

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 09/21

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOW

ON THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00pm

Present: Mr J Hewitt (Chairman), Mr M England, Vice Chairman, Mr D Martin, Mr W Delacour, Mr B Phillips, Harbour Master, Mr P O'Neill, Mr C Toogood

Apologies: Mr I Kitto, Mr G Saunders

In Attendance: Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mr & Mrs D England (Jaws Speedboat)

To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present: Mr D England addressed the Commissioners with a proposal to operate the Jaws speedboat on a reserve licence so it may operate when one of the existing high-speed vessels isn't operating. The Commissioners questioned the logistics of the proposal and discussed any possible complications that may arise from a reserve licence. Mr England confirmed he is aware of the restrictions in place which allow only four licences for high speed trips within the estuary to be issued at any one time, and commented to say he had communicated with the existing licence holders who are happy to work with him. BP explained that current operators aren't allowed to operate without another high speed vessel present, due to health and safety reasons, so it would be important to understand the opinions of the other owners before making a decision. Mr England was asked if his vessel had passed certification and understanding that he does not yet hold an operator's licence, does the vessel have a skipper. DE commented that the vessel has a final survey the following week but does not yet have a skipper. JH summarised and suggested that BP should arrange a meeting with Mr England, the speedboat owners and himself to discuss the proposal and provide comment at the November meeting. DM suggested that the meeting should be held earlier in the event that Mr England could operate before the end of the season and if the other operators would be willing to discuss. BP to contact existing owners to arrange a meeting and provide the Commissioners their comments via email.

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 9th September 2021 Invoices totalling £170,490.94 had been paid for the period 13th August to 9th September 2021.
The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

Approval of Minutes 08/21 DM commented with regard to some typing errors for correction, and to add the wording "Reminds the Commissioners for future legal correspondence" in "AOB". With these amendments the minutes for August were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by PO and seconded by DM.

**Matters Arising
from Meeting
08/21**

Survey Report – BP had received the quotes from Matt Hutchings (MH) of Ecospan. He explained that the multi beam survey will provide results for the dredged and deeper channel readings and the single beam survey will provide readings for the shallower areas. A date in March 2022 was proposed to allow for differences of depths over a two year period. MH has studied the EA LIDAR survey which provide readings of areas where Ecospan are unable to reach on their vessel. MH has indicated he is able to provide a LIDAR survey report if BP is able to obtain reports after 2016. The Commissioners commented that the present investigations will serve as a foundation for all future works and provide definitive, detailed information to provide to our stakeholders. BP to obtain quote for LIDAR survey report and recent survey information.

Drying Grid – BP has contacted the MMO with regard to the delay in response to the licence application. There has been a significant delay in many applications due to staffing shortages through Covid. The application is currently receiving a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Petrol Pontoon – Unfortunately further delays have incurred but the installation works should commence on 27th of September.

Borrowing Powers – BP had made the necessary amendments to include the £50k temporary borrowing powers, and with no further comments BP has instructed solicitors to proceed with application.

Security – The security service at Rock has finished for 2021 albeit without any major concerns.

No Waiting Signage – BP looked at the option of stencilling in the wording on the Padstow Car Park surface but with the end of the season looming and the line markers already pencilled in to reline the car park, it made sense to wait for their arrival early next season.

Mr Cox Private Mooring – BP had replied to Mr Cox to explain PHC would need to conduct further investigations before proceeding with his proposal. BP had acquired a title plan of the property showing that the foreshore is not privately owned. The original licence document details a lat/long position different to where the mooring now lies. BP provided the Commissioners photos showing an existing ski buoy at Gentle Jane, the photo also shows Mr Cox’s mooring and the proposed location of the ski buoy. BP commented that the mooring lies quite far into the channel, and if a boat was situated on the mooring, then it would naturally act as a barrier and deter vessels from travelling inside it. If PHC were to consider the installation of a no-ski buoy it was suggested to position it in a location close to the existing mooring. BP to contact Mr Cox and notify of proposed ski buoy location and existing mooring re-location.

Financial Briefing

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

Correspondence

Peter Tamblin – writes with the proposed date of 26th June 2022 for the Padstow to Rock swim.

Mr Lewis Wheely Boat Trust – BP has already spoken with Mr Lewis and has asked for more information to be submitted before the Commissioners are able

to make a decision. BP thought it was a great concept but as with all proposals, PHC need to know and understand all workings of the operation before a decision is made.

Les Burt – Writes with his proposal to purchase the speedboat Sea Fury. BP to reply with the Commissioners consent, proposed by PO and seconded by PB – majority in favour. 09/21/01

Mr Buchanan Private Mooring – Writes with a request to transfer his mooring to Mr Somers who is joint owner of a boat that resides on the mooring. Mr Somers is on the PHC mooring waiting list and communications show that Mr Somers has previously declined a mooring due to his access to Mr Buchanan's mooring. JH asked of Mr Somers position on the waiting list. ND said that going forward PHC should have an up to date mooring policy in place before the next season. BP and ND instructed to provide a mooring policy proposal for the Commissioners to consider and before a decision can be provided to Mr Buchanan.

Port Administrators Business

BT I and BT II– Both ferries have been operating daily providing increased revenue, quicker turnover of car park spaces and improved service all round so BP proposes that this service should be maintained over the coming years.

Mannin – Works to complete the Mannin are almost complete so she is able to undertake some home dredging before heading to Whitstable, Teignmouth, and Exmouth. BP had received some frustrating news, that although previously discussed, Johnny Bennetts will not be returning to the Mannin for the coming works. BP is trying to find a suitable successor. PB asked who from the MCA was conducting the survey – BP replied that it would be Simon Judge

Ice Plant – BP has not yet found the time to visit other ports to research various ice plant options. With the possibility of the sale of the PHC Ice Plant, BP asked the Commissioners to consider how they wished to proceed with sale, dismantling and ice plant ideas for discussions at future meetings.

RQCP Leak – BP has been informed SWW are considering the leak allowance appeal and aim to reply soon with the outcome.

New Engines – (JH declared an interest) NB was tasked with obtaining various quotes for engines, to be discussed in Committee. There is a long lead time on both inboard and outboard engines so a decision tonight will be beneficial. BP has been informed that 3% price increase on marine engines will be in effect from 1st October 2021.

Private Mooring Licence – BP emailed the Commissioners the revised document. PHC solicitors commented that the original document exercises PHC's statutory powers however, section 4 has been amended to save any further concern from private mooring holders. JH asked if the Commissioners were happy with the revised document so that this can be mailed to the private mooring holders. It was proposed by ME and seconded by DM – all in favour. 09/21/02

PMSC

PMSC Monthly Report – BP explained the report provided by H&S representative Mr P Haddock.

Supreme - On 26th August 2021, BP received a call from the owner of vessel Supreme asking for an ambulance as a customer had collapsed on the deck of his boat whilst on a commercial fishing trip. The Coastguard attended and an ambulance arrived and took the casualty to hospital who made a full recovery shortly after.

Any Other Business CT – The walk through at the Activity Centre was becoming an issue with people starting to deposit waste. Various deterrent methods were discussed.

Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 19.00hrs at the Long Room in Padstow.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:55hrs

