and asked the

Commissioners if they had any objections. It was proposed to grant permissions for the erection of the inflatable Lobster.

Mr Kevin McManus, Alliance Parking – BP read a proposal from Mr McManus regarding installation of ANPR camera systems in the PHC car parks. The Commissioners discussed the various inclusions and it was decided that the Commissioners would like to maintain the car park systems already in place.

Mr M England – writes to the Commissioners thanking them for allowing the placement of the memorial plaque for his father.

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Mr Sam Martinhull, Trevone Bay Adventures – (IK declared an interest) writes with a proposal for operating kayaks commercially on the estuary. Mr Martinhull already operates from Trevone Bay but would like the Commissioners to consider allowing a licence for guided tours on the estuary when the sea conditions are unsuitable at Trevone. Mr Martinhull detailed the areas of operation and provided risk assessments, methods of operating and appropriate insurance details. BP explained that Mr Martinhull was on top of the waiting list and a licensee had recently relinquished their licence. As a licence had become available and Mr Martinhull had provided a comprehensive proposal, it was agreed in favour to grant a licence to operate commercially on the estuary. BP instructed to inform Mr Martinhull.

Port Administrators Business

BT I & BT II – BT II is now in operation and BP complimented PHC staff on all their efforts and hard work to ensure the sea trial deadline was met. BT I has been lifted out of the water onto the dock wall. Work to get her ready for Easter has started and an MCA Sea Trial has been arranged for 8th April.

Mannin – In Committee

Website – BP showed the Commissioners the latest update to the home page for the new website. BP explained that the website will emphasise on port safety with the usual inclusions of information etc.

South Dock Paving – BP thanked the Commissioners for their comments received via email on the progression of the South Dock paving. BP has instructed Bridge Civil Engineering to proceed with the installation of a concrete pad and the completion of the remainder of the paved area.

Rock Revetment Work – Works are complete to the South of the Revetment area. BP provided photos to the Commissioners of the work Vanstones have completed. All agreed they have conducted a very good job.

New Ferry – BP met with JGP to arrange a condition survey on the ferry slipway to determine the integrity of the facility. BP explained that a new ferry has been designed around the existing slipway and if it is deemed the slipway may not be suitable, other types of vessel may be considered as well as other infrastructure.

Environment Agency – BP has provided the Environment Agency information with regard to dredging, to assist with their review of the shoreline management plan. It is understood the SMP is under review due to reports of many areas of erosion around the South West coast, thought to be a product of the frequent inclement weather received on the coast.

Borrowing Powers – PHC’s solicitors Stephens Scown have forwarded the HRO amendment documents to the legal department of the MCA.

MAIB Report – BP has consulted with many stakeholders on the consideration offered from the MAIB to mark the NE extremity of the Doom Bar. BP asked to discuss in committee.

PMSC

PMSC Monthly Report – BP informed the Commissioners that the H&S representative Mr P Haddock had not been able to provide a monthly report for the meeting for various reasons but will make the document available to the Commissioners shortly.

Greenaway Buoy – The Port Hand marker at Greenaway was damaged beyond repair during storm Eustice. At present it has been replaced with a temporary Port Hand Buoy and a replacement aid to navigation has been ordered.

Any Other Business

WD – asked about the H&S report/risk assessment for the Water Taxi’s proposed additional operations – BP commented that no decisions would be made until the Commissioners have received the report from PH.

GS – asked about the signage at Rock Quarry Car Park and how do persons apply to erect one – BP explained that a clause in the PHC/Duchy lease does not permit signage, so all new applications are on hold at this time, until negotiations are finalised with the Duchy on all new lease arrangements.

PB – commented about the mooring rings on the quay and the problems he envisages when driving over them as some of the links have been concreted in vertically which may present a hazard – BP to action.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st April 2022 at 19.00hrs the location the Long Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.50 hrs