



Falmouth Harbour
Commissioners

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

11:00 hrs on Tuesday 11th December 2012

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 Barnicoat	
David Muirhead	
David Carne	
Chris Smith	

Apologies:

David Hitchcock
Martin Bidmead

1. Apologies

See table above

2. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 11th September 2012

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Sue was asked to forward everyone the secure website link when sending minutes out.

ACTION: SC forward secure website link

3. Matters Arising

All the matters arising are either complete or in progress. David Barnicoat and David Muirhead are still working on the marking of fishing gear policy. They brought along a few points for consideration, a) extend the limit area around Pendennis point or zone point, b) include a chartlet explaining zoned areas for fishermen in the code of practice, c) agree permits for fishing in the Carrick Roads. It should be ready for the next meeting.

ACTION: DB & DM to continue with code of practice on fishing gear, marking & zoning.

4. Nominations for FHC Award

David Barnicoat suggested Penny Phillips for her work with the Missions to Seafarers, Mark S will put this suggestion to the board.

ACTION: MS forwarding the nomination to the board.

5. Proposed Harbour Revision Order



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Mark gave an update on the Harbour Revision Order. He said the Marine Navigation Bill has been supported by the Dept of Transport and had passed through the Commons. The proposal to give harbours authorities the powers of general direction is proving controversial and the RYA are campaigning amongst their members to get them to lobby it to get thrown out. The Lords will be debating in mid January.

6. FHC Strategy Update

Due to an unforeseen pension deficit FHC are looking at ways to move forward financially, one avenue the board are looking at are the ways the charging structure is within the leisure services and how they run within the organisation. A discussion followed with several incidents being brought about from committee members in relation to charging for facilities. It was suggested that if the board decide to charge a commercial rate then a commercial service should be offered and facility packages should be considered.

7. Port of Falmouth Development Initiative

Mark S reported that the scientific trial dredge had taken place and the results from the trial will be presented to the MMO. The revised appropriate assessments will hopefully show that there will be no adverse effect on the special area of conservation.

David Muirhead who is the chairman of the Helford and District Fisherman Society, wanted to say they are not against the dredge but have concerns on the spoil being dumped on prime fishing ground. Mark S said that all the options were being studied to minimise the amount of disposal.

8. Waterfront Development

The Chair raised the subject of the possible Sainsbury's contribution to town improvements raised in the press, coupled with a possibility that these monies could be used in part to create a boardwalk between Prince of Wales Pier and the Church Street car park. Further discussion followed concerning public access to and from the waterfront, possible locations to keep punts and the possibility of some pontoons in the area. It was not known at this stage whether or not these aspirations would be fundable, as that would require further negotiation. CS suggested that it would be a good thing for FHC, CC, the Pier CIC and FTC (if they wish) to communicate and co-operate on these aims. All parties to watch for further developments

9. Fabtest Update

Fabtest has won an award for the best innovative project in South West Green Energy Awards. The existing device is due to come in March, with the possibility of another or even the same device being put out.



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10. FaMe Update

Harriet's KTP got to the finals of the National KTP Awards and was awarded a certificate from the Economic and Social Research Council as their best project. The research council have also expressed an interest in the FaMe model with the view to replicate it at a national level.

11. Minutes of Board Minutes: July 12, Aug 12, Sept 12 & Oct 12

Ian Munday asked if there was any trend in the incidents reported, Mark S said having the enforcement officer present acts as a visible deterrent and following up of investigations has had a beneficial effect on the numbers of incidents reported.

He also asked about counter pollution procedures exercised on commercial vessels which Mark S told him on the exercise which was carried out with bunker tankers 2 months ago. There is also an exercise carried out on the fuel barge regularly and as part of the oil pollution plan a major exercise is carried out twice a year.

David Muirhead asked several questions on the abbreviations being mentioned in the minutes.

12. AOB

Ian Munday wanted to say as an independent observer at the UK Harbour Masters conference, FHC have a lot to be proud of in what they have achieved in the last year.

All happy with next year's meeting dates and to continue meeting at Port Health.

13. Confirmation of next meeting

The date of the next Consultative Committee meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 12th March 2013** at **14:00 hrs** at Port Health Offices, Falmouth Docks.

This meeting concluded at 15.50 hrs