



## CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

14.00 hrs on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 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
David Muirhead	
David Hitchcock	

### Apologies:

None

#### 1. Apologies

See table above.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011

David Muirhead commented on his no show for the last meeting, which he didn't know took place. To rectify this issue the minutes will be posted to his postal address instead of emailed.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### 3. Matters Arising

Matters arising still outstanding from previous meeting:

- a) All members to look at the byelaws and bring feedback to the next meeting or email – *ongoing*
- b) Harriet to email the survey link out to all the committee members – *still in progress*
- c) Ian Munday to respond to Morwenna's email - *completed*
- d) Applications for new committee member will be reviewed at next meeting – *to be advertised and applications reviewed at next meeting*

#### 4. Bye-law workshop – analysis of bye-law coverage

Ian Munday asked the question as to where the committee goes from here on updating the bye-laws, he suggested along with Mark Sansom the committee make recommendations to the board of their views on omissions, gaps, inconsistencies, lack of coherency etc and then for them to task somebody to come up with a revision of the bye-laws, which we can subsequently review. Ian



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Munday researched other harbours/ports bye-laws particularly the adjacent area of Truro. He suggested an analytical match to address the inconsistency there is between Truro and Falmouth, he said there's have a mass of bye-laws that have an interface with the Falmouth border. After input and discussions from committee members it was suggested the following should be addressed:

- Propose speed limits based on a new analysis of what a safe speed should be and seasonal speed limits in certain areas of the harbour.
- Marking of fishing gear code of practice.
- Terminology in bye-laws language i.e. removes the word 'aqua planning'.
- Fuelling in the harbour – more sensibly controlled

### **5. Social Capital Survey**

After Harriet had forwarded the social capital survey link to all the committee members, it was suggested that a few changes be made such as some of the grammatical terminology. Peter Hamilton brought several suggestions for the survey; he had compiled a list, read out his ideas to the committee, he would give this to Harriet to review.

Mark Sansom said it is a good idea to have a short base line survey as any longer survey and people will not be interested.

It was agreed that any outcomes from the survey the consultative committee would review as part of their role within FHC.

**ACTION:** Harriet to review SCS questions and resend to committee members.

### **6. Port of Falmouth Development Initiative**

Mark Sansom brought an update to the committee on the latest development; the masterplan has now been adopted by the Cornwall Council and they are supporting efforts for the plan to be achieved. An impasse has been reached with Natural England who have advised the MMO that they do not consider that there is any suitable compensation available should the overriding public interest case be made. The MMO have invited us to try and demonstrate that any dredging would not have a detrimental effect on the maerl communities. The University of Plymouth are willing to supervise a trail with us and we are waiting on them to come up with a trial scheme to put to the MMO.

### **7. Minutes of Board Meetings: April 11, May 11 and June 11**

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

### **8. AOB**

Mark Sansom spoke about the FAB testing occurring in the harbour, FHC are looking at trying to get a licence and lease on an area owned by the Crown Estates in Falmouth Bay to deploy a wave testing devices, the process is well advanced. A number of device developers have expressed interest in making use of the Site. David Muirhead's only concerns were if there would be lots of



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potential obstructions to fishing but Mark Sansom reassured this would not be the case.

Mark also spoke about the FaME project which has come out of Harriet's KTP project, in that we now have a partnership with Falmouth Marine School where FHC has tried to encourage the students to find things out about the harbour. It is a more advanced process now in that the students will bid for FHC time and resources to assist them in their projects. The unsuccessful candidates we will try other local businesses for support. Previous projects have shown good results and we are keen to make it an ongoing process with Falmouth Marine School.

Ian Munday asked Barry about an anonymous reporting system, which the data could be used to monitor issues in the Harbour. Barry said there was a paper based system already in place at the Visitors Yacht Haven. This will be reviewed at the web design meetings.

Mark Sansom handed out a draft copy of the advert to be placed for a new committee member; the applications will be ready for review at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Advert to be placed in local press, website and window for new committee member ready for next meeting.

### **9. Joint Meeting with Harbour Commissioners**

A breakfast meeting with commercial stakeholders which will include a number of presentations is being held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011**, 8o'clock to 10o'clock following on from that it was suggested the board meet with the consultative members.

The Marine Safety committee meeting is being held on **Wednesday 21st December 2011**, anyone welcome to attend.

### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

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

The meeting concluded 15:50 hrs.