

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 04/24

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOW

ON THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2024 AT 7.00pm

Present: Mr J Hewitt (Chairman), Mr M England (Vice Chairman), Mr B Phillips (Harbour Master), Mr I Kitto, Mr J Murt, Mr P Blewett, Mr D Martin

Apologies: Mr G Saunders, Mr C Toogood, Mr W Delacour

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

Election of Chairman: The Harbour Master opened the meeting and welcomed Mr J Murt to the Commissioners.
BP asked for nominations for Chairman of the Commissioners for the following 12 months. Commissioner Hewitt was proposed by Commissioner Kitto and seconded by Commissioner Martin, all Commissioners voted in favour.
Mr Hewitt took the Chair and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.
The Chairman asked for nominations for Deputy Chairman, Commissioner England was proposed by Commissioner Kitto and seconded by Commissioner Murt, all in favour.

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

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 18th April 2024 Invoices totalling £185,351.12 had been paid for the period 22nd March to 18th April 2024. JH declared an interest.

Approval of Minutes 03/24 The minutes for March were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by IK and seconded by ME.

Matters Arising from Meeting 03/24 ANPR – (PB declared an interest) BP explained that the car park camera system is now up and running. PB asked if there could be a permit/s for fishermen who employ external contractors to work on their vessels. BP commented that when an external party is working on a vessel, they will be expected to pay for a ticket whilst using a space in the car park. This can be done in office and added to the vessel account if needs be. If works are carried out at the South Dock wall, then vehicles will be permitted to park without

any charge. It was agreed that the parking should remain as is at present and to monitor the situation.

Ice Plant – BP is waiting for Cornish Ice to arrange deconstruction. The plant is no longer insured by PHC and has been included on the purchaser's insurance.

RBB Concrete Drying Pad – BP explained that Nick Billing is waiting for information from John Grimes Partnership.

Solar Panels – The roof inspection on the stores was cancelled and will be rearranged so we can progress on the possible solar panel installation.

Seaweed Farm, Port Isaac – (PB declared an interest) BP read out an email he had received from Jeremy Goring regarding the seaweed farm at Port Isaac. As determined at a previous meeting, PHC will remain neutral as a consultee and will provide comment should the MMO determine that false or misleading information is contained in the application which is relevant to PHC's remit.

Harbour Office – BP said that three quotes had now been received for the Harbour Office extension and Matt Seaber of SeaberKain architects is obtaining clarification on the quotes from the contractors before presenting to the Commissioners.

North Pier Pontoon – The drawings from Inland and Coastal Marina Systems are being rearranged to make the pontoon more efficient for all users and BP will keep the Commissioners updated.

Palegic Design – BP has been contacted by Dan Davey to arrange a date for a meeting regarding the final drawings of the proposed new ferry. BP suggested the upcoming training day on 16th May or before the next Commissioners meeting on 23rd May. It was agreed that either date would work but it should not affect the Commissioners training.

No Waiting Signs – The "no waiting" signs will be painted in the Padstow Car Park within the next two weeks. The company have accrued a large back log of work due to the inclement weather.

Wavehunters – (JH/IK declared an interest) The Commissioners discussed the proposal from Wavehunters regarding a new licence for the Mary Marie to conduct daytime operations. Various concerns were discussed, taking into consideration all of the information Wavehunters have previously provided, current operations, port safety, as well as advice from PHC's H&S representative. It was voted favourably to trail the use of the Mary Marie for daytime operations on the basis that it is a trial, the licence cannot be transferred to any vessel or person, loading and unloading of passengers is not permitted on the Padstow side of the estuary, any other necessary permissions must be granted beforehand, insurances are amended accordingly, Water Taxi signage must be covered and Water Taxi operations will remain as per the existing licence. Proposed by PB and seconded by JM, all 04/24/01 in favour.

Financial Briefing

The Commissioners were presented with a current debtors and bank situation plus a Profit and Loss account for the month of March 2024.

Correspondence

Poseidon Watersports – writes to the Commissioners to ask if the dates for the foiling competition can be extended through the October half term week. The Commissioners were concerned with possible increased activity in the estuary during this period. After a discussion the Commissioners decided to allow the event to proceed in half term on the basis that it would be a trial this year, this was proposed by DM and seconded by IK – all on favour. 04/24/02

Padstow Sailing Club – write to the Commissioners for permission to site a floating platform near the SWW slipway to provide safer access to their members. The platform will be secured to the seabed by two mooring sinkers and would not be a hazard to navigation. The Commissioners were happy to grant permission for the sailing club to proceed.

Port Administrators Business

Dredging Contractors – BP explained that Nick Billing had spoken with Exmouth Marina who can provide the Mannin to return to Padstow and dredge the silt from the outer basin. The vessel is available at the end of May, beginning of June and the price has been held from a previous quote. The Commissioners agreed the dredging would be beneficial, it was proposed by DM and seconded by IK – all in favour. 04/24/03

PMSC Training – BP informed the Commissioners that the date for their training was 15th May 2024 at the Harbour Hotel, Padstow.

May Day Security – BP to meet with Nick Walker of Cayton Waler security and discuss Mayday and summer security options.

Port Isaac Sea Wall – BP had been contacted by the MMO regarding the installation of sea tiles on the harbour wall at Port Isaac and had been asked to provide comment on their licence application. It was discussed that this is out of PHC's jurisdiction and has no affect whatsoever on port operations.

Oil Spill Exercise – The mandatory Tier Two IME oil spill exercise is arranged on 27th June. BP has a meeting next week with Adler and Allan to formulate a plan and invites any Commissioner to attend and get involved.

Insurance – The renewal policies – in committee

Alan Hoskin – BP informed the Commissioners that AH had completed the London Marathon and asked if the donation of £250, previously offered but not donated as the marathon had been cancelled, could be carried forward. It was agreed to carry forward to previously agreed donation.

PMSC

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

Onward Star – on 17th April 2024 vessel Onward Star began taking on water due to a leak in her stern. PHC crew were tasked with salvage pumps, and oil spill equipment was mobilised. The leak was repaired on the falling tide and due to the cleanliness of the hull, no pollution was recorded.

Any Other Business

PB – Asked if JGP had been tasked with providing drawings for the proposed drying pad at the red brick building. BP thought PB had spoken with NB. PB commented that he wasn't provided with much information and will await the update from NB.

PB – Asked about the tidal gauges that have not yet been fitted since he requested it some time ago.– BP explained that these were on the job list.

ME – Asked for an update on the Fisherman's Stores Refurbishment – BP said that this was on going with door and external cladding repairs underway. BP has not yet made a decision on the method for structural repairs.

JH – Polzeath Life Saving Club has an 18yr old member, Terry Miller who is representing GB at the Life Saving Championships. JH explained that TM is self-funded but has asked if PHC can sponsor him as he is trying to raise £2.5k for travel and accommodation. DM proposed £1000 sponsorship and seconded by IK – all in favour.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 19.00hrs the location the Long Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed to the public at 20.43 hrs.