

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 02/24

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOW

ON THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00pm

Present: Mr J Hewitt (Chairman), Mr M England (Vice Chairman), Mr G Saunders, Mr B Phillips (Harbour Master), Mr D Martin, Mr C Toogood, Mr I Kitto, Mr P O'Neill, Mr W Delacour

Apologies: Mr P Blewett

In Attendance: Mrs N Dyer (Assistant Administrator), Mr L Burt (Assistant HM) Mrs P Hicks (Secretary) Mr A Cameron, Mr W Owen, Mr R Minnis (Wavehunters), Mr J Hinchliffe, Sky Yolland and Rory Colborne (Port Quin Bay)

Election of Chairman:

To Take Information & Comments from Any Members of the Public Present: Mr Andy Cameron addressed the Commissioners (IK declared an interest) regarding his proposal for the Mary Marie to be used as a slow private charter boat during the daytime, when it is not being used as an evening Water Taxi. AC explained the coding of the vessel and that the boat offers disabled access. There is no intention on using any pontoons for loading and unloading and specialist advice has been obtained with regard to the disturbance of wildlife to aid any previous concerns. WD asked of frequency of the trips they are proposing as it would be beneficial for a timetable, AC commented that he is unsure but hoped for at least one trip per day. GS aired his concerns that the vessel would be used for transferring passengers whilst at sea. DM asked of the frequency of trips to Wadebridge which AC indicated would be less than any other destination. JH explained that the Commissioners would discuss the matter and perhaps a more comprehensive understanding of the operation would be required. BP agreed with JH's comments that an operational plan and risk assessments would be required. BP will write to AC with Commissioners comments.

Mr John Hinchliffe addressed the Commissioners regarding the Seaweed Farm Proposal at Port Quin Bay. Various comments were raised including anchorage considerations. BP explained that Trinity House had provided comment and read correspondence from Trinity confirming that they did not consider the impact on anchorages to be a concern. John Hinchliffe accused the Commissioners of being compromised having received the proposal from a Commissioner. JH and DM explained that any Commissioner with a proposal will declare an interest with DM saying to Mr Hinchliffe that he is insulted by his comments. Mr Hinchliffe further complains about PHC minute inclusions and a lack of acknowledgement with regard to free of charge refurbishment works to the Shipwreck Mariners Mine. BP to ask Nick Billing to update Mr Hinchliffe when a suitable time away from prioritised harbour works becomes available.

Sky Yolland and Rory Colborne also addressed the Commissioners regarding the Seaweed Farm Proposal, as Port Quin residents. They spoke about their concerns in the placing of the seaweed farm and also the environmental impacts which have not been considered as well as the logistical implications on port operations and feel that the Commissioners have been misled with the presentation. RC and SY provided the Commissioners with various questions and accompanying information to consider in their own investigations.

JH thanked the members of the public for attending and offered them to stay but all departed the meeting at this point.

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 14th February 2024

Invoices totalling £298,399.85 had been paid for the period 18th January to 14th February 2024.

Approval of Minutes 01/24

The minutes for January were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by WD and seconded by IK.

Matters Arising from Meeting 01 /24

Harbour Office – BP thanked the Commissioners for attending the meeting with Matt Seaber of SeaberKain Architects. Following on from the meeting and the comments discussed within, the project is now ready to go to tender with documents being sent to contractors next week.

ANPR – The cameras have been installed and are working, albeit not yet operational due to Alliance Parking finalising the communications systems with Flowbird.

Ice Plant – De-gassing and deconstruction by Cornish Ice will begin shortly, and the removal should be completed in a few weeks.

RBB Concrete Drying Pad – NB is looking into this with John Grimes Partnership and will provide an indication of costings at a later date.

Solar Panels – BP will forward on the information he has received to the Commissioners and thanked those he has asked directly for advice. BP will enquire if PHC qualify for grant funding.

Bandstand – As of the 12th February 2024 the Bandstand reverts to PHC. BP said that anyone wishing to use the Bandstand will need to supply Risk Assessments, Insurance, Method Statements and apply for road closures themselves.

Cycle Racks at RQCP - BP explained that LB is looking into Cycle Racks with the hope to have them installed before the Easter holidays.

Paving at Wadebridge – Cllr Robin Moorcroft has looked into the damaged area and has commented that the land is not registered to anyone, but he has arranged for the Management of the Apartments nearby, to carry out the repair.

