



# Newlyn Pier & Harbour Commissioners

## Minutes Part 1

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Extraordinary Commissioners meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
<b>Time:</b>	0900
<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Chaired by:</b>	Robert Clifford-Wing
<b>Attendees:</b>	Robert Clifford-Wing (RW), Kevin Bennetts (KB), Robert George (RG), Anthony Hoskin (AH), Abbie Smith (AS), Cllr Peter Channon (PCh), Gus Lewis (GL), Robert Parsons (RP, HM),
<b>Guests:</b>	Nick Howell (NH), Laurence Hartwell (LH), Simon Cadman (SC), Keith Owen (KO)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Sam Winters (SW), James Roberts (JR), Cllr John Thomas, (JT), Paul Durkin (PD), Craig Tonkin (CT), Paul Corin (PC)

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

- Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all commissioners and Advisory board members in what was an unusual, extraordinary meeting but one which was very welcome in order for the Commissioners to have the chance to listen.
- The chair continued to thank the AB for the work conducted thus far and that he wanted the meeting to be about the opinion captured by the AB from stakeholders and that he wanted this meeting to be centred around this work and which will be then taken away by the board and discussed at the earliest opportunity to understand the feedback.
- Apologies received as noted above

### 2. Declaration of Interest

- AH declared an interest in any item on the agenda as an active sea going fisherman and boat owner operating within Newlyn Harbour.
- RP Declared an interest in any item on the agenda relating to staffing matters as an employee and as a leisure boat owner moored in Newlyn Harbour
- RW declared an interest in any items on the agenda in connection with fish buying as a Fish Merchant and as a trustee of the national Lobster Hatchery



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## 3. Strategic Overview and Position

- RP confirmed that the intention of this meeting was to clarify the wants and needs of harbour users but urged caution in relation to the management of expectation in the delivery of projects. RP continued that that statement wasn't negative, but we must be aware that certain funds obviously have their own criteria and at this moment in time criteria for some potential funds was unknown and we must ensure that we understand what we want and what we want to see.
- RP continued to brief all present and chronological update on projects and funds obtained thus far along with the pitfalls and failures endured.

## 4. Presentation of Concept plans (Advisory Board)

- NH gave an update on the mandate given to the AB from the Commissioners by way of going out to stakeholders to create the concept plans for the commissioners to update their programme plan. The members present were shown potential plans at PZ harbour for information and background. Plans were shared in particular version 5 of sandy cove plans and harbour plans tying into deliverable projects not reliant on success of the access road.
- RP updated the board in relation to recent project applications such as security and passed his thanks to NH in his assistance with recent applications.
- NH continued his brief moving towards keel alley and shared some heritage photos in comparison to today's situation.
- RW thanked NH and said that we have received a huge amount of information of which take a huge amount of time to process scrutinise prior to any formal comment. RW thanked NH and open up to the floor to comment/ ask questions?
- KB said that before this can continue, we really need to have some form of clarity on the potential of the access road.
- NH gave further detail on the proposed access road, what fields it would pass through and where it will finalise and what potential JVs there would be. Focus was centred n where roads have been proposed before and the argument that this road will open up sandy cove and would increase the number of skilled higher paid jobs.
- RP thanked NH once again. RP continued that he sees this as a two-pronged approach as what we can do without the road and what we can do with. RP continued we cannot put all our eggs in one basket, and we must ensure we are ready so as not to have failures as we have seen in the future





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- RW highlighted recent press releases in relation to Flood defences and the lack of and we must make sure we make the very best use of available funds with partners that we share a capital spend need for example the EA.
- RP said that he understood the recent frustrations as communicated to him that some members of the AB felt that the executive was being a blocker to progress but that after Covid and Brexit hopefully more staff can be recruited, and this programme can be taken ahead.
- RW informed the board of the present recruitment drive and the boards reluctance to waste money on unnecessary consultancy but aware of the requirement to use them in certain circumstances.
- NH raised the cost as spent by Cornwall Council and asked the Cornwall Councillors present as to why the cost was so high?
- PCh said that all the concepts for Newlyn was new to him having only recently being appointed to the Commission and urged caution when it comes to consultancy fees. He continued that we have the space, we have the water but all we need is the road access. PCh said that he will take this back to economic development and discuss the potential for Newlyn.
- RW thanked PCh for his assistance within council and how important it was to continually push this need for the road as the industry is in critical need.
- KB raised the need for social housing and how this need should be tied into any bid for improved access.
- KO supported the raising of social housing and said that these plans are not just for the benefit of the harbour but for the village of Newlyn as a whole in order to create high-quality well-paid jobs.
- NH said that previous designs for the access do exist as Nigel Blackler was involved in the past and hopefully will be able to assist with this bid.
- SC informed the board that as a representative of IFCA they do not have a view on this but attend the meetings to assist the fishing industry. SC also wanted to make it clear that IFCA do not comment on poor port infrastructure and if input is required I will.
- NH raised the need for the projects and infrastructure authority to possibly getting involved as a programme this size .
- RP raised the Mounts Bay Cluster and that hopefully will tie into the programme policy which will be updated to all boards and members in due course.

## 5. Chairman's Closure

- The chairman thanked all for attending and that the Commission have a lot to do and time is of the essence. RW continued to inform all present that the



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Board of Commissioners will digest everything that has been raised and get back to all members in due course. It was readily apparent that the road access is essential and that any input from the MP will be gratefully received. RW asked if anyone else had anything to raise and if not will bring the meeting to a close.

- NH asked if parts not covered in the meeting thus far need to be taken up with the HM
- SC raised that there were fundamental issues in relation to communication that need to be resolved and would be better served face to face when restrictions are lifted.
- NH informed the board that it has been suggested that the Commissioners meet on the first Weds of the month and the AB will meet on the third Weds of the month with a HM AB/ Chair meet in between.
- RW supported the comments raised and therefore would look at all the issues raised and in particular the communications policy.
- Meeting Closed at 10:22hrs

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cliff Wing', written over a dotted line.

Chairman