

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 06/19

HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE

ON THURSDAY 20th JUNE 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 P O'Neill, Mr P Blewett, Mr C Toogood, Mr B Phillips, Harbour Master.

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mr N Billing, Deputy Harbourmaster, Mrs N Dyer, Assistant Administrator, Mrs P Hicks, Secretary, Mr B Spicer, Cornish Rock Tors Ltd

To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Ben Spicer from Cornish Rock Tors addressed the Commissioners regarding the possibility of operating his Kayak business in the river during bad weather. JH said that they would contact Mr Spicer after they have discussed the proposal further.

Present:

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 14th June 2019 Invoices totalling £203,780.59 had been paid for the period 16th May to 14th June 2019.

The Commissioners read through the list of payments ND had produced. JH declared an interest.

Approval of Minutes 05/19 PO informed the Commissioners that his name was missing from the previous minutes, with this correction the minutes for May were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by GS and seconded by CT.

Matters Arising from Meeting 05/19 RBB Shop Lease – The lease had been completed and Pink Lemons had commenced trading.

RQCP Signs – BP had written to Chris Matthews of the Duchy of Cornwall asking for permission to allow advertising signs in the RQCP. Terms and fees will be agreed on a flexible agreement.

Kitesurfing/Hydrofoils – BP to monitor the activity with the inclusion of hydrofoil windsurfing which is also present in the estuary.

Iron Ore Steps – BP is arranging a meeting with the EA regarding the Iron Ore Steps and the possibility of funding for future proofing. The EA may also assist with hydrographic surveys to help towards understanding sediment distribution in the estuary.

Financial Briefing The Commissioners were presented with a current debtors and bank situation plus a Profit and Loss account for the month of May 2019. JH asked ND if a comparison with the previous year's bank balances could be included in future figures.

Correspondence Mr R West, RSWSC – writes to the Commissioners regarding the re-surfacing of the Rock Sailing and Water Ski Club Slipway and the possibility of a contribution from the Commissioners towards the cost of the work. Discussion taken into committee.

Sarah Cross – writes to the Commissioners to inform them of a memorial Tennis match in memory of Rob Atkinson, and asked if PHC would like to donate to the British Heart Foundation. Discussion taken into committee.

Cayton Walker Security – write regarding the Rock security requirements for 2019. It was agreed for night time security to start in July. BP to confirm dates.

Coyote Clothing – write to the Commissioners regarding Pink Lemons and their concerns with the business selling similar products to theirs. BP to discuss the terms of the agreed lease with Pink Lemons owners.

Port Administrators Business Mannin – The MCA/Survitec survey had been completed with minor issues. Dredging in Padstow will commence on Monday 24th June with an aim for the full licence to be dredged before expiration date.

Grid/Compound – JGP are processing the tender offers to include in grant applications. Works on the compound would need to be completed by the end of the season and Grid works will start later in the year after the busy season has passed.

Port Hand Buoy – BP has identified the need for a port hand marker buoy to highlight the hazard of the spit of sand which has formed off Daymer Bay. Trinity House have accepted the proposal and given permission for PHC to install the new Daymer buoy.

Paving Blocks – BP said that there were a number of paving blocks stored round the diesel tank which he would like to sell which would also aid his harbour clean up. BP to check regulations on hygiene for fish landing and recommended surfaces for possible re-surfacing of the South Dock Wall.

MCZ's – On the 31st May 2019 a large area of the River Camel was designated a Marine Conservation Zone. BP understood an objection for the site was tasked by the Commissioners but due to the timing of the consultation, the objection was never submitted because of his predecessors sudden passing. BP has been in contact with Natural England with regard to appealing this decision on grounds of compassion and failure of them to consult with the local harbour authority in which the MCZ is situated. BP is still waiting for a response from them.

PMSC

Grounded Vessel – Yacht Nimoway had encountered engine problems and drifted on to the rocks at St Saviours Point. Rock lifeboat towed her off the rocks and placed her on the RNLI mooring. The RHIB patrol then towed her back into the inner quay. The vessel is still laid up waiting engine repairs.

MFV Asteria – fishing vessel Asteria had sustained damage after allision with sailing vessel Matthew when departing for sea.

Items for Discussion

None at this meeting

Any Other Business

DM and IK to be taken in committee

PO – Can there be signs of “No Fishing” on both sides of the railings at Langford steps. BP to action.

WD – Wadebridge Slipway needed cleaning as it was a health and safety problem. BP stated this is on the maintenance list.

BP – “Items for Discussion” should this be removed from the agenda now that “Any Other Business” had been added? Section to be removed.

BP – Sea Cadets –The Sea Cadets contacted BP with regard to their lack of moorings. BP would like to promote as much water activity for youngsters and help where possible, with this in mind he would like PHC to donate two moorings to the Sea Cadets. Agreed and BP to action.

BP – Byelaws – BP passed around a copy of the byelaws to the Commissioners with a summary of the stages of progression. Commissioners to study byelaws and note any changes, inclusions and/or amendments to be discussed at a separate meeting to the monthly commissioners meeting on Thursday 10th October 2019.

IK – Was unsure if the air draught underneath the bypass bridge at Wadebridge is on the charts – It is at 13.6 metre clearance.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th July 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 21.47 hours.