

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 04/19

HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE

ON THURSDAY 18th APRIL 2019 AT 7.00PM

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

Apologies: Mr C Toogood

In Attendance: Mr N Billing, Deputy Harbourmaster, Mrs N Dyer, Assistant Administrator, Mrs P Hicks, Secretary, Mr D Lockwood, Mr C Faragher & Mr H Jarvis, Cornish Kayaking, Mr M Spence, Bennett Jones, Messrs T & L Marshall,

Election of Chairman

Mr B Phillips (Harbour Master) opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chairman for 2019/20. Mr J Hewitt was proposed by Commissioner O'Neill and seconded by Commissioner Kitto. Commissioner Saunders proposed Mr M England. Due to the absence of a seconder it was carried forward that Commissioner Hewitt be elected as Chairman for the coming twelve months. Commissioner Hewitt confirmed his willingness to serve and thanked everyone for their support.

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Chairman JH proposed Mr M England for Deputy Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Kitto and carried that Commissioner England be elected as Deputy Chairman.

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JH welcomed the new Commissioner Mr P Blewett

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

Tim Marshall - TM addressed the meeting to discuss any concerns the Commissioners may have following their recent site visit to Old Town Cove. TM expressed some of his own concerns and explained in detail his original proposal. After an exchange of views JH moved the meeting on and explained the Commissioners would discuss this further, later in the meeting and would contact Mr Marshall with their queries.

Cornwall Kayaking – Col Faragher and Henry Jarvis attended the meeting to ask questions on the schedule of rates and the charges the HM had requested for their commercial operations on the estuary. CF suggested

that terminology of the Padstow Harbour Revision Orders and Byelaws didn't necessarily apply to them. HJ asked about the harbour boundaries and operations from Polzeath beach. JH stated that whilst PHC are reviewing their Byelaws and legislation, terminology will be changed accordingly to bring PHC terms up to date with current operations on the river. BP to write to Cornish Kayaking with clarification on schedule of rates and PHC's jurisdiction.

Max Spence, Bennett Jones – Addressed the Commissioners regarding the annual accounts, the auditors Phillips Frith are happy with the final draft. MS explained the accounts further and said that if the Commissioners had any questions to make them aware to ND who will pass them on and answers will be provided at the next meeting.

**Invoices and
Payments for the
Period Ending
12th April 2019**

Invoices totalling £177,455.68 had been paid for the period 14th March to 12th April 2019.

**Approval of
Minutes 03/19**

The Minutes for March were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by DM and Seconded by IK

**Matters Arising
from Meeting
03/19**

RBB Shop Lease - Millers Commercial have informed the successful applicant and a lease is being drawn up by PHC solicitors Stephens Scown.

RQCP Extension – The car park was completed and fully operational on 6th April 2019. Bridge construction performed an amazing job in which BP has only received positive comments. JH said that the feedback he'd received was also positive. PB mentioned a possible problem with the turning area, BP to investigate.

Rock Activity Centre – Works had been completed by Vanstones around the outside of the building which has also received compliments from the public. JH commented on the tidiness and improved safety through minimising any trip hazards which were evident before works. Communication between RSWSC and PHC needed to be improved for any future works as permission had not been asked to use their slipway. DM asked if there was any update on the sleeping policemen on the Rock road, BP replied that removal will need a road closure so these works will take place out of season and through the night. Cladding samples from Duraclad will be sent to Chris Matthews, Duchy of Cornwall, for approval before repairing the cladding to the activity centre.

Estuary Survey - BP had spoken to Shoreline surveys regarding the possibility of gaining an understanding of the effects of dredging, if any, on sand movement within the estuary. It is certainly possible with more

frequent surveys in particular areas.

BP had now heard from two other survey companies as well as a member of the EA who are able to assist in the surveys.

Further consultation with survey companies is needed before deciding which company will undertake surveys on the estuary.

BML's – All Boatman's licence holders have been notified that PHC will no longer issue Boatman's licenses from 1st April 2021. BP had received a positive response, however there have been two queries BP will discuss with PHC solicitors to provide answers.

Padstow Christmas Lights – This meeting had not been arranged yet.

Financial Briefing

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

Correspondence

Mr K Gibbs – writes to the Commissioners regarding an article in the "Cornwall Live" that salt was collected from the estuary Doom Bar to flavour a local gin. BP had also received an email, two days after receiving the letter, on the same subject. JH said that PHC should look into whether water can be taken from the estuary and should the EA and Duchy be informed.

Mr J McKensie – writes regarding the disabled parking spaces in the new RQCP and the lack of them. JH suggested that the Beachmaster check regularly through the day to see how many blue badge holders use these spaces.

Becky Richards, EA - writes to inform PHC that the Padstow Tidal Gate Refurbishment had been selected for an award.

Port Administrators Business

Mannin – The dredger had departed for works at Whitstable. She will then move on to Ramsgate and Teignmouth before returning mid May. Whilst in Padstow the Mannin required repairs to steering problems so the dredging at Padstow will commence on her return to port.

Black Tor I – The MCA survey had been successfully completed.

PMSC

Wavehunters – One of the operator's vessels had not undertaken a mid-term survey so was asked by BP to stop operations until an official survey had taken place. The vessel survey was successfully completed shortly after operations were stopped.

Mountain Warehouse - A fire at the rear of the property on 13th April ensued causing considerable damage to the property. Emergency services were quick on the scene to prevent the fire from spreading further. Ferry operations were moved to the harbour office slip way to ensure passengers stayed away from the scene.

Items for Discussion

None at this meeting

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Padstow Harbour Office.

All other business was taken 'In Committee'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25 hours.