



CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

14:00 hrs on Tuesday 4th June 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	Vice Chairman
David Muirhead	
David Carne	
Chris Smith	
Martin Bidmead	

Apologies:

David Hitchcock
David Muirhead

1. Apologies

See table above

2. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 20th March 2013

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising

It was reported that the Board had commended the excellent work the consultative committee members, especially David Barnicoat and David Muirhead for putting together the draft code of practice on fishing gear.

Mark S reported that IFCA (Inshore Fishing Conservation Authority) who manage UK fisheries with MMO (Marine Management Organisation) are planning to pass a byelaw under DEFRA's direction to ban all commercial handwork, bait and towing fishing gear on areas of maerl and seagrass in the Fal and Helford SAC. There will be a consultation in the summer.

IFCA have a copy of the code of practice but they seem to be happy with the concept of the document. On receipt of their feedback, a consultation within the fishing industry will take place.

4. Proposed Harbour Revision Order

Further drafting work is required now that the Marine Navigation Act has come into force.



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5. FHC Strategy Update

A programme to look at the Leisure Services section of FHC is still progressing but with no firm proposals as yet. A discussion took place on all various options to meet the public demand for facilities i.e. different style moorings, access to the water, working in partnership with the council in car parking etc. It was reported that there is a similar divisional approach currently undertaken in Jersey. A trip is planned for some of the Leisure team to go over and view their operation. This Board are open minded about the way the business progresses and are undertaking some market research. The initial review will be passed through the consultative committee and Barry will report the findings to the board in September.

Mark S reported that a daily email is now being sent to the MMO on all mooring maintenance work carried out in the harbour as this is a requirement of the new Amendment regulations

6. Port of Falmouth Development Initiative

There has been a disagreement about licensing legislation with the MMO, which has held up the collection of the final core samples. The recent changes in the Council mean that the prospect of any council funding will need to be re-visited. Paul Masters visited the port recently and appeared to be very supportive of the project. Future briefings to council members and portfolio holders will take place in due course.

Due to the licensing issues, partly to do with the proposed SPA, the FaBtest licence is being reviewed.

7. Waterfront Development

Not much progressing with the waterfront development due to the recent elections.

Chris Smith reported that English Nature were sympathetic to the concept of the boadwalk on the harbour front

8. Review of the Constitution

Mark S brought a discussion to the table in reference to the Port User Group (PUG), as to whether to incorporate into the constitution or for it to an arm of the constitution. Ian Munday said the consultative committee is a pre constituted port user group, so he suggested we continue with the present format style meeting and then conduct port user group business, still with harbour staff present but not participating.

Mark S also brought forward to have advisory members who would be able to come in to discuss and give advice on certain proposed directions. Several scenarios were discussed as to how the PUG would be used, which would involve bringing a draft general direction to the consultative committee 14 days prior to consultation. At that stage we could assemble an advisory group to assist. Pete Fish asked if FHC should draft together terms of reference and methodology for the PUG. Ian Munday said he would be happy to work with FHC (Duncan Paul) on the draft process.



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ACTION: IM & DP to draft together terms of reference and methodology for the PUG.

9. Marine Navigation Act, creation of a Port User Group

See Above

10. Fabtest Update

There are a number of people interested in the FaBtest site. The MMO are working constructively with FHC on the licensing review. There have been 6 enquiries for future devices to deploy. Ian Munday asked the question on how the public knows about these projects and suggested using the front window of the main office as a window display; David Barnicoat suggested maybe having an aquatic management plan (big coloured board of the harbour showing all the slipways, all the yacht clubs the SAC area etc) or an environment awareness centre.

Pete Fish announced FHC have recently changed their PR company to Wildcard.

ACTION: DB to rough sketch the aquatic board display

12. Commissioner Recruitment - update

Two new commissioners have been appointed – Colin Jarvis (ex council employee & Cornwall Development Company) starts with immediate effect and Gary Tranter (ship agent) will commence in January 2014. Mark S said the standard of applications was extremely high.

David Barnicoat reported he had applied for a commissioner position and has subsequently reported the chairman Dave Ellis to the Dept of Transport Maritime Secretariat for a flawed interview process. He has also written to the DFT to report that he doesn't think the board of commissioners is big enough. He feels that Falmouth is not represented enough on the board.

Pete Fish said it would be quite legitimate if as a consultative committee felt the need to review the skills and attributes of the current harbour board with a view to making recommendations about future composition. The committee could take a look at the boards' constitution and review. Ian Munday asked for a summary of all board members and registered interests to be circulated.

ACTION: MS to circulate summary of all board members

13. Minutes of Board Minutes: January, February & March 2013

Future board minutes will be published quicker onto the website.

Ian Munday asked for his name to be spelt correctly on the board minutes.

14. AOB

A discussion took place after David Carne asked the question if anything had happened since the last meeting on the subject of promoting Falmouth. Pete Fish spoke about the rebranding of Leisure Services and how most of the points asked like car parking, signage, customer service etc will be looked at in this process. It was also suggested by David Carne that FHC send Barry Buist on a



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course to sale products. David Barnicoat also suggested having a free two hour berth for visitors

David Barnicoat stated the website was very informative but it doesn't stand out enough, not very colourful. Mark S said it is likely to be sub-divided into a number of websites in future.

David Carne asked why the working boat, sunbeam/pilot cutter fleet are not all in one area of the harbour, Mark S said that this had been explored before but there was no support among the owners for this idea.

It was announced James Hannon – Assistant Harbour Master would be leaving to start a new role at London Gateway.

15. Confirmation of next meeting

The date of the next Consultative Committee meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 17th September 2013** at **14:00 hrs** at Port Health Offices, Falmouth Docks.

This meeting concluded at 15:56 hrs