

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 03/24

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOW

ON THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2024 AT 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Mr P Blewett, Mr C Toogood, Mr D Martin

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

Election of Chairman:

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

Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 20th March 2024 Invoices totalling £235,390.17 had been paid for the period 15th February to 20th March 2024.

Approval of Minutes 02/24 The minutes for February were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by ME and seconded by GS.

Matters Arising from Meeting 02/24 **Wavehunters** – (IK/PO/JH declared an interest) Following on from the previous meeting, Andy Cameron had provided additional information on the proposed new operations of the Mary Marie which the Commissioners had requested. JH said that no decision could be made at tonight's meeting due to the declaration of interests and absentees minimising the quorum to vote. BP instructed to email all information to all Commissioners for comments at the next meeting.

ANPR – The cameras are now live. BP explained that they are trialling a procedure which will see everyone paying for any space used at any time, with permit holders being exempt. The trial will be extended to the Fishermen's Store Holders car park in the hope to alleviate a long standing issue. IK asked about signage when entering the car park to notify customers of ANPR in use, BP commented that a sign is in place, but a larger sign has been ordered.

Ice Plant – BP explained that he is waiting for the transportation confirmation from Cornish Ice.

RBB Concrete Drying Pad – Nick Billing is currently investigating this – BP to ask NB for an update on the progress.

Solar Panels – BP had applied for a 50% grant funding from the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Growth Hub for the installation of Solar Panels on the Fishermen's stores. In the meantime, BP has arranged for a roofing company to inspect the existing roof panelling to provide a report on the integrity of the roof before any possible installation.

Cycle Racks at RQCP – These have arrived and awaiting installation.

Mariners Mine – NB to speak to John Hinchliffe regarding repairs.

Seaweed Farm, Port Quin Bay – BP has written to Camel Fish, Biome Algae, Rupert Hume-Kendall and the MMO to inform them that PHC have withdrawn their support for the Seaweed Farm application at Port Quin Bay. PHC have been listed by the MMO as a consultee with the MMO commenting that PHC will be contacted at a later date for any involvement. BP to email the MMO Statement to the Commissioners.

Harbour Office – BP has received the certificate of lawfulness for the extension of the harbour office. The tender date has been extended to 15th April 2024. Two contractors have expressed an interest with a third contractor expected.

Porthilly Shellfish Ltd – A pallet has been placed in the trial site under Stepper Point. Matt Marshall will provide comment on the suitability of site location after the lengthy spell of inclement weather.

Financial Briefing

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

Correspondence

Fishermen's Mission – writes to thank the Commissioners for their donation to help fund their 2025 calendar.

Poseidon Watersports – writes to the Commissioners regarding permission for a foiling competition at Daymer Bay in October 2024. The competition would be run by the same organisers, and on the same basis as the previous event in October 2023. JH asked the Commissioners for their comments. It was agreed that the previous event was a success with good communication and safety mitigation and on the basis it was out of the busy season it was voted favourably for the event to proceed albeit, not over the half term period. BP instructed to inform the organisers.

Elizabeth George – BP read the extensive email sent from Elizabeth George regarding the Penmayne Seaweed Farm licence, listing all the concerns from local residents that were not included in any consultation. BP had also received an email from Matt Moorcroft on the same subject. The Commissioners discussed at length the farm application, the MMO's granting of the licence, local residents complaints and the MMO's replies to complainants. It was agreed that the Commissioners would provide no further comment or decision until the outcome of the MMO investigation. The MMO

are the deciding authority and PHC shall 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 such as the interests of the safety of navigation.

Padstow School – (IK declared an interest) writes to the Commissioners for a donation. They had been fund raising for "Trim Trail" and now the PTFA were looking for funds to help with school events. After a short discussion it was proposed by PO to donate £1000 to all the primary schools in the PHC catchment area, seconded by GS, all in favour. 03/24/01

Port Administrators
Business

Black Tor Ferries – Both ferries are running well. BT II has had a spare gearbox installed with the gearbox taken out, being sent for repair. BT I had repairs carried out at Wadebridge Boat Yard. BP has employed two seasonal staff for the ferry, Logan Chown and Harry Howells who started on 25th March 2024.

North Pier Pontoon – Inland Coastal Marine Solutions are drawing up some new designs for the proposed North Pier pontoon. BP explained that the speed of tide on the existing slipway has become unsafe to load and unload passengers on tides over 7m. Mitigation will see the ferry service move to the Harbour Office slipway until a facility on the North Pier is agreed. BP will send the designs by email to the Commissioners when he receives them.

New Ferry –Pelagic design provided BP various dates in April to meet and discuss the proposed new ferry. BP asked the Commissioners if they wanted to proceed with the new ferry design as other projects may take precedence. The Commissioners discussed whether this would save time in the future once infrastructure was in place to accommodate the new ferry. BP said that John Grimes Partnership and Beckett Marine are coming up with new ideas for the ferry slipway. JH asked if spending the money now will save time in the future, BP thought that this would be beneficial, especially as PHC have invested time and money already. It was proposed by PO to proceed with the planned drawings of the new ferry and seconded by GS, all in favour. 03/24/02

Dredging Contractors - this is still on going and NB is investigating other options.

PMSC Training – Bernie Hetherington has confirmed the date for the Commissioners training, 16th May 2024 at the Harbour Hotel.

Commissioners Elections – Johnny Murt had won the Commissioners Election in Padstow , 195 votes to 35 votes for Dave Lockwood. JM first meeting will be 25th April 2024.

Inner Quay Drain Down – The annual harbour drain down identified a bulge in the wall by the Clipper Steps. NB has been shown how to monitor this by JGP and will provide results to the engineers when necessary.

Rob Norfolk – RN is retiring from PHC after 17 years employment and will be

greatly missed. BP will advertise his position in the near future.

PMSC

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

Saturday 5th March 2024 – An abusive man was in the PHC dinghy in the inner quay threatening to hit people with an oar. BP arrived on scene where the Padstow Coastguards were already calming the situation. The Police attended and the man was released shortly after.

Mike Smith – Has injured his back after a slip on a PHC ferry and is hoping to return to work soon.

Any Other Business

ME– Asked if the Fair in the PHC Padstow car park over May Day provide their own first aid facility. BP commented that he had been informed that there is no obligation for them to do so but they have offered to pay £200 towards the May Day first aid organised by both Oss parties.

PO – “No Waiting” still needs to be painted in the car park – BP said that this is in hand.

BP – Read a letter from the Padstow Harbour Commissioners thanking PO for his time as a Commissioner as he steps down after moving to a residence outside of PHC jurisdiction.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April 2024 at 19.00hrs the location the Long Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed to the public at 20.56 hrs.