

MEETING OF THE PADSTOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS 06/23

HELD AT THE LONG ROOM, PADSTOW

ON THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2024 AT 7.00pm

Present: Mr M England (Vice Chairman) Mr W Delacour, Mr C Toogood, Mr I Kitto, Mr G Saunders, Mr J Murt Mr D Martin, Mr B Phillips (Harbour Master).

Apologies: Mr J Hewitt, Mr P Blewett

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

Election of Chairman:

To Take Information and Comments from Any Members of the Public Present: Matt Marshall provided the Commissioners an update to the Oyster pallet trial at Stepper Point stating that the trial has been a success and would now like to ask for permission to site the 12 pallets as detailed in his previous proposal. MM explained that all relevant permissions had been sought, including that of the land owner, and with consent from PHC, the project could commence at the earliest opportunity. JM said that the locations as detailed on maps provided by MM would have no affect on the fishing industry. BP commented that he had spoken with Mr Prideaux Brune the landowner who is very supportive, and due to the close proximity of the rocks, did not see this as a navigation hazard. BP suggested that he visit the site with MM before confirming. It was proposed by JM, seconded by IK, all in favour.

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Invoices and Payments for the Period Ending 19th June 2024 Invoices totalling £202,236.03 had been paid for the period 17th May to 19th June 2024.

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

Approval of Minutes 05/24 The minutes for May were approved as a true account of the PHC meeting – it was proposed by JM and seconded by GS.

Matters Arising from Meeting 05/24 **Ben Carrington** – BC of company Mission Code would like to put a proposal to the Commissioners for the possibility of organising a Padstow Christmas Festival on the same dates as the recently cancelled festival. BP suggested a special meeting as this could also tie in other harbour business. It was decided a special meeting would be arranged on Monday 8th July in the Long Room at 18:00 hrs.

Ice Plant – BP informed the Commissioners that the Ice Plant deconstruction

had been completed and discussions are underway for a smaller replacement.

Solar Panels – BP has a meeting on Friday with a local roofing company Nicholas Roofing to discuss various options for roof repair/replacement and solar panel installation on the roof of the Fisherman’s stores.

North Pier Pontoon– As expected, BP has encountered delays with the MMO application after it had been returned with various queries. BP has spoken with Rob Poole of Fishing Animateur who provides assistance with grant applications and will arrange a meeting to see what help can be provided.,

Palegic Design – BP has not received a reply from Palegic Design regarding another date for a meeting on the final drawings on the proposed new ferry.

IFCA – BP has not received an update from IFCA but the deposited crab at the South Dock has been cleaned up.

Rock Rowing Club – Their annual regatta takes place on Saturday 29th June 2024.

Kayak Race – This event is to take place on Sunday 30th June 2024 at Wadebridge.

Padstow Rowing Club – BP has not received a reply from the rowing club with regard to the Commissioners comments on their regatta application.

Rock Security – BP had written to Nick Walker of cayton Walker Security to confirm the start date for security at Rock on 5th July 2024.

Pink Lemons – BP said that Pink Lemons have not replied to the decision at the previous meeting with regard to relinquishing the lease but understands that unforeseen circumstances may lead to a delay in their reply.

Swans Nest, Wadebridge – The EA have not responded to BP with regard to ownership and rebuild questions. BP has briefly spoken with Cllr Robin Moorcroft and will meet on site to discuss options.

Invasive Species – BP had spoken to Natural England regarding Will Delacours report of invasive species Skunk Cabbage, Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed. NE replied to say that it is not required to report this to them, however, provided a link to an alternative reporting system. . BP has updated the records accordingly.

Financial Briefing

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

Correspondence

Mrs Marnie Court, St Minver Lowlands Council – writes to the Commissioners regarding Trebetherick Residents Association approach to the council regarding the possibility of PHC putting dredged material on to the beach at Daymer Bay to prevent further erosion. MC commented that the TRA have not received a reply from PHC after submitting previous requests. BP explained that he had replied to the TRA previously with comments of licences and

potential areas of soft sand amongst other concerns. BP also commented that PHC will work with the EA on beach and dune replenishment in the future, if it is considered that it is necessary. BP instructed to reply with a statement.

Port Administrators Business

Dredging – The Mannin had returned to Padstow and has started her 14 day dredging campaign.

Oil Spill Exercise – BP said that the Tier 2 Oil Spill Response exercise earlier in the day was a worth while experience. WD attended the exercise to gain an understanding of what is involved and praised the PHC staff on their performance. BP informed the Commissioners of the expiration of the current Tier 2 contract with Adler and Allan and explained that he is expecting to receive various quotes from other response agencies which will be brought to a later meeting for discussion.

Dredger Sandsnipe– BP said that the repairs and maintenance were well underway, and another two weeks would hopefully see her back in service.

Berthing Master – BP had invited Commissioner Geoff Saunders to attend interviews for the position of Berthing Master . BP informed the table that the successful applicant is Mr Tom Norfolk who will be starting on Monday 1st July 2024.

PMSC

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

14.06.2024 – A vulnerable homeless man was found collapsed and unconscious in the car park. An ambulance was called by the general public but the man refused to go to hospital after receiving treatment by the paramedics. The police attended as he is known to them and the man was later released.

24.06.24 - Two shrimpers had collided in the Rock Sailing and Water Ski Club Shrimper Race. One vessel received considerable damage to her hull and was reported to be taking on water. The vessel was towed back to shore and taken out of the water. BP is awaiting their Near Miss/Incident reports.

Any Other Business

JM – (Declared an interest) Asked about the substantial build-up of mud up the South Dock which is beginning to restrict access to the fishermen on the workable tides. BP explained that he is looking into this with the possibility of a plough dredger visiting Padstow as a different method to the usual dredging campaigns.

WD – He had been on the Padstow Sailing Club website and noticed they were raising funds for a new pontoon installation. BP said that PHC had not been contacted by them to request financial assistance but had previously offered vessels and workmen to assist with installation. WD asked if PHC should ask the sailing club if they need any assistance, this was proposed by WD and

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seconded by IK – all in favour.

GS – He had observed that the channel at Cant Hill has actually changed quite dramatically this year, and wanted to update the Commissioners.

DM – Asked if John Brewers were still PHC plumbing contractors – BP explained that they look after the plumbing in the shower blocks as well as boiler maintenance however, new employee Tom Norfolk is a fully qualified plumber who will be more than capable to continue this for PHC in the future..

CT – Commented that it was nice to see the Rock Dinghy Park busy and if the idea of the Beach Huts is something that PHC were still considering. BP said that the beach hut project is still on the agenda however, it has fallen quite a way down the list due to other more important priorities.

Date of Next Meeting

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

GS gave his apologies as he would be away on holiday.

There being no further business the meeting closed to the public at 20.16 hrs