Financial Briefing

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

Correspondence

Fishermen's Mission – Julian Wearing of the Fishermen's Mission writes to the Commissioners to ask them if they can help with sponsorship for their 2025 calendar. The sale of the calendar raises a lot of funding for the Fishermen's Mission with any funds received assisting with the cost of printing. It was proposed by IK for PHC to give £2500 to cover the whole cost of printing the 2025 calendar and seconded by DM – all in favour.

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Dominic Walford – writes to the Commissioners regarding a Raft Race on the Camel Estuary for the Wadebridge River Festival. BP has asked for the intended course route, launch and recovery sites, insurance, also a copy of the terms and conditions on the application form. The Commissioners were in favour of granting permission and were happy for the PHC's RHIB to help as an extra safety vessel. BP instructed to liaise with organisers to ensure a safe event.

Rupert Hume-Kendall – BP had sent a copy of Mr Hume-Kendall's email to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. He writes to the Commissioners to ask why PHC have supported the proposed seaweed farm in Port Quin Bay and provides various questions and pieces of information. BP read the contents of the email to the Commissioners. It was discussed that the site was now different in size to what Mr Blewett had presented to the Commissioners and this was a common point in many conversations BP has had with stakeholders that are named as consultees in the application. Furthermore, BP has received numerous items from members of the public suggesting conflicting information contained in the application. JH asked the Commissioners how they wish to proceed. On the basis that appropriate consultation has not been undertaken and evidence to suggest conflicting information contained in the MMO application, it was agreed to withdraw the PHC letter of support, proposed by GS and seconded by WD – all in favour.

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Andy Cameron, Wavehunters – (IK/JH/CT declared an interest) discussed in earlier part of meeting with AC in attendance.

Matt Marshall, Porthilly Shellfish Ltd – writes to the Commissioners for their comments on the possibility of placing a trial pallet in an area under Stepper Point for the purpose of cleansing their shellfish. The trial will determine whether a pallet can withstand any weather and sea in the area. If successful, MM would make a full application to the Commissioners and any other necessary organisation. The Commissioners agreed to allow MM to place a trial pallet in the proposed area, proposed by ME and seconded by IK – all in favour.

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Port Administrators Business

BT II – BP informed the Commissioners of a fault with one of the new engines which both Darthaven Marine and Volvo haven't yet been able to determine. Volvo have confirmed that the engine can be used with no safety concerns and will continue to investigate the issue.

BT I - Will visit Wadebridge Boatyard for a repair to the bow door but will be back in service once returned.

Ferry Assistant - BP has advertised for two seasonal positions on the ferry commencing Monday 25th March 2024.

New Ferry – BP presented new pictures from Pelagic Design of the proposed ferry, explaining that before moving to stage two they would like a review meeting with the Commissioners to understand if they are happy with the design of the vessel and hear their thoughts on the project. BP will enquire into some dates for a meeting.

North Pier Pontoon – BP has received a quote for the proposed pontoon at the inside of the North Pier from Inland Coastal Marina Systems and is still waiting to receive anything from Walcon. Quote in committee.

Ferry Slipway Linkspan Pontoon – BP has received a construction estimate from John Grimes Partnership – in committee.

Dredging Contractors – NB has received several quotes from external dredging companies. Quotes in committee.

PMSC Training – Bernie Hetherington is currently on leave and will provide some dates for training on his return. BP has suggested dates between 28th March – 25th April 2024.

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

UKHMA Seminar – BP has made arrangements for IK/WD and himself to attend the Seminar in April as discussed at the previous meeting.

Commissioners Elections – BP congratulated JH and WD for holding seat for another three year term and thanked them for their continued help and support. With the departure of PO due to his relocation outside of PHC jurisdiction, there will be an election in Padstow between Mr J Murt and Mr D Lockwood. The election will be held on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at the Harbour Office in Padstow between 09:00 and 12:00hrs.

Inner Quay Drain Down – The annual drain down has been arranged for Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February. The EA will assess the sheet piling after PHC identified corroded areas and JGP will also attend to update their report on the integrity of the harbour walls.

PMSC

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

Any Other Business

DM – In committee.

Date of Next

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 19.00hrs the

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location the Long Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed to the public at 22.05 hrs.