

**NEWLYN PIER AND HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT 5.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016 IN THE NEWLYN CENTRE, NEWLYN.**

**In attendance:** Father Keith Owen – Chairman, Community Leader (KO)  
 Simon Cadman – IFCA (SC)  
 Joe Clive – Merchants’ Sector (JC)  
 Laurence Hartwell – Community Sector (LH)  
 Tom McClure – Under 10m Catching Sector (TMcC)  
 Len Smith – Cornwall Council (LS)

**Also in attendance:** Rob Wing, Chairman NPHC (RW)  
 Rob Parsons, Harbour Master (RP)  
 Elaine Baker, Commission Administrator (EB)

<b>AB.07</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>  An apology for absence was received from John Moreland, Penzance Town Council.	
<b>AB.08</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>  None received.	
<b>AB.09</b>	<b><u>Minutes</u></b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Board held on 13 April 2016 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.	<b>EB</b>
<b>AB.10</b>	<b><u>Matter Arising</u></b>  There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.	
<b>AB.11</b>	<b><u>TIMETABLE OF MEETNGS 2017</u></b>  It was <b>AGREED</b> that meetings during 2017 be arranged on an ad-hoc basis to ensure that the Advisory Board (AB) was kept fully advised on the progress of the grant funding bid for the re-development of the Fish Market, and that meetings were held when required. In agreeing to this, the Chairman reminded members of the AB of the importance of attending meetings during the development of, and consultation on the project.	

<p><b>AB.12</b></p>	<p><b><u>REPORT OF THE HARBOUR MASTER</u></b></p> <p>The Harbour Master gave a presentation to the AB on the refurbishment project of the Fish Market through EMFF grant funding.</p> <p>Following the Brexit decision on 23 June 2016, Government had stated that all EU funding bids that had been received before the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on 23 November would be honoured, and therefore a bid had been submitted for the Fish Market. However, a further statement had been made in advance of the Autumn Statement which now confirmed that any bids in before the United Kingdom exited the EU would be honoured, subject to a couple of caveats. A decision on the funding application was now awaited.</p> <p>In addition, RP reported that an expression of interest had been submitted for Growth Deal funding in respect of engineering units on Sandy Cove. The deadline for the submission of the EOI to the LEP had been 5 November. LS reported that a total bid of £127m had been submitted by the LEP to Central Government for projects in Cornwall, but it had been announced that Cornwall was to receive only £18m. RP stated that a decision on the EOI was awaited but that consultants had been engaged to take the project forward. However, NPHC's main focus at this stage was the Fish Market redevelopment.</p> <p>In terms of the Programme Plan, RP also reported that the CCTV system was fully operational, new racking had been installed and a landing crane had been purchased. Work on the Fish Market was ongoing, together with development proposals for The Strand and engineering hub. RP was also confident on delivering heritage projects.</p> <p>The AB was advised that a Rambol survey of the existing market had been undertaken which had revealed some delamination of the structure. However, this additional survey would form part of the overall project. Two options had been considered by the Board (Option 2 with reduced office accommodation), and that at its meeting on 16 November had agreed to proceed with Option 1 as it provided greater flexibility. The ceiling of the existing market would be lowered to enable the whole market area to become refrigerated, with zoned areas. A business case had been submitted which would be considered by the funding panel in February 2017. The proposal aimed to provide an efficient "fit for purpose" facility for the benefit of the fishing industry and create a centre of excellence.</p> <p>The project would be delivered in two stages: the first stage being the redevelopment of the building; the second was a decision on the type of purchasing platform. The Board had not, as yet, taken on decision on the selling platform, but it was anticipated that a bid for an Auxis clock auction would be submitted to the funding panel in April with a decision expected in June 2017.</p>	
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<p><b>AB.12 cont.</b></p>	<p>The issue of auctioneer licences was raised, and RP confirmed that no licences had been issued. However, NPHC had the ability to issue licences through its byelaws, and that it was likely that there would be more than one auctioneer.</p> <p>JC commented that fish quality had been a problem and that if a clock auction was introduced it was important to ensure that fish quality was maintained.</p> <p>RP commented that the first priority was to ensure that the infrastructure was in place, and that the selling platform was a secondary issue, but he acknowledged that it was important to provide quality fish for sale on the market.</p> <p>RW commented that by zoning the whole area, the refrigeration of the building would become more efficient, fish landings would hopefully increase, with the grading and sorting of fish carried out on a 24/7 basis. The floor space would be managed more effectively according to demand. Regarding the selling platform, it was important to consider how the system was to be managed to provide the best facilities for Newlyn.</p> <p>RP confirmed that the next stage was the receipt of the offer letter which was anticipated in February. The total cost of the project was £1.5m of which 75% grant funding was being sought. NPHC would match fund 25%.</p> <p>RP outlined the consultation which had so far been undertaken within the industry and the positive feedback that had been received. It was clear that in the future formal operational demarcation lines would need to be introduced on areas of responsibility, particularly between NPHC and the auctioneers.</p> <p>The Chairman commented on the potential for new employment opportunities. RP stated that the reinvigoration of the port was a primary focus of the project, creating an efficient operation which would be able to operate for longer periods thereby encouraging new boats to land and sell fish on the market. The overall goal of the project was to <i>“provide the finest port in England.”</i></p> <p>RW commented that the Board was keen to carry out a strategic review of the harbour operation and that the AB had a part to play in that process.</p>	
<p><b>AB.13</b></p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>RW, in his capacity as Chairman of the NPHC commented he wished to build on the work that his predecessor, Gilbert McCabe had started and acknowledged that through his diligence the Commission was now fit for purpose. RW personally thanked RP for the improvement he had so far achieved on the harbour, and the AB for its part in that process.</p>	

	<p>The Chairman welcomed the comments and in particular the sharing of confidential information and urged all AB members to pass any issues raised with them regarding the Fish Market to RP for reply.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 5.51 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	