

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 04/22

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOWN

ON THURSDAY 21st APRIL 2022 AT 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Mr P O'Neill

In Attendance: Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mr N Billing (Deputy Harbour Master), Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr L Wicks (Emma Kate), Mr A Cameron (Wavehunters)

Election of Chairman: The Harbour Master opened the meeting and welcomed back the returning Commissioners. BP asked for nominations for Chairman of the Commissioners for the following 12 months. Commissioner Hewitt was proposed by Commissioner Kitto and seconded by Commissioner Saunders, all Commissioners voted in favour. 04/22/01
Mr Hewitt took the Chair and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.
The Chairman now asked for nominations for Deputy Chairman, Commissioner England was proposed by Commissioner Hewitt and seconded by Commissioner Saunders, all voted in favour 04/22/02

To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present: **Mr Lee Wicks, Tripping boat Emma Kate** – Addressed the Commissioners with his concerns after an incident the previous weekend involving what he understood to be an unlicensed operator taking a commercial vessel to sea for company Wavehunters, with passengers. LW aired his concerns on the negative impact it could have on his business and all other commercial tripping businesses in the port of Padstow. LW asked the Commissioners what their next course of action will be in dealing with the incident. JH summarised the incident for the Commissioners as they had not yet been informed and explained to LW that it will be discussed later in Committee.

Mr Andy Cameron, Wavehunters - Mr Cameron addressed the Commissioners and commented that he agreed with LW concerns with unlicensed commercial operations and that he thought that his skipper was qualified as he had undertaken a PHC local knowledge endorsement. AC explained that he was unaware there were two different LKE's. BP informed the Commissioners that Will Owen, Wavehunters Marine Manager, had specifically requested a local knowledge assessment on the Water Taxi operation only, and that he would like to consider a LKE for his skipper, for operations to sea at a later date. BP explained that there aren't two different assessments, but each assessment will be relevant to the specific type of operation, as requested by WO. AC informed the Commissioners he was unaware of the request and that WO, his Marine

Manager had resigned from the company. AC commented that he would now be more involved with operations as this is evidentially an area which needs improving. JH explained that this matter would be discussed further “in committee”.

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 14th April 2022 Invoices totalling £398,448.98 had been paid for the period 12th March to 14th April 2022. The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

Approval of Minutes 03/22 The minutes for March were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by ME and seconded by WD.

Matters Arising from Meeting 03/22

Drying Grid – BP said that he was no further forward with progress on the Drying Grid. PB asked about the possibility of the installation of a concrete pad outside the RBB which would allow better working than the proposed drying grid renewal. NB explained that the idea had previously been investigated a but after initial investigations the project hadn’t progressed. BP to identify reasons why the project hadn’t progressed.

Petrol Pontoon – The petrol pontoon is now fully operational. Risk assessment and agreement with Cornwall Fire have determined that the facility will only be available for commercial use. BP explained that the small tank capacity will incur higher prices than the forecourt prices.

Ice Plant – Nick Billing to progress with advertising the Ice Plant for sale.

South Dock Mooring Rings – BP had received comment that the moorings rings were creating a hazard by the way they had been concreted into the repaving works at the South Dock. BP has instructed Bridge Civil Engineering to loosen the rings from the concrete so that vehicles are able to pass over the top of them if necessary.

Sam Martinhull – BP had written to Mr Martinhull informing of the Commissioners agreeance to issue a commercial licence for kayak operations on the estuary.

Alliance Parking – BP had received an email from Alliance Parking explaining the benefits of ANPR parking systems and how it would benefit the Commissioners – after a short discussion it was decided to maintain current systems but investigate other ideas for more efficient car parking.

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

Correspondence **Mr Adam Newton** - writes to the Commissioners regarding a Triathlon in Padstow. BP showed the Commissioners the intended routes for the swim, cycle and run, with particular concern of the swim route which suggested using the harbour and navigable channels. The Commissioners agreed that the route for the swim presented risk to port users and participants and instructed BP to

reply to AN to decline the request.

Mr Jon Pratten – writes regarding the rebuild of the Rock seawall on the foreshore of the beach and asks for Commissioners comments. BP instructed to enquire into the proposed dates of works and the intended area as this is not highlighted in the plan provided.

Mr Matt Sadie, Property Development, Hawkers Cove – writes to the Commissioners regarding the development of the Mariners Friends Project (Old Lifeboat House). BP instructed to enquire into the details for the change of use of the building and for the company to provide details on the proposed waste drainage.

Mr Ben Spicer, Cornish Rock Tors – (JH/CT declared an interest) writes to ask permission to store kayaks on the Dinghy Park. Discussion in committee.

Port Administrators Business

BT II & BT I – BP commented on how well PHC staff had once again worked to ensure BT I was ready in time for MCA inspection. BT I had passed her inspection and both ferries are now in service until the end of the season.

Mannin – A valuation of the vessel had been completed – discussion in committee

Website – BP informed the Commissioners that the website development had progressed with the drone footage of the estuary completed for the 360 tour section of the web page.

South Dock Paving – BP explained that works are intended for completion on 29th April.

New Ferry – BP is waiting for John Grimes Partnership to respond with an ATP for integrity testing on the ferry slipway. This will determine the need, if any, for investing in new infrastructure to allow a new, larger vessel to operate from the facility. Other options for facilitating a new ferry were discussed and BP instructed to investigate further.

MAIB Report – BP had sent the MAIB the Commissioners conclusions to their recommendations.

Padstow Christmas Festival – Tina Evans had contacted BP regarding the public meeting between festival organisers and Padstow stakeholders. IK/ME would like the meeting to go ahead and want to attend when a date is arranged. BP offered various dates and it was decided that a meeting would be beneficial sooner rather than later.

PMSC

PMSC Monthly Report – BP provided the Commissioners the monthly health and safety report for their comment.

Greenaway Buoy – BP has received the new Port Hand Buoy which will be put in place shortly. The AtN measures a metre taller than the previous buoy so will

provide a more visible entrance to the channel.

Shuttering Pile – BP showed the Commissioners pictures of an old shutter pile which had uncovered after dredging in the quay. Commercial divers were employed to cut the pile at seabed level so the tripping boat pontoon could be safely installed.

Trinity House – Trinity House visited and inspected the Aids to Navigation and BP has received confirmation that all PHC lights are in good working order.

Wavehunters – discussion in committee

Any Other Business

WD – asked about the pontoon at Wadebridge and wondered if reserving the pontoon was permissible by local boat clubs as had become evident. BP commented to say that this facility should be open for all to use and was unaware that the pontoon was being reserved. JH suggested appropriate signage be erected. BP said he would contact the local clubs to ask them to refrain from reserving the pontoon.

DM – asked if BP had received any response from Cornwall Council regarding the slipway at Wadebridge – BP replied to say he hadn't received any response.

IK – asked if the Mannin would be dredging around the “bull nose” as a sand/mud bar was forming. BP said that he was aware of this and once the repairs were completed the area will be dredged.

PB – asked for an update on Padstow Sea Sand purchase of the Tug vessel. NB confirmed that it has been delivered to their yard and everything is starting to progress.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 19.00hrs the location the Long Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.58 hrs