

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 08/17

HELD AT THE PADSTOW HARBOUR OFFICE

ON THURSDAY 17th AUGUST 2017 AT 7.00PM

Present: Mr D Martin, Mr G Saunders, Mr W Jago, Mr A Hoskin, Mr M Stacey, Capt R Atkinson, Mr C Toogood, Mr M England

Apologies: Mr B Murt, Mr S Summers

In Attendance: Mrs P Hicks (secretary), Mr D Lockwood, Mr P O'Neill, Mr M Fishlock

To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present: Before the meeting started ME thanked DM for taking the chair for the last two meetings.

WJ asked if a card of condolence could be sent to Commissioner Murt and family.

Mr Fishlock came to the meeting regarding his mooring at Rock; he passed around photos and copy letters to the Commissioners. Mr Fishlock asked the Commissioners if they would please move him back to a mooring nearer the position that he and his family had occupied for the last 40 years. He read out his concerns regarding his present mooring and the history with one of the Beach Masters at Rock, and comments made by the Beach Master. HM said that because the moorings had all been lifted and relaid with adequate swinging room, some of the more 'bunched up' areas had resulted in customers being moved. HM said that he had tried to keep everyone on moorings with similar water depths but unfortunately there had, inevitably, been some who had lost out slightly. HM assured Mr Fishlock that he had not been singled out and that a few others were also in his situation – however there physically wasn't enough room for more moorings in their old area. He also assured Mr Fishlock that either he or the deputy Harbourmaster allocated the seasonal moorings at Rock - the decision was not with the beachmaster, so there had been no 'victimisation' possible in this respect.

HM had previously suggested Mr Fishlock apply to go on the transfer list but this had not been done to date. It was suggested that as a gesture of goodwill, Mr Fishlock's name be added to the transfer list dated from the time when he was displaced from his old mooring – in this way, he should not have as long to wait before being offered a mooring with better access – although HM stressed that this may not be back near his original position....it was impossible to tell when one in this location might become vacant.

**Invoices and Payments
for the period ending
11th August 2017**

From 14th July 2017 to 11th August 2017 invoices to the amount of £102,770.30 had been paid.

The Commissioners read through the list of payments prepared by Mrs N Dyer.

WJ declared an interest.

DM asked about HMG Ltd and HM said that this was for the cleaning of both shower blocks on a daily basis, which seemed to be working out well.

**Approval of Minutes
07/17**

The minutes were approved by GS and seconded by MS with some minor amendments.

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**Matters Arising
from Meeting
07/17**

Mr R Wilson, NCI Stepper Point - Letter in correspondence regarding call sign

Mr N Ingram - HM had advised him of the Commissioners decision that they had given the ahead for him to operate commercial pleasure trips from the port. Mr Ingram will not start till the 2018 season and HM said he would write to him again regarding the licence and terms of conditions.

Fishermen's Shower/Toilet - This was almost ready and HM wanted confirmation from the Commissioners who they thought should be using this, CT said everyone but the yachtsmen.

HM said that the key fobs were too expensive to give out on a mass basis but they did allow you to see who had used the facilities if there were any problems.

ME said one per boat and they will be supplied with one but any replacements would have to be paid for. AH asked if the old keys can be cancelled, HM said that the locksmith is able to do

this.

Jubilee Queen Mooring - this has now been repositioned to its previous place, however HM voiced concerns over the limited amount of swinging room between Jubilee Queen and other large vessels which tended to use the lifeboat mooring.

Dredging - with regard to the spare bucket, this has been repaired with the spares held and we were now just awaiting the hard cutting edge to replace the teeth.

Landing Davits - ME said that the site meeting planned for this evening would need to be rearranged for a future meeting date.

Air Conditioning - HM had purchased a portable unit for the meeting room as it was not financially viable to reinstate the unit on the wall and it was very seldom used. Hopefully, if we expanded the harbour office in the future, A/C would be provided in a new facility.

Financial Briefing

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

Harbour Dues and Mooring Fees - these were down for the month of July but overall for the 7 months, income is up by 3%

Dredger Contracts - there were no dredger contracts for June

Harbour Maintenance - significant expenditure in July was for the supply/fit of an Oil Separator for the room cooling on the Ice Plant

Ferry Income - income was down for the month of July, but overall for the 7 months income is up by 3%

Ferry Costs - significant expenditure for July was for labour and transport costs associated with the replacement crane for the Mannin

Car Park - income was up for the month of June and for the 7 months to date income is up by 15.7%.

Correspondence

Mr A Allen - writes to the Commissioners with his concerns regarding the 40 knots speed limit; his daughter was learning to sail and most ports have an 8 knot speed limit. HM had replied to Mr Allen stating that the speed limits are currently under

discussion. AH said that Mr Allen had written last year on the same subject, CT/MS said that they have also spoken to Mr Allen.

**Port Administrators
Business**

Sewer Pipe Across South Dock - neither SWW nor Cornwall Council have claimed this pipe, so HM had written to SWW to receive an 'official' response before proceeding with its removal.

EA Works to Sheet Piling - The EA would like to undertake some painting to address the corrosion on the inner harbour's sheet piled walls – both inside and outside the harbour. This will mean scaffolding in the inner harbour and PHC keeping the inner harbour water level low while they shot blast and recoat the inside. The work is likely to be done in October for the inside before moving to the outside in November. Fishing vessels would either have to go aground or moor elsewhere while the works were going on. It was proposed by HM and seconded by DM for PHC to fully support the EA works going ahead - all in favour.

Pontoons, MMO Licence - This was still ongoing, and HM reminded commissioners that the grant funding was conditional on the licence being obtained. Also, Walcon had attended and would like a survey done of the levels of bedrock and mud in this area.

Camel Week - this has just finished and seems to have worked well this year with few, if any, complaints from mariners not involved in the racing. Mr Peter Stacey had been the race officer and HM felt he should be commended on how well he had run the racing throughout the week – he had listened to PHC's conditions over course setting and very much worked with us to ease things along. HM said he hoped that Mr Stacey would be back again next year.

PMSC

There had been a collision between a Crabber and a Catamaran racing in Camel week - there had been no injuries, just minor damage to one vessel. HM had looked into this incident and although he had made some general observations about the conduct of the vessels, he did not believe there was anything that could reasonably be done to prevent a recurrence of such an incident.

A lady had got stuck in the mud in front of the Padstow Sailing Club, HM had not been informed by the CG, but the local team

had used scaffold boards to effect a rescue. HM was asked if he had ordered the 'mudder boots' yet? No, but will do this before next meeting.

RHIB Patrol Report:

12 swimmers brought back to shore - all in the Gun Point to St Saviour's vicinity.

2 stand up paddle boarders picked up - they were being swept out to sea on inflatable boards.

8 persons picked up after being cut off by the tide - two separate occasions.

1 capsized sailing dinghy sorted out and towed in with broken rudder.

30 people warned on different levels regarding speeding - mostly through the Pool Moorings. This often happens once the RHIB is moored up so Leon is intending to do a few later patrols this week.

Items for Discussion

HM updated the Commissioners on the information signs they had requested, there were problems with getting good enough imagery for the map printing. CT said he used graphic designers in Wadebridge and suggested PHC try them – HM to action.

WJ had received a complaint from the public regarding rubbish - people bring down their household rubbish and place it by PHC waste bins. HM said he had recently tried to pursue just such a case but unless the 'offence' was caught on cctv it was difficult to act on. HM reminded commissioners that it was intended that part of the byelaw review was intended to tighten up on our powers to control "fly tipping".

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Padstow Harbour Office.

There being no further business, the meeting went "In Committee