

## **MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 06/16**

### **HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE**

**ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Mr D Martin, Mr M England, Mr W Chown, Mr M Stacey, Mr C Toogood, Mr S Summers.

**Apologies:** Mr G Saunders, Capt R Atkinson, Mr B Murt, Mr W Jago

**In Attendance:** Mr N Billing (Deputy Harbour Master- standing in for HM), Mrs P Hicks (secretary), Mr H Mattos (Explorer Marine), Mr D Lockwood, Mr P O'Neill, Mr A Hoskin (Commercial Speed Boat Operators)

**To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present:** Mr Hugh Mattos addressed the Commissioners and read the email he had sent to clear up the matter of the Shared Ownership Scheme.

The boat is shared by four people plus Explorer Marine; these customers are previous boat owners of an Explorer Marine craft. The insurers will only insure owners, so the owners are the four people plus Explorer Marine. The boat is only operated by persons that are qualified with RYA Level II or SBDA 2 and there is always a handover session every year which takes about 30 - 40 minutes on the water.

NB said that the Harbour Master wanted to know if this was a self-drive hire, but clearly this is not the case.

All the Commissioners were happy with Mr Mattos' explanation and were happy for him to continue.

**Invoices and Payments for the period ending 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016** From 13th May to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 invoices totaling £91,350.25 had been paid.

DM enquired about the amount to Viridor Waste Management, NB said that this amount was for just the month of May; DM restated that this skip is not for household rubbish and a lock may be needed for the skip, also another note to the fisherman reminding them of this. NB said that the camera is triggered by motion sensors and takes very clear pictures but it was very time consuming to go through all of the photos.

**Approval of Minutes**  
**05/16**

Minutes were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were approved by WC and seconded by ME.

**Matters Arising**  
**from Meeting**  
**05/16**

Mr T Heslop, MCA - in correspondence

Bradford's Quay - with regard to the sign to be placed on the new wall at Bradford's Quay, this has now be erected.

Mr J Noble - Obstruction to navigation by crab pots which were poorly marked or rigged. HM had attended a South West Ports (SWRPA) meeting and had raised this topic. SWRPA to write to MCA and IFCA on behalf of all members because this appeared to be a growing problem not just confined to Padstow.

RQCP Extension - HM had attended a meeting today with all the interested parties (PHC, Cornwall Council, JGP, Duchy of Cornwall and Countryside Access Team) at Rock to discuss the way forward with the public footpaths and CAT's objection to the planning application because of the same issue. The result of the meeting is that the objection will be withdrawn on the basis that the new pathway system will (if consulted on and approved) clear up the issues by harmonising all the permitted paths, walked paths, national trails and public rights of way into the same single path which would lead across the dinghy park.

**Financial Briefing**

Mrs N Dyer had prepared a financial report for the Commissioners.

DM summarised the report for the commissioners:

Harbour Income - This was higher than budgeted for May but overall to date income was 7% down.

Dredger Contracts - The Whistable contract had been invoiced but payment not received, and Ramsgate to be invoiced once the work was completed.

Ferry - Income below budget for the month of May

Car Park - Income slightly below budget for May but this could be attributed to the loss of 8 car park spaces following the re-lining.

DM commented that the bank balance was looking heathy.

**Correspondence**

Mr J Hinchliffe, Padstow Sea Cadets - writes regarding a donation towards help with the running costs of the Sea Cadets. It was proposed by SS and seconded by WC to give a donation as last year plus 10% increase - all in favour.

Mr A Heslop, MCA - with regards to local boatman's licences for SCV code vessels, the MCA has confirmed that PHC can continue issuing licenses to skippers of these vessels as a 'competent authority approved by the MCA' - this not limited to Padstow alone as per previous correspondence.

Mr H Mattos - already covered

Mr D Muir, Dept of Transport - writes regarding the harbour byelaws. The DOT position on new byelaw proposals is that consultation whether formal or informal is needed and any objections raised have to be looked into and reasoned with good explanations and backed with information. As far as possible all objections should be ironed out before the byelaws are set, but if complete agreement is not possible, then DFT will look at evidence in order to make a decision on the subject.

Mr D Flide - re berthing problems with tide / work commitments by local residents/boat users. NB read the email to the commissioners regarding the problems he is experiencing. If Mr Flide has been fishing and misses the lock gate he had berthed on the RBB Pontoon, this is ok but it is sometimes left longer than overnight, this pontoon is used by the RHIB Patrol, yachts waiting to come into the harbour and by holiday users who have booked a space. NB said that the problem was more consistency, as the berthing masters may say its ok for him to be there if the pontoon is not booked, but then the patrol officer may ask him to move.

NB said that the HM was thinking about a pontoon alongside the harbour office, for the Black Tor Ferry, and PHC work boats, ME thought that this would be a good idea. DM said that pontoons are quite costly and that he doesn't want the harbour covered in pontoons. NB said that he could also tie up alongside Mr M Biddle's boat on the South Dock, CT said that perhaps need to see who rafts up and monitor the usage to see if a pontoon is needed. NB said that in easterly winds it might have to be temporarily moved off the wall.

DM stated that no decisions to be made until the HM is at the next meeting, ME said that the staff were not being petty just needed more communication and consistency. DM asked if HM could reply to Mr Flide.

Mr J Prior - writes to thank the Commissioners for his retirement present and party.

Mr S Bassett - NB read the letter that the HM had sent to Mr Bassett about water skiing without a permit and qualification. CT confirmed that they had done the SBDA course.

## **Port Administrators Business**

Black Tor II - the ferry was now back in action and the bow door plastic bumper had been completed. Also the water pump had been changed under warranty. DM asked about the bow door on BTI regarding the plastic bumper - NB confirmed that it already had a bumper.

Mannin - she is still working in Ramsgate at the present. Tenders for the five yearly dry docking have been received and HM / DHM would review these and inform Commissioners of the preferred yard at the next meeting.

Crane Slab - This is still on hold. Mr J Nicholas has a boat that is being craned in, HM couldn't give a permit to crane - they must do it at their own risk. DM thought that the slab by the RBB was more important to go ahead with as the grid is unsafe.

New Store - The store is almost finished. Steps and railings are ongoing plus the "snag list". SS will visit the new store and give it a look over before completion.

### **PMSC**

A quick summary:

Three people had been cut off by the tide.

Two swimmers had been rescued.

Twelve cases of speeding.

Two people rescued from their overturned sailing dinghy.

CT/SS/MS thought that a chart of the incidents that take place might pin point an area or show the trouble spots. At the end of the season can look back on it and perhaps coloured coded for swimmers/speeding etc. Mr A Hoskin said that perhaps the state of the tide as well. NB said that the reports are dated and timed.

### **Items for Discussion**

SS - Wadebridge Fire station were doing an exercise on the 2nd July 2016 to demonstrate the new "mud mats". SS was wondering if PHC was interested in attending, the RHIB Patrol was going to attend; NB/DM said that if its low water PHC don't really want the RHIB out of action at Wadebridge at low tide.

NB said that Padstow Fire station has recently rescued a boy from the mud at the slate quarry down by the Camel Trail, WC said that there were reports that they were getting special shoes to walk across the mud. NB said that he would inform the HM and someone from PHC should attend.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Padstow Harbour Office.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.49 hours.