

# **MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 09/23**

## **HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOW**

**ON THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.00pm**

**Present:** Mr J Hewitt (Chairman), Mr M England (Vice Chairman), Mr G Saunders, Mr W Delacour, Mr B Phillips (Harbour Master), Mr D Martin, Mr C Toogood

**Apologies:** Mr I Kitto, Mr P O'Neill, Mr P Blewett

**In Attendance:** Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator) Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr L Burt (Assistant to HM), Mr Andy Hurley and colleagues of Marine Zero.

### **Election of Chairman:**

**To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present:** Andy Hurley from Marine Zero introduced himself and his colleagues to the Commissioners and invited any questions the Commissioners may have regarding the possibility of an all-electric ferry. JH commented that the new ferry was in the early stages of design so the Commissioners haven't yet had the opportunity to discuss power and propulsion. Various questions were asked of the types of power available for propulsion, whether the national grid has the capability to cope with additional loads, mechanisms and practicalities of charging throughout the daytime operations and estimated number of cells required to power a larger vessel were amongst those asked. Marine Zero provided very informative answers and gave the Commissioners a lot to think about moving forward. JH thanked them for attending the meeting and giving their presentation, commenting that the Commissioners now had more knowledge regarding electric propulsion to aid a justifiable decision. They left the meeting.

**Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023** Invoices totalling £250,535.05 had been paid for the period 18<sup>th</sup> August to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. (JH declared an interest)

The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

**Approval of Minutes 08/23** The minutes for August were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by WD and seconded by GS.

**Matters Arising from Meeting 08/23** **Ice Plant** – BP informed the Commissioners that the interested party had retracted their interest due to large costs associated with a consultancy agency used for dismantling and relocation. BP will readvertise and notify previous interested parties. JH asked BP to check other companies' costs on

relocation.

**Harbour Office** – BP received an update from architect Matt Seaber that he will forward on the stage 3 report early next week, including cost estimates. BP will send this onto the Commissioners by email and perhaps arrange a special meeting in the hope for a speedier decision.

**Pelagic Design** – Proposed new design and costs for a ferry will be ready for the next meeting.

**Revision Order** – Ashfords had updated BP that the HRO had been accepted and validated by the MMO including PHC's Port Limits plans. BP will forward the submission documents onto the Commissioners. The next stage of the HRO will be consultation and any proposals and/changes can still be made at this point.

### **Financial Briefing**

The Commissioners were presented with a current debtors and bank situation plus a Profit and Loss account for the month of August 2023.

### **Correspondence**

**RSWSC** – Sent in a proposal detailing new floating pontoons to be installed at the sailing club. BP showed the proposed plan of the pontoons and asked for any comments. The Commissioners had no objections but suggested that the pontoons might need to be lit (BP to enquire) and signage should be erected about the soft sand in the area if the public will have to walk around the structure.

**Mr Peter Roseveare** – writes to the Commissioners about bird ringing on the River Camel. The Commissioners had no objections and would like to see the reports at the end of the campaign.

**Mrs Tina Evans** – writes to the Commissioners to ask if the Christmas festival could have an extension by one day to help with the cost of taking down the marquees. The Commissioners thought that there has always been sufficient time to deconstruct the marquee, especially with already granting an additional day in 2018, and to save any further disruption and loss of revenue, ask that the marquee company provide a solution. Therefore, the Commissioners voted against an extension. BP instructed to write and inform TE.

**Mr Peter Tamblin** – writes to the Commissioners regarding dates for the Padstow to Rock Swim 2024. The Commissioners agreed on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.

**Mr Chris Burke** – writes to the Commissioners regarding a Foiling Event at Daymer Bay in October/November this year. BP read the very comprehensive proposal to the Commissioners. The dates suggested are 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November. The Commissioners discussed the matter and decided to grant permission as a trial event. It was proposed by WD and seconded by CT – 4 votes in favour. BP instructed to write to Mr Burke and to clarify any conditions and restrictions.

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**Port Administrators  
Business**

**Solar Panels** – BP explained that he would have an update on these soon.

**Fork Lift** – BP had contacted other ports and consulted on their procedures for allowing certified persons to operate a harbour asset. It is evident that other ports do have policies in place which PHC could adopt. BP will bring further comments to a future meeting.

**Electricity Tariffs** – At present PHC are on a higher tariff but this contract comes to an end in November and our agent is looking to get a better price.

**Legal for Trade Weighing Scales** – BP has researched various weighing options for the sand yard loader and scales are the preferred option instead of a weighbridge. The budget to be discussed in committee.

**Schedule of Rates** – Rock Moorings and River Dues (JH/CT/GS/WD declared an interest)

It is that time of year where the Rock Moorings need to be considered for the schedule of rates 2024. Usually the increase is in line with RPI and with the current climate, BP suggested a 6% increase.

Rock Moorings 6% increase proposed by DM and seconded by ME – all in favour. 09/23/02

River Dues 6% increase proposed by ME and seconded by DM – all in favour. 09/23/03

***At this point it was voted to go past 10pm – proposed by DM and seconded by GS – all in favour.***

**PMSC**

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

**Prue Esther** – A gentlemen on board the tripping vessel Prue Esther had lost consciousness after falling and hitting their head. Padstow lifeboat were in harbour due to harbour day, so provided assistance as well as the Padstow Coastguard, whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

**Any Other Business**

**WD** – Asked BP if he had approached Pridueax-Brune Estate for commercial land for sand storage and any other purpose. BP commented that he had spoken with Saville’s regarding various pieces of land and will update when he has further information.

**Date of Next  
Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 19.00hrs the location the Long Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed to the public at 22.11 hrs.