



## **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

1400 hrs on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at the  
Cornwall Port Health Authority Building

### **Attendees:**

Ian Munday	Chairman	IM
David Carne		DC
David Hitchcock		DH
David Muirhead		DM
Mark Sansom	Harbour Master	HM
Chris Smith		CS
Mary Stribley	FHC (Minutes)	MSt
Julian Wolfram	FHC Commissioner	JW

### **Governance**

#### **1. Apologies**

Martin Bidmead, Carrie Gilmore.

#### **2. Declarations of interest**

None.

#### **3. Approval of minutes of the last meeting – 24 March 2015**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate.

#### **4. Matters arising**

- a) HM to prepare a harbour direction regarding the mandatory 4-knot speed limit. HM said that it is planned to try to achieve this using the new Powers. *Ongoing.*

The committee discussed the draft proposed direction. HM gave an explanation of the Codes of Practice by using draft harbour directions plan on Powerpoint.

IM asked if CC should also be consulted and HM said that this would be useful. The committee discussed the latest movement on the "definition of a ship".

- b) MS to remind the next FEMSC meeting that their action to meet with IFCA to harmonise byelaws regarding the marking of fishing gear is still outstanding.



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David Muirhead to remind Simon Cadman of this and to invite him to FEMSC meeting. *Ongoing.*

MSt to email a list of FEMSC meeting dates to DM. *Completed.*

DM said he has spoken to Simon Cadman. It is suggested that he meets with HM/MK/GC/DM as a special working group.

**ACTION:** DP to co-ordinate this working group meeting.

- c) HM to write an article about 'The Maritime Community Award – Sponsored by Falmouth Harbour Commissioners' and circulate it to associated groups (Falmouth Sailing Association and Town Centre Forum for example) for nominations. HM reported that it was too late to achieve this in 2014 and it would be undertaken this year. *Ongoing.*
- d) Port User Group members – HM to draft an advert. *Completed.*
- e) MSt to circulate Organisation Plan with minutes. HM showed the Marine Safety Organisation Chart to the committee. *Completed.*
- f) HM to draft an advert for Consultative Committee member.

It was decided to show the advert to the PUG members. IM asked if there should be mentions of preferred skills set or targeting particular sectors? HM said that a broad spectrum of applicants should be invited to apply in the first instance. *Completed – on agenda.*

### **Reports**

#### **5. Minutes of FHC meetings**

Harbour Board Meetings: 30 January, 26 February and 27 March 2015.

IM said that the committee are privileged to see the minutes. The committee discussed various points, including:

- Ladders discussion/outhauls.
- Notification of adjacent CHAs of incidents and oil spills. HM noted that an incident last week showed that the plan works very well.
- Discussion of incidents and learning points coming out of them.
- Future of FaBTest.
- SAC management.
- PNPF – Synthetic Section 75 liabilities.



## **Project Updates**

### **6a) Port of Falmouth Development Initiative**

IM suggested that there has been some pessimistic activity on this point, regarding the FTC/MMO direction. HM reported that he had attended a FTC meeting recently. There is a raft of sensitive, complex material needed first, to present to MMO. He added that it will be a difficult path through, and that Sarah Newton offers active political support in this. JW said that HM gave a presentation to FTC and they seem to be content to allow him to continue in this way.

### **b) Falmouth Haven**

IM mentioned the new finger pontoons; HM said the tender pontoon is being installed this week. It was thought that this will all aid in realising greater revenue for FH. The pontoons have been fairly well received, and it is hoped to sell 16 before the end of the week.

### **c) Falmouth Pilot Services**

HM said that the FPS Management Panel are working on the pilots' contract, which is up for renewal at the end of the year. HE added that they are currently waiting for renewal commitment from the docks and Truro/Cornwall Council. JW remarked that dredging is vital to the increase in pilotage.

### **d) Powers of General Direction**

This item can be removed from standing agenda items now.

## **Consultations**

### **7. Port User Group membership**

IM spoke about the working group meeting held recently at the Harbour Office to discuss PUG membership. IM asked if any of the committee members wanted to be in the PUG. The committee discussed the make-up of the group thus far. Skill sets lacking currently are in the Sailing/Sea School and Commercial Ops departments. IM also mentioned that he has spoken to David Barnicoat and has a good relationship there.

IM said that he has spoken to Caroline Wall from DfT and Gus Lewis from RYA, who have reviewed the set up and ToRs. Gus Lewis is keen for the wording "protect interests of port" to be changed to "take into account interests of port". HM noted that Drystan Jones from A&P (who will have their own PUG) has suggested that we put a PUG member in each other's group.



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**Urgent Business**

None.

**Any other business**

IM said that the first Port User Group meeting at 1600 hrs.

**8. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at 1400 hrs.

The meeting closed at 1515 hrs.