

# MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 05/21

## HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOW

ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 AT 7.00pm

**Present:** Mr J Hewitt, Chairman, Mr D Martin, Mr C Toogood, Mr W Delacour, Mr G Saunders, Mr I Kitto, Mr B Phillips, Harbour Master, Mr P O'Neill

**Apologies:** Mr P Blewett, Mr M England

**In Attendance:** Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr N Billings (Deputy Harbour Master)

### **Chairman**

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

**Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021** Invoices totalling £285.854.88 had been paid for the period 10<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

**Approval of Minutes 04/21** The minutes for March were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by WD and seconded by IK

**Matters Arising from Meeting 04/21** **Trebetherick Residents Association** – BP has provided Mr Hobson with details of the dredging companies as requested. BP to send link of the County Council Shoreline Management Plan to the Commissioners for their study. DM had provided BP various reports with sand related information to enhance the PHC investigations into sediment movement within the estuary.

**Survey Report** – Ecospan have provided the results of the multibeam survey with which a report will follow. They also provided a proposal for an additional single beam survey to determine the changes in depths from Cassock Hill through to Cant Hill since the previous report in 2020. Quote in Committee.

The Commissioners discussed whether a professional annual survey should be conducted. They also discussed the PHC aerial photography and the possibilities of the photos being overlaid to map the changes in the estuary since the photos began. BP to make the relevant enquiries.

**Iron Ore Steps Repair** – The in house repairs are ongoing.

**Drying Grid** – The EA have responded to the consultation but have asked that certain provisions are considered before agreeing to the application. BP met the EA on site to discuss the EA's proposed conditions which include appropriate methods of rebuilding the structure like for like. BP awaiting to hear from them but disagrees with this course of action as building the structure like for like does not take into account the use of the facility by all port users.

**Petrol Pontoon** – Bridge construction will have finished the works by end of next week, but unfortunately BP has had no further response from AG Fuels enquiries into supply of tank.

**Borrowing Powers** – Stephens and Scown sent over a draft application and supporting statement which BP has completed and returned with additional information, BP awaits their comments on completion of submission of application.

**CCTV** – All cameras have now been fitted and the installation of the server has begun. BT's service is now causing disruption to our webcams – BP is in contact with them to resolve this matter.

## **Financial Briefing**

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

## **Correspondence**

**Mr D England** – BP read out the letters from Mr England to the Commissioners regarding a licence for "Jaws", to operate it as a reserve speedboat in the instance when the other boats are not operating or the possibility of running slower trips to Wadebridge. The complications with offering a reserve licence were discussed and BP raised his concerns with Mr England's intentions to have the vessel coded as a CAT 4 vessel (all other similar speedboats are Cat 6) where the operating limits are 20 miles from a safe haven. JH commented that Wavehunters Water Taxi were not granted permission to operate trips to Wadebridge in a recent application so Mr England should be considered the same at this time. GS explained that proposals should be submitted to PHC before purchasing a commercial vessel to understand all risk assessments and health and safety issues which need to be considered when making a licencing decision. PO said that Cat 4 operations can take place outside of port limits but there wouldn't be many days that type of vessel would want to venture past the Doom Bar. BP commented that PHC will continue to review this annually as their duty under the Port Marine Safety Code. BP to contact Mr England informing him that a licence will be declined at this time. BP to invite Mr England to conduct a proposal to the Commissioners so they have a full understanding of how he intends to operate under each application.

**Mr M Hull** – writes to the Commissioners regarding sponsorship for the Atlantic Challenge 3000 mile rowing race. It was discussed that the Commissioners would prefer to support something in the local community.

**Purple Gecko Events** – writes to the Commissioners regarding a running event on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021 between Rock and Boscastle. They asked if they could utilise

the dinghy park for the early hours of the morning with all equipment moved by 07:00 hours. The Commissioners were in favour of supporting this, especially as it causes no disruption to the normal working day.

**Amber Edwards, Venturi Watersports** - writes to the Commissioners with a proposal for paddleboard yoga at Wadebridge –The Commissioners discussed this and asked BP to contact AE for more details with regard to the area of operation as her risk assessment suggests the activity may take place in the strongest tidal area. It was discussed to inform AE she will be added to the paddle sports waiting list. BP to update list and enquire with existing licence holders of their current status.

**Mr N Walker, Cayton-Walker Security** – writes to the Commissioners regarding seasonal security patrols at Rock for 2021. (JH/CT declared an interest) The dates proposed were 9<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and similar to last year with patrols from 22.00 to 03.00. The Commissioners discussed the success of the previous season's patrols and with Covid restrictions providing more outside activity, thought it would be beneficial once again this season.

It was proposed by GS for the above dates at Rock, with signs alerting people of the security patrols – seconded by WD – all in favour.

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### **Port Administrators** **Business**

**Covid 19** – BP said that the town was definitely getting busier with less worry from the general public of the Covid restrictions. BP had received an HSE Covid inspection with which they were happy with PHC Covid mitigation and operating procedures.

**Commissioners Code of Conduct** – BP explained now that all the Commissioners have their new completed code of conduct it will need to be adopted at this meeting. It was proposed by IK and seconded by GS – all in favour.

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**Mowgli** – BP informed the Commissioners that he had overspent on budget, set at the last meeting, by a few pounds and that he had invested in an Italian, Marine Hiab. The additional costs were used to purchase a heavily discounted winch attachment and transport costs which were shared with the vendor. Expected delivery next week.

**BT I and BT II** – After further surveys both vessels failed their light ship tests. The tests determined that both vessels need additional buoyancy. The MCA have granted a temporary licence to carry 40 passengers aboard either vessel until the works are complete. BT II work and calculations have been passed to the MCA for their approval. BT I will undergo the same works with the hope we will have two ferries operational before the main season.

**Mannin** – The MCA inspection on Tuesday deemed further work on the Mannin was necessary which will delay her departure for Teignmouth. With regard to previous discussions regarding bow thruster installation, BP will wait until he has received all costs for recent works to the Mannin before bringing to the Commissioners for their consideration.

**South Dock Barrier** – Silifants insurance company have paid for the repairs to

the damages of the new South Dock Barrier.

**Employment** – BP has placed an advertisement for the position of Seasonal Ferry Assistant in the Cornish Guardian in the hope that we may receive a few applications. As previously mentioned BP intends to employ 3 x seasonal part time persons to allow both ferries to be operated throughout the busy season.

## **PMSC**

**PMSC Monthly Report** – The Commissioners were provided Peter Haddock’s monthly health and safety report. The suggestion of railings at the area around the Activity Centre will be discussed on site with CT and JH with the intention to conduct works at the end of the season.

**Stuck in the mud** – BP has yet to make enquiries into mud rescue training but has provided a pair of “Mudders” mud boots at the Beachmasters shed in the dinghy park.

**Kite Surfer** – On 3rd May 2021 a kite surfer became entangled in the mast of a shrimper in the Rock moorings. The RHIB Patrol Officer pulled the casualty out of the water and gathered his equipment before informing him that he shouldn’t be in the moorings and provided him all relevant safety advice.

**Any Other Business** **GS** – He had been approached by members of the Wadebridge Boat Club to ask if port and starboard lights could be installed on piles at Wagebridge close to the by-pass bridge to provide safer passage at night. BP to make enquiries with Trinity House for permissions.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 19.00hrs at the Long Room in Padstow

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05hrs

