

NEWLYN PIER AND HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS HELD AT 9.00 A.M. WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2012 AT THE NEWLYN CENTRE

In attendance: Gilbert McCabe (Chairman) (GMcC)
 Geoff Brown (GB) – Left at 9.30 a.m.
 Mike Collier MBE (MC)
 Andrew Munson (AM)
 David Stevens (DS)
 Elizabeth Stevenson (ES)

Also in attendance Elaine Baker, Commission Administrator (EB)
 David Hines-Randle, Executive Assistant (DH-R)

	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Councillor Geoff Brown to the meeting, who had been recently appointed by Cornwall Council as one of its two appointees to the Board.</p>	
	<p><u>PART A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></p> <p>Steve Wydell, Fisherman raised the following issues:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems relating to the non-movement of vessels moored at the pontoons which were causing difficulties for the working vessels; • Access to the pontoons: vessels which had paid their dues were subsidising those vessels which had not paid. Access to pontoons should be restricted to those who had paid dues. NPHC to consider the introduction of swipe card / pin number access to pontoons; and • The amount of fishing gear being left on the pontoons, which was a danger to other users. <p>AM acknowledged the concerns and confirmed that despite regular inspections being carried out the problems continued. He agreed to carry out a site inspection with Steve Wydell and <u>AGREED</u> to give further consideration to the issue of pontoon access. It was also suggested that consideration be given to introducing a charge for the removal of fishing gear from the pontoons.</p> <p>The Board of Commissioners thanked Mr Wydell for attending the meeting and for bringing pontoon users concerns to the attention of the Board.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>AM</p>

	<p>The Chairman commented on the importance of establishing a pontoon users' group and it was AGREED that AM would discuss this further with Steve Wydell on behalf of the pontoon users.</p> <p>Ruth Simpson referred to the impact that the harbour had on Newlyn and sought assistance from NPHC in helping to improve the local environment. In particular, she referred to the proliferation of overhead cables in the vicinity of the war memorial / square and asked if NPHC could help to facilitate a meeting with Western Power to discuss the issue at an appropriate time.</p> <p>Mrs Simpson stated that there was general feeling amongst the local community that Newlyn was becoming a bit neglected and that anything NPHC could do to improve the situation would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Reference was also made to the new railings on Fore Street which had been erected by Cornwall Council which were regarded as extremely dangerous as the width of the footpath had been reduced. GB AGREED to raise the matter with the local Cornwall Councillor.</p> <p>Helen Burnham asked for an update on the installation of the new bollards opposite the Fisherman's Mission. AM stated that he was currently waiting for a response from Cornwall Council's Highway Manager.</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>GB</p>
	<p><u>PART B – MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS</u></p>	
<p>NPHC 1</p>	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Kevin Bennetts, Paul Corin, and Rob Wing.</p>	
<p>NPHC 2</p>	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>AM declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda relating to staffing matters as an employee of NPHC.</p> <p>MC declared a personal interest in minute no. NPHC 17/12 (Any Other Business) as Chairman of the Fish Festival Committee.</p> <p>DS declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda in connection with the harbour as the owner of a boat using the harbour and as a businessman on the harbour.</p> <p>ES declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda which referred to W Stevenson & Sons Ltd in connection with the harbour and as a family boat owner using the pontoons.</p>	<p>AM</p>

<p>NPHC 3</p>	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>RESOLVED : That the public Part 1 minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2012, including the summary of matters considered in Part 2, as amended below be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Minute no. NPHC 128/12 (Declarations of Interest), last declaration to be amended to read:-</p> <p><i>“Rob Salvidge declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda in connection with the harbour as an operator of a ship using the harbour which takes fee paying passengers.”</i></p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>NPHC 4</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Regarding the website, EB reported that in Part II of the agenda the Board would be asked to consider a proposal for the development of a new site.</p> <p>Regarding minute no. NPHC 131/12 (Appointment & Re-appointment of Commissioners), the Chairman reported that a successor appointee Commissioner for Glenn Caplin was still awaited from Cornwall Council.</p> <p>On minute no. NPHC 137/12 (Car Parking on the Old Quay), AM reported that MBC had now started patrolling the area and that new signage was to be erected shortly.</p>	
<p>NPHC 5</p>	<p><u>Executive Report</u></p> <p>The Harbour Master gave his report on Executive Matters since the last meeting. (Copy appended to the signed minutes).</p>	
<p>NPHC 6</p>	<p><u>Finance Report</u></p> <p>DH-R commented that NPHC remained on target to make a small surplus at year end; a report was still awaited from the letting agents regarding rental income before the accounts could be finalised. However, he was confident that NPHC could continue to operate well within existing financial facilities and was in a healthy position.</p>	
<p>NPHC 7</p>	<p><u>Plans for a Forum Discussion between the Wider Fishing Industry and Bankers</u></p> <p>D H-R reported that discussions were continuing about the possibility of arranging a meeting between bank representatives and interested commercial parties in the port to facilitate a better understanding of the pressures facing the fishing industry and the development of a new financial strategy to support businesses associated with the fishing industry.</p>	

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NPHC 7 cont.	The Chairman commented that the decision to request the meeting had been made because the banking sector did not have a proper economic policy to support the fishing industry and that it did not have an appreciation of the pressures and challenges currently facing the industry.	
NPHC 8	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> The meeting <u>RESOLVED</u> to exclude the press and public at this point in the proceedings as matters of a confidential and personal nature were to be discussed.	

SUMMARY OF MATTERS CONSIDERED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL PART OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWLYN PIER & HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 13 JUNE 2012

1. Minutes (Part 2) of the Meeting held on 2 May 2012

The minutes were approved by the Board.

2. Matters Arising

The Board received an update on the position regarding finalising the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011, and a staffing matter.

3. Finance Report

The Board received an update on as number of confidential financial issues.

4. Operations / Non Harbour Issues

The Board received a progress report in respect of a number of staffing related matters.

5. Executive Report

The Board received the Harbour Master's report on confidential Executive Matters since the last meeting.

6. Website

The Board accepted a proposal for the development of a new website.

7. Draft Strategy Document

The Board was advised that further work was required and that a revised version would be circulated in due course.

8. North Pier

The Board received a proposal for the redevelopment of the work units on the North Pier and referred it a small working party of Commissioners for detailed analysis.

9. Any Other Business

The Board discussed issues relating to the quays, fish festival, new fish grader and external communications.

10. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board to be held on 11 July 2012 at 9.00 a.m.in the Newlyn Centre.

The meeting closed at 12.20 p.m.

Chairman

11 July 2012