

## **MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 08/20**

### **HELD IN THE “LONG ROOM”, PADSTOW**

### **ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 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 C Toogood, Mr P O’Neill, Mr Mr B Phillips, Harbour Master.

**Apologies:**

**In Attendance:** Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mrs P Hicks (Secretary),

**To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present:** None at this meeting as under the present restrictions of the Covid 19 virus regarding social distancing.

**Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020** Invoices totalling £107,055.54 had been paid for the period 11<sup>th</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

**Approval of Minutes 07/20** The minutes for July were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by WD and seconded by ME.

**Matters Arising from Meeting 07/20** **South Dock Compounds** – The Covid pandemic has caused further delay and increased the price of some materials ridiculously. Bridge Construction and JGP have worked to provide a suitable, within budget, solution. Work will commence on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**Ecospan** – BP had sent to all Commissioners the draft survey document. Matt Hutchings will return soon to provide the Commissioners with a detailed presentation of the survey findings. BP has spoken with MH and as the draft report states, more sand is entering the estuary than that which is being dredged so it is evident that there is a requirement to maintain dredging. It was also discussed that dredge returns could increase to attempt to control the rising sand banks. BP will arrange more frequent monitoring and surveying to concur with quantities and better understand sediment

distribution. A finalised document will be publicised and promulgated amongst stakeholders.

**Signage at Wadebridge** – BP will arrange suitable locations for appropriate signage at Wadebridge to include dues and byelaws ready for the 2021 season.

### **Financial Briefing**

Commissioners read the report prepared by ND.

ND ran the Commissioners through the monthly cash flow forecast.

### **Correspondence**

All correspondence to be read “In Committee”

### **Port Administrators Business**

**Covid 19** – The majority of staff members have returned from furlough. The car parks are generating cash flow as is the Ferry. The beachmasters at Rock are enjoying a busy season so considering the circumstances, the economy is booming, however, there is an air of uncertainty with what the future holds until a vaccine is produced.

BP explained he feels he made the correct decision by only operating one ferry. Maintaining a minimum crew to operate the vessel has created a bubble for the ferry staff. Work has begun on BT 1 for the erection of a foredeck cabin similar to BT 2. The intention isn't to operate 2 ferries at once but to enable a spare ferry should we break down at any time.

### **PMSC**

**Doombar Incident** – The MAIB investigation is ongoing and they are continuing to ask questions of the ports safety management system.

**Capsized Kayak** – On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July BP was contacted by the Coastguard with regard to a capsized Kayak at Little Petherick. The young lady was found sat on the town bar after capsizing due to a rib's wash whilst she was waist deep. The lifeboat brought her back to Padstow to meet the Coastguard and provided BP with an Incident report.

**Fall from Quay** – Alan Hoskin informed BP that Ethan Chown had fallen onto vessel Levon Mor from the South Dock wall at low tide. CCTV footage revealed that Ethan slipped whilst lowering rope onto the boat. Luckily Jason Nicholas cushioned the fall otherwise we could have had a serious incident. Both have provided Incident reports and Ethan has been asked to pay more attention when working on the open quay and will be discussed at the next fishermen's meeting.

**Capsized kayak** – Leon Burt responded to a call from a yacht moored in the pool who witnessed a Canadian Kayak overturn. Husband and wife were

unable to get back into the vessel so LB escorted them back to the harbour where we discussed local knowledge, informing persons of intentions and Incident reports.

**PMSC Monthly Report** – Pete Haddock has provided the Commissioners with his monthly report which BP had emailed to them.

**Any Other Business**

**PO** – Asked about PHC governance of the street traders – BP updated the Commissioners on the meetings with PTC, CC, Police and Scott Mann representative on proposals for a way forward to improve the situation.

**PO** – With the temporary Covid road management scheme pushing increased traffic through the car park, PO asked if signs could be erected instructing persons to refrain from waiting in the car park with the aim to ease congestion. BP to action.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 19:00hrs probably in the “Long Room”

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.01 hrs