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Newlyn Pier and Harbour Commissioners

Meeting of the Advisory Board held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 20 May 2022 in the Conference Room, Newlyn Harbour offices

In attendance: Paul Durkin, Chairman (PD)
Richard Adams
Sue Bosworth
Simon Cadman
Nigel Davis (NDa)
Laurence Hartwell
Nick Howell (NH)
John Lambourn (JL)
Tom McClure
Tony Pearce
David Stevens

Cllr Peter Channon, NPHC commissioner (PC)

Also in attendance: Andrew Watts

	<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>PD welcomed Cllr Sue Bosworth as Penzance Town Council's new representative on the Advisory Board, replacing Cllr Thalia Marrington.</p>	
1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Nick Downing.</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 of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>In item 6, the words "very broad costings" should be changed to "three options on costings".</p>	

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	<p>Once this change had been made, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate representation.</p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The NPHC have confirmed that Part 1 of their meetings were open to the public.</p> <p>PD had followed up on the BPA training, and learnt that the Chair of NPHC still waiting for dates from the BPA. He would chase again, preferably for a joint meeting between the AB and the NPHC, so that all parties understood their respective duties.</p>	PD
5	<p><u>Commissioners' Meeting</u></p> <p>NH and PC reported back from the latest meeting of NPHC.</p> <p>The Commission received an update of the visit of George Eustice, Defra Secretary of State, on 22 April. The local MP has followed up with a package setting out the concepts for the development of a deep water port, and the SoS expressed particular interest in a harbour that could accommodate offshore wind farm service vessels and fisheries patrol boats.</p> <p>The Commission also voted unanimously to contract with WSP to carry out its studies, recognising the need to move forward quickly even with the possibility of delay from the MMO and Environment Agency and in producing a new Harbour Revision Order.</p> <p>The Commission also had a brief update in relation to the resource centre: the business case had been submitted and the project was being progressed. (See item 8.)</p>	
6	<p><u>Survey</u></p> <p>LH reported on the survey of boatowners he had undertaken for the AB. The owners of 26 boats had replied, all but 4 of whom wanted a deep water development.</p> <p>PD had fed this back to the NPHC as an illustration of the broad feeling with boatowners rather than as a binding vote.</p>	

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	<p>The AB considered whether other businesses with an interest - boat repairers and boat maintenance - should be consulted, but agreed to come back to these businesses at a later stage of consultation.</p>	
7	<p><u>WSP</u></p> <p>As reported in item 5, the NPHC had agreed to enter into a contract with WSP.</p>	
8	<p><u>Resource Centre</u></p> <p>The AB heard that there had been some issues with the business case, and SFC Training Ltd were submitting more detailed documentation. The Town Deal Board needed reassurance that SFC Training Ltd's rents were a sustainable source of income, and wanted to see realistic payments for the square footage.</p> <p>While it was noted that it was unlikely not to form part of the finalised Town Deal, there was a possibility that the NPHC could contribute £200K, reducing the cost of the building to £1.7m (which would offset the shortfall), to allow the project to progress.</p> <p>The AB went on to discuss planning, reiterating their belief that the resource centre should be a well-designed, "iconic" building.</p> <p>The Town Board had expressed a desire for public engagement and consultation, and the AB was concerned that (as with previous projects in Newlyn) endorsement was sought rather than consultation.</p> <p>The AB agreed that it should report back to the NPHC on the need to consult about the building, and offer to organise a small-scale exhibition of concept ideas, materials and finishes. This could include an architect listening to feedback and producing sketches, through which a consensus view could be developed.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the AB should recommend this step to the NPHC.</p>	
9	<p><u>Grading Machine</u></p> <p>The NPHC had applied for a grant to purchase a new grading machine, which could operate at twice the speed of the existing machine, although there was a three-month lead-in time. The AB agreed this was a positive step.</p>	

