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Newlyn Pier and Harbour Commissioners

Meeting of the Advisory Board held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 8 April 2022 in the Conference Room, Newlyn Harbour offices

In attendance: Paul Durkin, Chairman (PD)
Richard Adams (RA)
Simon Cadman
Nigel Davis (NDa)
Laurence Hartwell
Nick Howell (NH)
John Lambourn (JL)
Thalia Marrington (TM)
Keith Owen (KO)
David Stevens (DS)

Clr Peter Channon, NPHC commissioner (PC)

Also in attendance: Andrew Watts

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| | <p><u>Questions from Members of the Public</u></p> <p>There were no members of the public present, and no questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>On behalf of the AB, NH thanked KO for his contribution as Chairman, and wished him all the best for his future.</p> | |
| 1 | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Nick Downing, Tom McClure and Tony Pearce.</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>JL declared a personal interest in an item 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><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate representation.</p> | |

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| | <p>It was noted that the NPHC would need to prioritise making the decisions to meet Defra’s timescales as well as day-to-day operational issues, and PC agreed to emphasise the urgency to the Commission.</p> <p>It was agreed that a working group of delegates from the two boards (to include NH and PD from the AB) could be formed to concentrate focus on the project, which Defra could join as a partner at a later stage. PD agreed to raise with the NPHC.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Sandy Cove development was a transformational project such as Defra was looking for, and, at this stage, the AB’s priority had to be providing as much evidence for its need as it could. To this end, the AB agreed to conduct a survey of harbour users as a whole, asking them what would provide most benefit. The questionnaire could be very simple, asking harbour users to rank in order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deep water berthing; ● Improvements in the inner harbour; ● Shoreside service; ● Fuelling; ● Ice; ● Marine engineering facilities. <p>LH agreed to draft the survey and distribute to harbour users.</p> | <p>PC</p> <p>PD</p> <p>LH/DS</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>Resource Centre</u></p> <p>SC reported that a business case had been submitted to the Town Deal board and Cornwall Council. In June, Claire Leverton from SFC would be presenting to the Town Board and the design would be considered again if the board was willing to progress the project and pass on to the Department of Levelling Up and Housing. Engagement with the local community, and a planning pre-app, would follow afterwards.</p> <p>There was general agreement that the new building would be setting the agenda for the redevelopment of Newlyn, and so it was worth spending time and money on design. (The current drawings were made for the business case and would need to be reviewed.) The AB and the Newlyn Forum should be involved in this process to provide assurance on the aesthetics of the design.</p> <p>TM agreed to ask the Town Deal board to consult back with local stakeholders at the earliest possible stage.</p> | <p>TM</p> |

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| 8 | <p><u>WSP</u></p> <p>The NPHC were finalising the scope of the contract with WSP, and work was progressing on the asset database.</p> | |
| 9 | <p><u>Newlyn Forum</u></p> <p>RA had nothing to report from the Newlyn Forum beyond that the local business community was interested in the plans for the development of Newlyn, and that it would be a useful platform for future consultation. He agreed to continue to feed back in both directions.</p> | RA |
| 10 | <p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>The subject of the NPHC's harbour dues was raised, and whether there should have been consultation on the rise in dues on pontoons. It was agreed that this was an operational issue for the NPHC, but the AB could recommend that it used its website to communicate with stakeholders.</p> <p>The proposal for Newlyn Coombe Community Interest Company to take over the Council's land on the Coombe to construct a car park was discussed. PC agreed to investigate progress within Cornwall Council, and NH agreed to send details of previous discussions. The AB agreed that NPHC should be asked to support the plan.</p> <p>The AB heard that the Environment Agency eco-blocks project would be going ahead during August and September, subject to consultation, and there was a possibility of disruption.</p> | NH/PC |
| | <p>The next meeting will be on 20 May 2022 at 2:30 pm</p> | |