

## MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 07/20

### HELD BY ZOOM VIDEO LINK CONFERENCE CALL

ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.00PM

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

**Apologies:** Mr C Toogood, Mr P O'Neill

**In Attendance:** Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr N Billing (Deputy Harbour Master), Max Spence (Bennett Jones Accountants), Chris Prynn and one other (Padstow Seasand)

**To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present:** Chris Prynn and Max Spence had joined the meeting via Zoom link  
**Chris Prynn** presented to the Commissioners a proposal to change his method of extracting sand from the estuary. CP proposes to use a floating spud pontoon and excavator to load 3 x 80T hopper barges, positioned using a small tugboat. CP explained that the method of work is suitable for small harbours, is compliant with PHC and MMO legislation and can be directed to concentrate on specific areas more frequently than his current operation. Being an existing operator and with a wealth of knowledge in the industry, CP hoped the Commissioners would vote favourably on his proposal.

JH asked PB if he should declare an interest PB, declared he did not have an interest to declare. The Commissioners discussed further with Mr Prynn and the matter was taken into committee.

**Max Spence, Bennett Jones Accountants** - MS addressed the Commissioners regarding the annual accounts. PHC auditors Phillips Frith are satisfied with the final draft. MS explained the accounts further and asked the Commissioners to forward any questions to ND who will provide answers at the next meeting.

**Invoices and Payments for the** Invoices totalling £40,995.20 had been paid for the period 13 June to

**Period Ending 10<sup>th</sup> July** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**2020**

JH declared an interest

The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

**Approval of Minutes**

DM asked for a change in the “in committee” section of the minutes.

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With these changes the minutes for June 2020 were Pro ME Sec GS

**Matters Arising  
from Meeting**

**South Dock Compounds** – BP is currently waiting for confirmation of start date, largely due to Covid-19 delays.

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**Cayton-Walker Security** – BP has asked for security patrols at Rock to commence one week earlier than discussed at the previous meeting due to reports of an increase in anti-social behaviour. BP had also enquired about the possibility of security at Padstow, should we need it, as outdoor drinking/dining is encouraged during the easing of Covid restrictions.

**Giles Clarke** – BP has written to GC with a quote in regards to his proposal for use of PHC land to assist his business during the Covid crisis and is awaiting a reply as to whether he would like to proceed.

**Pink Lemons** – In committee.

**Mrs T Evans** – BP has written to TE regarding the provisional dates of the 2021 Christmas Festival. BP will arrange a meeting between all relevant parties to discuss queries and concerns of local persons and businesses as previously agreed in the terms of acceptance of the 2020 Christmas Festival.

**Ecospan** – BP has provided Ecospan with questions and queries of the Commissioners to enter into the 3D modelling for further answers to the survey report. When Government guidance allows, Ecospan will present their finalised document to the Commissioners at a monthly PHC public meeting.

**Insurance** – PHC’s insurers have been notified and additional harbour wall insurance has been added to the PHC insurance premium.

**Financial Briefing**

Commissioners read the report prepared by ND.

ND ran the Commissioners through the monthly cash flow forecast.

**Correspondence**

**Mr P Tamblin** – writes to the Commissioners regarding the Padstow to Rock Swim 2021 and asks for permission to hold the annual event on the date of the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021. After a short discussion JH asked BP for

this thoughts – BP explained that although a busy time of year, due to the success and safety provisions of all previous swims and the time to organise extra assistance and promulgate relevant safety information, he would be favourable of the event taking place on this date. It was proposed by IK and seconded by GS - all in favour, for the approval of the MacMilliam Swim on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

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**Mr J Carhart** – writes to the Commissioners to thank PHC for assistance with harbour dues for commercial vessels during the Covid pandemic.

**Mrs & Mrs Darling-Woods** - “In Committee”

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

**Covid 19** – BP thanked the commissioners for their emails of support to enable the commercial passenger vessels to commence operations. PHC had received confirmation from our local MP that they have been sent official clarification from DfT to allow commercial passenger vessels to operate with the easing of restrictions, providing they have a risk assessment in place which allows operations in compliance with Government guidance and legislation. They are all now operational. PHC are starting to see an increase in our car park revenue. The ferry is starting to enjoy an income whilst carrying a maximum of 40 persons, albeit with some initial problems which have now been rectified.

**This Fishing Life** – Padstow Harbour will be aired on TV screens in the near future. The successful fishing programme concentrating on the Cornish fishermen have been filming several of the locals and should provide interesting viewing.

### **PMSC**

**Doombar Incident** – The MAIB have been sent all necessary information to assist them with their ongoing investigation.

**Soft Sand** – On Thursday 9th July BP received a report that a local vessel had assisted a lady out of the soft sand at Rock where she had gotten into difficulty. BP had not received any further correspondence on this but has spoken with PHC staff to ensure we continue to inform the public of the possible dangers.

**Paddle Boarder** – Leon Burt had informed BP of an incident on the estuary on 27th June. A lady had got into difficulty whilst paddle boarding and had become detached from her board due to no leash attachment. The female was dressed in normal clothing and was not wearing a lifejacket. She managed to reach shore before any rescuers arrived. An unfortunate event of naivety and a very lucky young lady.

**Paddle Boarders** – Leon Burt was contacted by a local tripping boat to

inform him some children had gotten into difficulty. The tripping boat stayed with the casualties until LB arrived and escorted them back to Tregirls beach where he advised the parents of the dangers.

**PMSC Monthly Report** – Peter Haddock, PHC Designated Person, has reviewed the Covid risk assessments and procedures PHC have put in place which are compliant with Government guidance and legislation.

**Any Other Business**

**GS** – Regarding the recent jet ski complaint in Wadebridge, should PHC erect relevant signage in the area including byelaws, launching fees and procedures etc? BP to contact relevant land owners for permissions.

**BP** – BP had attended a meeting with various agencies with regard to street trading and possible avenues to govern the activity and all parties were working on a way forward.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 19:00hrs probably by Zoom conference video link.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45 hrs

