

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 09/18

HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE

ON THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM

Present: Mr G Saunders, Mr A Hoskin, Mr N Billing (DHM), Mr M England, Mr C Toogood, Mr P O'Neill, Mr J Hewitt, Mr W Delacour, Mr D Martin.

Apologies: Mr M Stacey.

In Attendance: Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr D Lockwood, Mr B Phillips, Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator).

To Take None at this meeting.

Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public

Present:

Invoices and Payments for the period ending 13th September 2018

Payments since the previous meeting from 8th August to 13th September totalled £241,575.55. The Commissioners read through the list of payments prepared by Mrs N Dyer.

JH declared an interest in two invoices.

CT asked about the camera tower for the CCTV at Commissioners Quay in Wadebridge - NB stated that it was a 3m specialist tower to house the camera.

DM asked if the security at Rock had finished. NB replied that it had and this was the final invoice for this year. WD enquired what the security does at Rock. NB informed him of the current arrangements. JH stated that as the problems that used to be encountered at Rock are no longer present the security should be reviewed for the next season.

PO asked about the ferry flag – NB said that the new one was of heavy-duty material so should not need replacing so often.

Approval of Minutes 08/18

CT proposed that the minutes circulated were a true reflection of the meeting and JH seconded.

Matters Arising from Meeting 08/18

Cornish Kayaking – letter to be read later.

Menhenitt, Prior & Co – the electrical invoices breakdown as asked for from the previous Commissioners Meeting were passed around to the Commissioners.

Land Registry – NB reported to the Commissioners that this invoice was for three copies of a land search in Padstow.

The Wadebridge Pontoon – still waiting for the float.

Charity Cricket Match – the match organised by Peter Tamblin had raised about £1000 for the Fisherman’s Mission and seemed to have been a great success.

Teignmouth Marine Services – the work on the ferry slipway will start on Monday 24th September 2018.

Versadock – waiting for Jamie Lobb to complete the wedge-shaped piece to complete the pontoon.

CCTV Wadebridge - the 3m mast is on order and should arrive by the end of the month.

Padstow Tourist Information Centre – The manager had visited to see the progress of the new TIC building. The lease is now to be drawn up by Ralph & Co. ME asked about the door for the storage area, NB said that it would be fitted next week.

The Appleby – this vessel was now off the slipway and back alongside the wall. The repair work to her is making slow progress.

RQCP - in committee.

Financial Briefing

The Commissioners read the financial report from Mrs N Dyer.

Harbour Income - this is up for the month of August which is attributed to the increase in visiting yachts and Rock Holiday moorings.

Harbour Income (other) - this favourable variance is from the sale of the RHIB outboard engines and the scrap value for the disposal of the old crane from the Mannin.

Harbour Costs – the adverse variance is attributed to the works on the concrete pad on the south pier.

Ferry Income - this was down for August and year to date is marginally down.

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Car Park Income - this is up for August, and year to date income is down by 3%.

ND went through the capital expenditure list for 2018.

Correspondence

Mr C Matthews, Duchy of Cornwall – writes regarding the lease for the RQCP and consent for the extension.

Mr R Thompson – writes to the Commissioners asking to lease a piece of harbour land 12' x 6' to place a catering unit on as a food outlet. The Commissioners have permitted Snappy Crab and Kelly's Ice Cream to operate on a lease but do not wish to increase this number as this is PHC policy. The Commissioners agreed to refuse this proposal and to write to Mr Thompson to advise him of the Commissioners decision.

Janine Harvey writes to the Commissioners regarding soft sand at Daymer Bay as she and her friend sank into the sand whilst walking and struggled to get free from it and also that there were no signs warning of it. The Commissioners discussed the placement of signs to make visitors aware of this soft sand and stated that the signs should incorporate swimming advice regarding the navigable channel and strong currents. The Commissioners decided that signs at St. Saviour's Point, St. Georges Well, Rock and Daymer Bay car park would be appropriate if PHC can get permission from the land owners. AH stated that there was already a sign on the ferry warning passengers of soft sand.

Messrs Faragher & Jarvis - NB read the reply letter to Messrs Faragher and Jarvis following last month's decision at the Commissioners meeting not to allow the storing of kayaks and running a business from the dinghy park at Rock.

Port Administrators Business

Bryn Phillips thanked the Commissioners for appointing him as the new Harbour Master and that he was looking forward to the challenge.

Leon Burt – had been taken on in a full-time position with duties as seasonal RHIB driver in the summer and as a Harbour Assistant and crew on the Mannin in the winter.

John Watts – has taken aerial photos of the Camel Estuary at low water and asked if a donation of £150 could be made to the Cornwall Air ambulance which has already been sent.

Padstow Christmas Festival – this takes place from 6th to the 9th December this year and the organisers have asked if they can take over the car park from the 3rd to 12th of December. This was discussed and the Commissioners agreed to the festival organisers having the car park available to them from 00:01 on Monday 3rd December to 23:59 on Tuesday 11th December.

Rock Mooring and River Dues - 3% increase on both the moorings and river dues proposed by ME and seconded by JH all in favour except DM who abstained.

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Walcon – NB updated the Commissioners on the progress of the pontoon for the south dock as Walcon have not been very forthcoming with information but are aware that they have to have it installed by the end of November. DM asked if the Mannin could be of any help in the installation process but NB said that this would prove difficult as the Mannin had limited height under the boom head. AH asked if Walcon were organising all the work including installation to which NB replied that they were.

PMSC

9th September – ex FV Serenity was on passage from Stornaway to Ghana but wanted to come into Padstow to carry out some repairs. As she came up the estuary she ran hard aground at Daymer Bay on the ebb tide. As she floated on the flood tide there was a slight discharge of diesel overboard and as she approached Padstow she ran over some of the Pool moorings causing one vessel to become separated from its mooring but causing minimal damage. The vessel then proceeded to the mouth of the estuary where NB spoke to the captain about his intentions but decided to continue on his voyage to Africa. The MCA and EA were informed of the incident and the diesel that was discharged soon dissipated.

10th September – the dredger Sandsnipe lost her steering whilst dredging near the Pool moorings. She dropped anchor to try to slow her progress down as she was heading for the pool moorings but allided with the Black Tor I causing very slight damage to the bow door and breaking the Eastern leg of the mooring which has all now been repaired.

12th September – a Zap cat had capsized in the ski area near where Rock RNLi were on exercise so they had recovered the crew and put them on the pontoon. It was suspected that alcohol may have been a factor in this incident so BP had contacted CT to inspect the vessel for any signs of alcohol being present but none were found. BP contacted the driver by email regarding the PHC Byelaws who apologised saying their inappropriate behaviour on the estuary wouldn't happen again.

Also, on the same day the Sandsnipe had damaged the Middle Ground Buoy after taking evasive action when a dinghy stopped and dropped

anchor directly in front of them. This caused some minor damage to the buoy which was brought in for repair.

Items for Discussion

CT – Clean up around the Rock Activity Centre. JH said that the whole area around the Activity Centre was looking a bit shabby. CT said that he had put down astro turf but something more permanent needed to be done with the area to tidy it up. After a short discussion regarding the slipway and the area around the centre DM suggested that PHC get Vanstones to quote for the work. CT said that perhaps it could be carried out in two phases with the work around the centre, the slipway and up to the steps first and then the rest of the area at a later date.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th October 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Padstow Harbour Office.

The meeting voted to go In Committee. Proposed by DM and seconded by CT.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45 hours.