



## **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

14:00 hrs on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013

### **Attendees:**

Ian Munday	Chairman
Mark Sansom	Harbour Master
Barry Buist (Minutes)	Leisure Services Manager
David Barnicoat	Vice Chairman
David Muirhead	
Martin Bidmead	
Chris Smith	

### **Apologies:**

David Carne	
Sue Cocks	Leisure Services Accounts Officer

### **1. Apologies**

See table above. It was noted that nothing had been heard from David Hitchcock. The Chair undertook to contact him to see if he wished to remain on the Committee.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

Matters arising update

- a) DB to rough sketch the aquatic board display – *ongoing*
- b) Skills matrix for Board – *ongoing*

### **4. Marine Navigation Act Powers of General Direction**

Mark Sansom reported that pressure on the Department for Transport to tackle the issue of personal water craft had not resulted in action. He will be writing to the MCA asking for information on the extent of the problems with PWCs to present to DfT.

**ACTION** MS to write to head of Navigation Safety.

Mark Sansom reported that the DfT has now defined what a port needs to do to apply for Powers of General Direction. If the Powers of General Direction are



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granted a port may have to repeal certain harbour bye-laws if they conflict. This could make matters more difficult due to the poor definition of a ship used in the Merchant Shipping Act on which the powers are based. The Powers of General Direction could help to assist with certain events such as Tall Ships. The FHC board have not discussed this issue yet.

Overall it was agreed that the limitations in the scope for the Powers of General Direction were disappointing but if port authorities took a linked approach they may work better. This would be suggested at the Fal Estuary Marine Safety Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Ian Munday and Duncan Paul were requested to set up a Port Users Group, possibly using members of the Consultative Committee if this would assist. Martin Bidmead pointed out that it may be counterproductive to use Consultative Committee members in case the public assumed that this instituted some control over the group by FHC.

**ACTION** IM to lead on setting up a port user group compliant with the Code of Practice.

### **5. FHC Strategy Update**

Mark Sansom requested that information concerning the strategy be kept confidential for the time being until the official launch in January.

The Board would be launching the organisation's new strategy early in the new year. Following on from the strategy workshops which took place it was agreed that the organisation would benefit by focusing on the management of distinct business services. Leisure Services and Pilotage Services would act as service arms of FHC, each with their own branding. This would enable each of these services to focus on their particular aims and objectives and act more efficiently. Each of the units would produce their own set of management accounts.

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

Mark S reported that the analysis of the trial dredge samples was taking place and result should be available in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014. The report will go to the MMO in order to inform a revised appropriate assessment.

### **7. Waterfront Development**

The Penryn River Study is undertaking further studies on the waterfront areas outside of the Docks and looking further at the economic impacts of the Port.



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**8. FabTest Update**

Mark Sansom reported that the project is going well and had featured on television coverage recently. A full-time site manager has now been appointed to coordinate the budget and resources. There may potentially be more than one device on station next year.

**9. Minutes of Board Minutes: August - November 2013**

Ian Munday enquired about the Cornwall Ferries complaint and Mark Sansom advised that this was in relation to other ferry operators.

David Muirhead enquired about the incident with the vessel Lindy Lou and was advised that this was in relation to an outstanding claim against FHC being defended by insurers.

**10. FHC Award - Nominations**

It was agreed that committee members would contact Mark Sansom with their nominations prior to the Christmas break.

**ACTION** All to forward nominations for FHC Award

**11. AOB**

David Muirhead enquired if there had been any issues with a black vessel anchoring in the harbour as the Helford Marine Conservation Group were having problems on the Helford River. Mark Sansom advised that the vessel had at times anchored over on the Trefusis side where anchorage charges were not currently pursued.

Mark Sansom discussed the Board skills matrix in the absence of Carrie Gilmore. It was reported that the Board were looking at their skills and development training and Carrie would update the Committee at the next meeting.

**ACTION** CG to update on Board Skills at next meeting.

**12. Confirmation of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting would be communicated to members as soon as possible.

The meeting concluded at 15:50 hrs.



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**Post Meeting Note**

***Meetings proposed for 2014***

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Meetings will take place in the Port Health Building at 1400 hours.