

Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting
Tuesday 8th December 2009 at 1400 Hours

Present: Cliff Brown (Retiring Chairman)
Mark Sansom (Harbour Master and Chief Executive)
Barry Buist (Leisure Services Manager)
Peter Morgan (Commissioner)
David Bickle
Ian Munday (Chairman)
Walter Amos

Apologies for Absence: Morwenna Richards and Tim Light.

Annual Meeting

Election of Chairman:

Cliff Brown was standing down as Chairman. There were two expressions of interest in becoming Chairman from Ian Munday and David Bickle. Peter Morgan proposed that Ian Munday become Chairman with David Bickle as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Walter Amos.

At this point Ian Munday took over as Chairman and thanked Cliff Brown for his efforts as Chairman over the past few years. It was confirmed that he would stand down from the Committee following this meeting. An advertisement would be placed, inviting applications to join the Committee, prior to the next meeting.

Quarterly Meeting

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters Arising:

Cliff Brown requested that the objective to revise Harbour Byelaws be kept alive, despite the challenges that it brought.

David Bickle enquired about the possibility of producing a “code of conduct” to advise boat users of best practice when using the harbour. Agreed that David Bickle will draft and committee will review at the next meeting.

FHC Quay Management Proposals:

Barry Buist distributed draft Ferry Operators Conditions around the table for comment. It was agreed that use of the word licence in the document may have to be altered as it was viewed as a legal contract rather than a licence. All ferry operators will have appropriate operators licences as required. It was agreed to add insurance requirements to the conditions and committee

members would further comment on the draft by emailing Barry Buist directly.

FHC Stakeholder Communications:

Sarah Leverton had recently left FHC's employment so work under this section would be delayed as FHC has no dedicated Communications Officer at present.

Port of Falmouth Development Initiative:

Mark Sansom would be interviewing potential contractors for the port master plan tomorrow and it hoped that a contractor would be appointed by Christmas.

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David Bickle queried if FHC could sell the LK Mitchell in light of any financial uncertainties which may face the organisation. Mark Sansom explained that the vessel was still required operationally at the current level of trade.

Cliff Brown asked if the Falmouth Marine School plans to develop at Grove Place would affect FHC operations. Mark Sansom explained that the intended development would be on Council land currently leased to Falmouth Watersports Association. The development was likely to affect the number of Boat Park berths which FHC can offer in the future, although other benefits may be derived from it.

Ian Munday asked if the Yacht Haven water supply had been backflow protected yet. Barry Buist explained that the expenditure had been recently approved by the board and work would commence in the new year. It was anticipated that the present Yacht Haven Supervisor's hut would be replaced with one that could accommodate the water tank.

Any Other Business:

Walter Amos explained that the Pendennis Cup, held during Falmouth Week 2010, would involve more superyachts than last time. The course would be to the East of the harbour entrance.

Mark Sansom advised that the Board have requested that the Red Arrows perform a display during Falmouth Week again in 2010.

Date of Next Meeting:

To be held in March with the actual date declared on a list of 2010 meetings which would be distributed shortly.