

Newlyn Pier and Harbour Advisory Board

Meeting of the Advisory Board held at 2.30pm on Friday 6 September 2022 in the Newlyn Harbour Commission offices

In attendance: Paul Durkin Chairman (PD)
Nick Howell (NH)
Nigel Davis (ND)
John Lambourn (JL)
Nick Downing (ND)
Tony Pearce (TP)
Tom McClure (TMcC)
Richard Adams (RA)
Simon Cadman (SC)

Cllr Peter Channon, NPHC Commissioner (PC)
Gus Lewis, NPHC Commissioner (GL)

PD welcomed Gus Lewis, NPHC Commissioner.

Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present and no questions had been submitted in advance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from David Stevens, Cllr Sue Bosworth and Andrew Watts.

2. Declarations of Interest

None other than the standing matter from JL.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes, having been circulated previously, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate representation.

4. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising that were not covered in the meeting agenda.

5. BPA Training

There was general agreement that the training had proven very useful. A key issue raised was that while communication between the Commission and the AB has improved, it still needed to be better and that a joint Public meeting would be very useful. Other things to consider were, inviting the Harbour Master to the AB

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meetings and for a newsletter. The Commissioners present commented that their

training had also been useful and there had been a couple of common takings from each. NPHC had already decided to share key and strategic matters under consideration with the AB for its input to NPHC prior to the matters being raised at the Commission's meeting on the matters. All agreed that this was a useful step forward. It was agreed that we should take up Richard Ballantyne's offer of a follow up meeting and hopefully that this could be a joint meeting with NPHC.

6. Auctioneer's "Lease"

The AB had submitted the comments it had received from stakeholders in relation to the negotiations regarding the new lease/license for the auction. These were summarised and some additional comments were received, notably regarding independence. GL explained that:

- a) the current arrangement could not continue as is.
- b) Legal advice is that the matter had to be resolved in the short term and that this would mean that not everything could be covered but that service levels would be included.

He also explained the rationale for the negotiations and the complexities in drawing up Heads of Terms in a formal agreement and accepted the difficulties with service levels. He confirmed that all the matters raised by the AB were being taken into account as part of the negotiations. It was accepted that the matter was quite complex and that nothing had been finalised and no decision had been taken as yet – indeed it would have to be approved by NPHC. The AB would be informed of the final terms and the rationale for these. All thanked GL for his input which was appreciated.

7. Highways

There had been no further progress on this.

8. Sandy Cove

NH presented on potential scope of the project approved by NPHC with WSP to undertake the technical survey of the proposed development of Sandy Cove to provide an extension to the harbour to accommodate larger vessels. Despite some technical difficulties, the key aspect was to do with the design of a new breakwater. Having considered the options presented, the recommendation of the AB was that either of the two larger breakwater designs (one attached to shore and one with a gap) should be recommended to be in scope.

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9. Any Other Business.

PD thanked GL for his input.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 16.15 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 21 September 2022 at 2.30pm.