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## Newlyn Pier and Harbour Commissioners

### Meeting of the Advisory Board held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 11 March 2022 in the Conference Room, Newlyn Harbour offices

In attendance: Nick Howell (Acting Chairman) (NH)  
Richard Adams (RA)  
Simon Cadman  
Nigel Davis  
Nick Downing  
John Lambourn (JL)  
Thalia Marrington (TM)  
Tom McClure  
David Stevens (DS)  
Tom Westfoot (Substitute for Tony Pearce)

Clr Peter Channon, NPHC commissioner (PC)

Also in attendance: Andrew Watts

	<p><b><u>Questions from Members of the Public</u></b></p> <p>There were no members of the public present, and no questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting.</p>	
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Fr Keith Owen, Paul Durkin, Laurence Hartwell and Tony Pearce.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>JL declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda in connection with the harbour as a boat owner, the owner of a business premise situated adjacent to the harbour and which benefited from a delineated right of way over the harbour to the strand.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Minutes</u></b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate representation.</p>	

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4	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>Following the invitation extended in the last meeting, PC attended the AB to represent the NPHC commissioners.</p> <p>It was agreed that the flow of communication between the NPHC board and the AB should continue to be improved, and PC was reminded of the AB's request for a joint meeting.</p> <p>There were no matters arising which were not already items for discussion on the Agenda.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Shipyard</u></b></p> <p>NH reported that a member of the NPHC board had contacted Maaskant shipyard (for whom the AB had been asked to organise a visit to Newlyn on 9th February) and told Maaskant's Chairman that they should be talking to the NPHC Board directly, and not to go through the AB. It was agreed that Paul Durkin would bring the matter up at the next Commissioners meeting.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Harbour Master</u></b></p> <p>The AB heard that the NPHC was conducting interviews for a new Harbour Master after the last candidate withdrew from consideration.</p> <p>The AB expressed a preference for the new Harbour Master and CEO to have project experience.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>WSP</u></b></p> <p>As agreed with the Chairman of NPHC, the Vice Chairman of the AB would host the introductory meeting for WSP Ltd next week to start their work to amalgamate all the previous technical and asset data held by the harbour. Both Deputy Harbour Masters would be in attendance.</p>	
8	<p><b><u>Training and Innovation Centre</u></b></p> <p>The AB received an update from SC on the Training and Innovation centre. The business case for the Town Deal should be completed by the end of the month, in accordance with the existing timetable. Only SC and DS from the AB had seen the outline drawings for the building.</p>	

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	<p>The AB heard that there had been concerns - based on a question in a Town Council survey - that the innovation centre was not a priority for the Town Council, and could be defunded. PC reassured them that this was unlikely, not least because it was a matter for the Town Deal Fund, not the Town Council.</p> <p>It was noted that Seafood Cornwall Training would be a tenant of the NPHC building, but they did not yet know yet whether they would be able to pay a commercial rent. (It was a matter for the NPHC as to whether rent would be subsidised by other key tenants) Though Seafood Cornwall Training has suggested the MMO as a potential tenant as yet the MMO had not been asked.</p> <p>The AB observed that the NPHC did not have a rental Policy in place, which would have given better guidance to any potential tenants. (This is considered best practice in the Good Governance Guide, as AB members learnt at the BPA training day (see item 10).)</p> <p>The AB reiterated its advice that as a three-storey building was being planned that a pre-app would be useful for avoiding future controversy, especially as NPHC intended to use their powers in not needing to apply for planning permission.</p>	
9	<p><b><u>Defra</u></b></p> <p>NH and DS provided a report of their positive meeting with three officials from Defra.</p> <p>This meeting was to discuss opportunities from the £100 million Seafood Fund. Defra's criteria were that projects should be in deprived areas, be "transformational", increase landings in British ports and not be taking boats from other ports. They should also be completed by 2026, when the UK takes back full control of territorial waters.</p> <p>The developments of the North Quay were not considered transformational, but a more ambitious project to create deepwater landing berths could be - and the officials suggested that the criteria could be altered to allow two applications, one for £10m and one for £5m (the existing maximum available). In addition, the breakwater could attract Levelling-Up funding, which would mean the Seafood Fund could focus on the harbour itself.</p> <p>DS had asked Defra to summarise the meeting in writing.</p>	

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	<p>PC added that he had raised the subject with the Defra Secretary of State, and that a deepwater harbour in Newlyn needed national government funding. The Secretary of State would be visiting Newlyn in April.</p> <p>The AB heard that the MP was already on board.</p> <p>The AB took the opportunity of asking PC if there was an overall strategy for Cornwall's harbours, and it was agreed that it would be useful to meet Chris Jones (Penzance Harbour Master) to discuss the proposal.</p>	
10	<p><b><u>BPA Training</u></b></p> <p>The AB repeated their suggestion for members of the NPHC and the AB to undertake this training.</p>	
11	<p><b><u>Newlyn Traffic Exhibition</u></b></p> <p>TM reported that the traffic exhibition had been very well attended and she had received really good feedback from residents, which was now being collated. The intention behind the exhibition was to consult ahead of the draft plans for Phase 2 of the Healthy Streets initiative.</p> <p>Cornwall Transport attended the exhibition and outlined their concerns over any suggested routes up Alexandra Road or the Coombe.</p> <p>NH had met Andrew Archer from Cormac at the Exhibition and had discussed costings and revenue in relation to the proposed Community run car park up the Coombe.</p>	
12	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p><b>Newlyn Forum</b> RA reported from the first meeting of the Newlyn Forum, made up of small Newlyn businesses, some outside the fishing industry. There was a lack of awareness amongst these businesses of the NPHC's concepts, but their feedback was generally positive.</p> <p>(The AB agreed to discuss, at a later meeting, the possibility of repeating the exhibition for members of the community who missed it.)</p> <p>Their main concern was that Newlyn's heritage should be preserved, although they recognised that Newlyn was always an industrial port. RA promised to send out a summary of the concepts to raise awareness and engagement.</p>	

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	<p><b>Newlyn Parish</b> The AB again considered the proposal for a parish council for Newlyn, Mousehole and Paul in the Cornwall Community Governance Review. The AB recommended that the NPHC write in support of the proposal.</p> <p>JL agreed to send PC further information about the proposal.</p> <p><b>NPHC meetings</b> JL suggested that the NPHC should reopen meetings to the general public, which would increase transparency and communication. As the AB has been delegated to represent stakeholders this warrants further discussion.</p> <p>There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 5:40 pm.</p>	JL
	The next meeting will be on 8 April 2022 at 2:30 pm	