

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 12/23

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOW

ON THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.00pm

Present: Mr M England (Vice Chairman), Mr G Saunders, Mr B Phillips (Harbour Master), Mr I Kitto, Mr P Blewett, Mr C Toogood, Mr W Delacour

Mr D Martin, Mr P O'Neill, Mr J Hewitt

Apologies:

In Attendance: Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator) Mrs P Hicks (Secretary), Mr L Burt (Assistant HM)

Election of Chairman:

To Take Information & Comments from Any Members of the Public Present: None at the meeting

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 8th December 2023 Invoices totalling £372,238.82 had been paid for the period 16th November to 8th December 2023.
The Commissioners read through the list of payments produced by ND.

Approval of Minutes 11/23 The minutes for November were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by WD and seconded by PB.

Matters Arising from Meeting 11/23 **Harbour Office** – BP updated the Commissioners of progress with the possible Harbour Office Extension and explained that Matt Seaber of SeaberKain architects will finalise detailed drawings so they can be sent out to contractors in the New Year for costings and timeframes included as a tender package.

Payment Policy – BP and ND have discussed the PHC Payment Policy in principle and hope to have a document for the Commissioners comments in the New Year.

ANPR – Electrical works for the cameras had been undertaken and signs have been ordered ready for the trial to start in January.

Ice Plant – PHC had received a deposit from Cornish Ice Company Ltd for the plant. Arrangements will be made for the dismantling and relocation of the facility in January. BP had informed the fishermen of the sale of the Ice Plant at the PHC Fisherman's meeting earlier in the week and said that he would research a smaller ice plant on the quay side in a building which could also house the oil spill kit and a forklift truck.

Petrol Pontoon – BP will look into the logistics of the petrol facility being available to leisure users in the New Year.

RBB Concrete Drying Pad – NB will bring proposed designs, costings and timeframes to a future meeting after receiving necessary information from BP.

Meeting Dates – BP had emailed the proposed 2024 PHC meeting dates to the Commissioners. PB said that perhaps meeting dates could be printed on the PHC calendar in future.

November – BP explained that PHC staff had raised £2170 with the support from the Commissioners of £1025, BP thanked them for their support.

Nick Chapman – Asked if the Commissioners would donate to his chosen charity “4Louis”, a charity which supports families with the loss of a child. It was proposed by WD and seconded by IK to donate £500 – all in favour.

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Financial Briefing

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

Correspondence

Friends of Wadebridge Leisure Centre – write to the Commissioners for financial support for the leisure centre towards modernising the swimming pool and leisure facilities and would ask for a donation of £10,000 or any sum that might be considered. The letter explained that there was a possibility the Centre could be closed and any funds received would be match funded. The Commissioners discussed the request in detail, particularly that the leisure centre has helped lots of local people over the years to learn to swim. The Commissioners consider that swimming can be viewed as harbour and estuary water related matters and realise the importance of anyone being able to swim in an estuarine environment. The Port of Padstow consists of the parishes of Padstow, St. Issey, St. Minver Highlands, St. Minver Lowlands, Egloshayle, St. Breock and Wadebridge and the Commissioners would expect a large number of PHC stakeholders to benefit from the leisure centre. Usually the Commissioners would not donate such a sizeable donation to one cause and would usually spread an amount between many different organisations, however, because the leisure centre and swimming pool benefits our stakeholders across the seven parishes within our jurisdiction, and because the Commissioners would like to futureproof the facility to continue to provide health and happiness to the community, and because any donation will be match funded, it was agreed unanimously that the Padstow Harbour Commissioners will offer a donation of £10,000 to the upgrade and modernisation of the Wadebridge Leisure Centre. It was proposed by PB and seconded by GS to a one-off donation of £10k (approx. £1,425 across each parish) – all in favour.

12/23/02

Tina Robinson - writes to the Commissioners regarding the possible installation of a living sea wall by company Living Seawalls. Its habitat panels are designed to mimic natural formations like rock pools and mangrove roots, can be fitted to new or existing sea defences. The project is a collaboration between creative designers and marine ecologists. The installation would be funded 50% by the Duchy of Cornwall with the outstanding balance realised by a charity organised by TA. BP showed the tiles to the Commissioners and explained that they had already been installed in Falmouth, Plymouth, Port

Isaac and Mevagissey harbours. BP identified an area at the South Dock for a possible location for the tiles. The Commissioners requested additional information on the liability and maintenance of the tiles before making a decision. BP to enquire.

Mr Bryan Robinson, P&DSAA – writes to thank the Commissioners for their donation for the fishing competition prize money and confirmed the event was a success.

**Port Administrators
Business**

Christmas Festival – BP explained that apart from the usual setting up disruption in the car park, it looked to be another successful festival. Tina Evans has commented that she will attend the January meeting.

BT II Ferry – The ferry had passed the MCA inspection and sea trials, and the vessel will be in service in quicker time than usual. The work was carried out at Wadebridge Boatyard which provided very a suitable and sheltered platform to allow for quicker works. BT I is scheduled to visit the boatyard later in the week.

PMSC

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

Any Other Business

IK– Discussed the PHC calendar and various options for future calendars, including pictures of the harbour.

CT – Asked if there was an update on the proposed solar panels at the fishermen’s store – BP had met with a representative of Naked Solar and has communicated with Harvest Cornwall regarding the panels. BP will need to supply both companies with electric usage figures to move the project forward.

CT – Asked BP if he receives enough support from the Commissioners with all the various projects, issues and workings involved with the running of the port. BP thanked CT and confirmed that he does and will inform the Commissioners if this changes.

PB – Asked about the Lidar Buoys on the quay at the South Dock. BP explained that these had been deconstructed by KML of Falmouth, on behalf of a French company who were employed to assess areas of possible wind farm installation and had now been taken away. KML have suggested they may return with more Lidar buoys in the future.

WD – Asked about buoys marking the channel to Wadebridge – BP explained that this was on the project list early in the New Year.

**Date of Next
Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 19.00hrs the location the Long Room.
There being no further business the meeting closed to the public at 19.53 hrs.

