



Falmouth Harbour
Commissioners

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

11:00 hrs on Wednesday 20th March 2013

Attendees:

Ian Munday	Chairman
Mark Sansom	Harbour Master
Barry Buist	Leisure Services Manager
Sue Cocks (Minutes)	Leisure Services Accounts Officer
Peter Fish	Falmouth Harbour Commissioner
David Barnicoat	
David Muirhead	
David Carne	
Chris Smith	
Martin Bidmead	

Apologies:

David Hitchcock

Ian Munday welcomed Peter Fish to the committee; he replaces Peter Hamilton who resigned from the board due to work commitments.

1. Apologies

See table above

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising

David Barnicoat presented the committee with the recommendations on the marking of fishing gear that he had developed with David Muirhead. He proposed FHC could look into a permit system for professional and leisure fishermen. It was agreed that the document should be considered by the board and if they are happy with it then put out for consultation to the wider fishing community. It was suggested that a voluntary pilot scheme should be set up initially. Peter Fish also suggested it be presented at the enforcement seminar.

ACTION: Proposed code of practice presented to the board for approval.

4. Proposed Harbour Revision Order

The revision order draft is on hold at the moment pending the outcome of the Marine Navigation Bill which includes proposals for powers of general direction. They have found time now to complete the committee stage of the bill which will



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lead to a 3rd reading and passage in to law. This becomes a useful tool for regulation as an alternative to byelaws. If this goes through then Mark S sees the consultative committee to act as a Port User Group for Falmouth as it has broad stakeholder representation with expertise in the types of issues being considered for regulation.

Mark S circulated the code of practice along with the constitution. Ian Munday suggested a sub-committee from the consultative to act as the port user group

5. FHC Strategy Update

Peter Fish gave an overview of the recent strategy day; due to the deficits on three pension schemes which FHC has an obligation to meet the shortfall on all three schemes, this will have a major financial impact on the business. The primary businesses will now have clear business objectives.

6. Port of Falmouth Development Initiative

Final samples are being taken next week and then there are four months before the report is submitted to MMO.

7. Waterfront Development

Penryn River Study is still looking at future development opportunities on the waterfront.

8. Review of the Constitution

Ian Munday was re-affirmed as chairman and David Barnicoat was elected as vice-chairman. The chairman or vice chairman will attend the board meetings after the consultative committee meeting. The constitution will be reviewed at a later date.

9. Slipway Provision

Ian Munday brought to the table an article in Practical Boat Owners he had read about lack of vision within authorities on access to the water. Discussions took place on the article, Peter Fish asked about the boardwalk plan which David Smith said was still on-going in its plans. David Carne suggested greater use of park & float. Martin Bidmead asked about mooring holders' use of the slipway and was told about the discount on the annual permit.

10. Fabtest Update

Discussions are in the process of floating wind devices out on site. The Bolt will be on site for another 6 months.

11. FaMe Update

Cornwall Marine Network is now taking the lead on this project, but FHC are still involved in providing directorship in the project.



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12. Commissioner Recruitment

There are 2 vacancies for new board members due this year. The Committee were asked to consider the vacancies themselves and to promulgate it to others who may be interested.

13. Minutes of Board Minutes: November & December 2012

Board meeting are now split in two parts with part 2 reserved for confidential items.

14. AOB

Peter Fish mentioned the BID organisation have been working on Falmouth signage project which is nearing completion, David Barnicoat has put a lot of work into some of the information being published.

FHC has recently rolled out a scheme for pilotage exemption certificates, which is based on our own pilot training scheme.

Martin Bidmead mentioned about the Tall Ships coming to Falmouth next year and what would FHC's involvement, Mark S stated we were involved in the parade of sail as usual.

15. Confirmation of next meeting

The date of the next Consultative Committee meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 11th June 2013 at 14:00 hrs** at Port Health Offices, Falmouth Docks.

This meeting concluded at 16:00 hrs