

# MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 08/16

## HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE

ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016 AT 7.00PM

**Present:** Mr D Martin, Mr M England, Mr W Chown, Mr C Toogood, Mr G Saunders, Capt R Atkinson, Mr S Summers

**Apologies:** Mr B Murt, Mr M Stacey, Mr W Jago

**In Attendance:** Mrs P Hicks (secretary), Mr A Hoskin

**To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present:** None at this meeting

**Invoices and Payments for the period ending 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

From 11th July to 12th August 2016 invoices totaling £120,172.40 had been paid.

CT asked about the amount to Mr Haddock – HM advised that he was the independent Health & Safety Representative for PHC and the ‘Designated Person’ required by the Port Marine Safety Code. He attends for a day every two weeks and reviews the safety management system, risk assessments and inspects all of PHC’s premises on a rolling schedule.

DM enquired if the payment to West Cornwall Construction was the final payment – HM confirmed that it was. DM also asked if HM was happy with the new extension and SS asked if the handrail problem had been resolved. HM replied that he was happy with the new store extension and all problems had been resolved, once the flooring was laid the upstairs was ready to move into.

**Approval of Minutes 07/16**

Before the minutes were approved CT requested a change to the section in the PMSC:

Fog in the Ski Area – CT just wanted to change this section so that it read “the Ski School had stopped operating in the fog and the RHIE Patrol Officer had reported that others were carrying on skiing in the bad weather conditions.

Also the meeting date at the end of the minutes was incorrect.

With these changes the minutes were approved by ME and seconded by GS.

It was at this point that the Commissioners also asked if the warnings for speeding in PMSC report could be broken down into the different speed limit areas – HM said if he could if that's what the Commissioners wanted.

**Matters Arising  
from Meeting  
07/16**

Mr I Kitto – HM had written to Mr Kitto with the conditions for operating a third RHIB as discussed at the last meeting.

New Store – The store is now ready just waiting for the floor coverings to be laid upstairs.

Water Ski Patrols – HM had spoken to Richard at RSWSC who said that he would look to step up the patrols.

Marker Buoys at Rock Foreshore – HM had thanked Mr J Hewitt for his idea but informed him that PHC did not think that this was an effective measure at this time.

**Financial Briefing**

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

Harbour Dues and mooring fees were higher than budgeted for July, however overall for the seven months to the end of July, income is down about 2.3%.

Harbour Maintenance – no exceptional expenditure in July.

Ferry - Income for July was up by 1.2%, the seven months income to the end of July was marginally up on last year.

Car parks - Income for July was down by 4.7%, overall for the seven months income is down by 2.2%, this is attributed to the loss of 8 parking spaces.

**Correspondence**

Mr T White (JGP) – writes regarding the planning decision for the RQCP - the deadline has been extended again! In reality PHC have little option but to allow Cornwall Council more time and HM questioned why they even bothered to request an extension as it seemed to be a foregone conclusion. Latest "deadline" promises a decision by the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016.

Mr A Allen – writes regarding the speed limits in the estuary, he lists his concerns and asks why the Camel is the only estuary with a 40 knot speed limit.

CT said that people don't seem to realise that PHC are looking to reduce the speed limit.

HM reiterated that PHC have to arrive at a proposal which will still need to go out for public consultation before we could ask for it to be approved.

Mr A Hoskin commented that the estuary needs to be made safer but sometimes people make comments based on what they see while they are only here for a short time on holiday. DM said that "stakeholders" are not just locals but everyone who uses the river for however short a period it might be and all will legally be allowed to have a say once the Commissioners decision goes forward to consultation.

The current status is that PHC need to finalise their proposal and send this to Nick Hall for drafting.

HM instructed to reply to Mr Allen advising that the matter was currently under discussion.

## **Port Administrators Business**

Camel Week – So far it's been going well, last day tomorrow. Not quite so many boats turned up this year and the weather hasn't been too favourable but the races had not obstructed the approaches to the harbour. HM would feed this back to the club and give particular thanks to the race officer for setting sensible courses in line with PHC's requirements. The RHIB Patrol Officer has worked closely with them which seems to have worked well.

Mr Ken Duxbury – HM informed the Commissioners that an ex Commissioner Mr Duxbury had passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Mr T Evans had informed HM and he would send an email with the details of the funeral and where to make a donation.

Mannin – Will be arriving back from Teignmouth this evening. Dry Dock has been confirmed for the third week in September.

Mowgli – She had been up at the boatyard to have the new winch and bow roller fitted.

Irons Brothers – The components for the short extension to the post and rail system at the base of the North pier had been ordered and are due soon. Work on this and renewing the rails round Langford's steps should start mid to late September'

## **PMSC**

A quick summary of RHIB patrol:

Four swimmers had been escorted back to shore from mid channel.

One dinghy with three children had been towed back in after being blown out towards the bar.

Thirty-two warned for speeding in the 8 knots area.

Five in the 5 knots area.  
None in the 40 knots area.

The RHIB had run some later patrols for a couple of nights due to the concerns over “drinking and boating”, happily this came to nothing. Also the RHIB officer had reported that ski patrols by RSWSC had been stepped up.

HM said that PHC/RHIB patrol is trying to work closely with Rock RNLI and inform them when the RHIB has gone to a “job”. HM said that communications between PHC and Falmouth Coastguards had improved and Falmouth Coastguards have asked if some of their watch officers can come up for a visit/tour.

DGW Sand had reported on an incident back in June. An employee had stepped out of the handler onto the dock and slipped causing him to fall into the water between the vessel ‘Sandsnipe’ and the quayside. He hit his head and back during the fall but luckily he was able to get himself out of the water with just minor injuries. HM had spoken to Julian Williams of DGW Sand about this incident and asked him to come up with some suggestions about how his company could address this problem and the risks posed to lone workers. HM had received a letter detailing the steps they have introduced and some proposals to look into:  
DGW will turn their machine around when ‘parking up’ so workers do not exit onto the quay edge.  
Lone workers to contact management when finished and clear of site.  
Crewsaver life jackets to be worn when working alone near water.

PHC requested to put additional flood lighting onto the quay edges and install a small rail system alongside the park space for the machine. The Commissioners questioned the position of the flood lights but HM said that they shouldn’t cause a problem as they would be situated so as not to ‘blind’ other mariners navigating in the area at night.  
Once a power supply is installed for the lighting, DGW will also look into provision of a lone worker alarm system.

**Items for Discussion**

None at this meeting

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Padstow Harbour Office.

The meeting went “In Committee”

