



CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

14.00 hrs on Tuesday 19th July 2011

Attendees:

Ian Munday	Chairman
Mark Sansom	Harbour Master
Barry Buist	Leisure Services Manager
Sue Cocks (Minutes)	Leisure Services Accounts Officer
Peter Hamilton	Falmouth Harbour Commissioner
David Carne	
Chris Smith	Falmouth and Penryn Community Plan
Harriet Knowles	FHC (Guest)

Apologies:

David Hitchcock	
Morwenna Richards	SMS
David Muirhead	(No Communication)

1. Apologies

See table above.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 1st March 2011

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Welcome New Members – David Carne & Chris Smith

Ian welcomed David Carne and Chris Smith to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Chris Smith – retired architect and is the chairman on the community plan, also on the town framework committee and the mayor regeneration committee. He did say he feels the Harbour Commissioners have reinvented themselves and engages with everyone.

David Carne – fleet owner, rigger by profession and ex retailer. He feels he is a good ambassador for Falmouth.

4. Matters Arising

All matters arising are complete.

5. Bye-law workshop – analysis of bye-law coverage

Mark Sansom updated the bye-law spreadsheet, ready for the committee to review. Ian Munday suggested a 20 minute workshop discussion for the group to



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discuss the key areas to see where it is over or under regulated or even not regulated at all. Peter Hamilton asked the question about visiting yachts being able to view the byelaws with subject to launching/sailing. Mark Sansom stated as there is no mandatory qualification for driving boats and it is up the individual to have knowledge on the laws and as an authority we do promote information to visiting yachts on our website, leaflets etc. Ian Munday said there is the added complication of different authorities within the port with or without corresponding rules of their own byelaws. Mark Sansom did say there was scope to harmonisation all the authorities, firstly to say what needs regulating, how to regulate and then look at addressing it. David Carne asked if we should be targeting our berth holders to tell them what we are trying to police, maybe with simple safety leaflets. Mark Sansom said we would still have an interwoven raft of regulations which only would scratch the surface, with our berth holders only being a small part of our population that use the harbour. There is no question education has its place, the actual reason people take notice of the regulation is because they don't want to be enforced against. David Carne understands the problems that are involved and said we should be talking to the other authorities involved and possibly have one document for the whole of the estuary. David Carne believes Falmouth has the best sailing waters in the whole country and if we over police at the sailing regattas word will get out. Send a copy of the byelaws to Mylor Yacht Harbour to give out to their berth holders. Ian Munday looked at the bye-laws to see what was in there but actually what was not in there but where do we want to go from here with the historic set of byelaws. Peter Hamilton asked if we could bring the other marinas/authorities in with a basic statement in bold type i.e. 'Warning on the label'.

Barry Buist stated that the most practical communication on safety issues has been the RNLI sign at the Boat Park slipway. Easy to read format.

ACTION: Send out a copy of the Bye-laws to Mylor Yacht Harbour

ACTION: All members to look at the byelaws and bring feedback to the next meeting or email.

6. Social Capital Survey

Harriet Knowles was asked to attend this meeting to discuss the Social Capital Survey, which is from the government of national statistics who measure the social capital on trust image. FHC could do this within the community statistics, not that simple in that you are looking at the wider remit of the estuary. Harriet worked with University of Plymouth and FHC and came up with a range of questions and analysed them. Harriet developed a set of questions from the study. From the last meeting it was discussed how to get this questionnaire out the public, the easiest way is online, free online survey and what the incentive is to fill in the survey.

Harriet when through briefly the questions with everyone and will also email the link to all the committee members to complete. Barry has said previously that people lose interest in surveys, so you have to keep things fresh You can get the questionnaire out to schools etc but the biggest problem is getting people to fill in again the following year to measure your improvement. Peter Hamilton asked



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if the questions were being set for different types of audiences, which Harriet said no to that as you would distort the answers. As a committee Harriet would like us to give thought on who/how we want to target. Questions can be added but Harriet has followed what the government say is best practice. Ian Munday suggested we be up front from the beginning and say this will be repeated over a period of time. David Carne suggested going to the press on the survey. The areas that Ian Munday suggested were also Cornwall Marine Network, Social Networking, Yacht Clubs, Rotary, and Website.

ACTION: Harriet to email the survey link out to all the committee members.

7. Port of Falmouth Development Initiative

Mark Sansom gave an update progress report on the POFDI – the port masterplan has now been completed and has been unanimously adopted by the county council. The majority of the output depends on the dredging of the channel to the docks. We are engaging with the MMO re consents, and a useful meeting was held with them. Natural England is totally opposed to the dredging in respect to the environment impact. The funding can be found as long as we can get through the environmental issues.

8. Minutes of Board Meetings: Feb11 and March 11

The minutes of the Board meetings were reviewed and no other issues raised.

9. AOB

Ian Munday read out an email from Morwenna Richards who would like to retire from her role on the committee as she feels under qualified to participate in the role. If her replacement would be of a similar role then she suggested her colleague John Duffy would be interested in making an application. She thanked the committee for making her feel welcome and wishes the committee well, Ian Munday will respond to her email. An advert would be put out in the press with a stipulation on commercial stakeholder interest. Applications will be brought to the next meeting to review.

ACTION: Ian Munday to respond to Morwenna's email

ACTION: Applications for new committee member will be reviewed at next meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Consultative Committee meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 6th Sept 2011** at **14:00 hrs** in the Falmouth Harbour Office.

The meeting concluded 15:30 hrs.