



Falmouth Harbour
Commissioners

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

14.00 hrs on Tuesday 11th June 2012

Attendees:

David Barnicoat	<i>(Stand-in Chairman)</i>
Mark Sansom	Harbour Master
Barry Buist	Leisure Services Manager
Sue Cocks (Minutes)	Leisure Services Accounts Officer
Peter Hamilton	Falmouth Harbour Commissioner
David Carne	
David Muirhead	
Martin Bidmead	
Chris Smith	

Apologies:

David Hitchcock	
Ian Munday	Chairman

1. Apologies

See table above. We welcomed David Barnicoat as stand-in chairman in Ian Munday's absence.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 6th March 2012

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising

All the matters arising are either complete or in progress. David Barnicoat had produced a document 'marking of fishing gear' for everyone to look at, he went through the document explaining various points. A discussion took place on the document and the way forward. Whatever route is taken to implement the marking of fishing gear it will be contentious with local fishermen. It was decided for David Muirhead and David Barnicoat to draw up a draft code of practice for discussion with the fishermen/FHC and bring any comments to the next meeting.

ACTION: DM & DB draw up draft code of practice for marking of fishing gear.

4. Social Capital Survey

Review the results at the next meeting.

5. Communications with FHC Board

Ian Munday attended the last board meeting. It was reported that both Ian and the Board had considered his attendance valuable.



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6. Regulations Updates

a) Proposed Harbour Revision Order

b) Byelaws

Mark spoke to the committee briefly on the draft revision order which is reviewing the powers already in place, work around the borrowing powers. One of the key proposals is to look at the powers of general direction which would replace bye-laws for making general rules relating to navigation.

The licensing of hire craft and boatmen is being looked at and how necessary the harbour authority role is. Licensing of small craft is largely controlled by the MCA using codes of practice.

Mark S told the committee that the HSE have been very helpful in assisting with regulating large fish landings on the quays. Mark said letters have been sent to the vessels concerned and to the companies collecting fish to let them know if fish is collected from our quays they are contributing in breach of the H&S regulations.

If any members have any comments on the draft order please pass on to Mark.

7. FHC Strategy Update

Mark S reported that the board have been looking at the future and what it holds for the port and how to move forward. For example the leisure facilities and unallocated on land use and it's potential. They would like to start discussions going with harbour users, on how future developments should be undertaken including new recreational facilities. Mark S said the development of the marina in the docks is not going ahead (in that location anyway). A review has been carried out on the use of Fish strand Quay, the potential pedestrianisation of the main street and the use of waterfront is being looked at as part of the Penryn River Study. It is hoped that the Consultative Committee can play its part in bringing coordinated discussion together.

David Barnicoat asked if the board had thought about increasing the amount of pontoons in the harbour. Mark said that this is kept under review. There is the potential to collaborate with the council on developing Fish strand quay car park for marine use. Mark said there is opportunity to provide a joined up approach and we need to start looking to the future now.

David Carne said there is a shortage of landing facilities for visiting yachts now and suggested a holding pontoon somewhere. Martin Bidmead agreed with David Carne on the shortage of leisure facilities.

Chris Smith said if the Sainsburys broadwalk from Prince of Wales Pier to the gas works car park goes ahead then this is the time to look at provision of landing facilities at the same time.

David Barnicoat asked if FHC can contact the council to complain about the poor state of the tarmac on Quay Hill.



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8. Port of Falmouth Development Initiative

Mark S gave a brief update on the POFDI, there is application to the MMO to undertake a trial for relaying dredged maerl to get data relating to the ecological impact. The data will be used to inform the MMO appropriate assessment decision. Cornwall Council have agreed funding of the trial and we are drawing up tender documents. There have been a number of objections concerning the trial which FHC are addressing. The next stage will be to go out to tender for the contract.

The masterplan is going ahead in terms of the investment going into the docks that isn't dredge related. World Fuels are putting investment into new tanks, Port Pendennis have applied for planning permission for a basin development and A&P are looking to progress some of their projects.

9. Waterfront Development

Discussed under FHC Strategy Update.

10. Fabtest Update

Fred Olsens' device is out in site and they have asked for it to be extended up to 12 months.

11. FaMe Update

This project is in collaboration with the Marine School, it involves getting students and industry matched up, this year there are 44 projects. On Thursday 14th June a conference is being held giving students the opportunity to show case there projects. Looking at setting up a website.

12. Minutes of Board Minutes: Feb12, Mar 12 & April 12

No comments.

13. AOB

None

14. Confirmation of next meeting

The date of the next Consultative Committee meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 11th September 2012** at **14:00 hrs** in the Falmouth Harbour Office.

This meeting concluded at 15.15 hrs