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Newlyn Pier and Harbour Commissioners

Meeting of the Advisory Board held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 18 November 2022 in the Newlyn Harbour Commission offices

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

Also in attendance: Cllr Peter Channon, NPHC commissioner (PC)
Cllr Thalia Marrington
Jonathan Poynter, Harbour Master & CEO (JP)

Andrew Watts (AW)

	<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>	
1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Tom McClure.</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> <p>PD declared a personal interest in discussion of the Fishermen's Mission due to his wife being a trustee.</p>	

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3	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>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>AW said that he would be unable to continue acting as minute-taker. The AB agreed to look for a replacement.</p> <p>There was no update on the plans for Landing Dues, as there had been no Commissioners' meeting,</p> <p>In a meeting with Cllr Louis Gardner, who holds the Economy portfolio in Cornwall Council, the NPHC were given advice on applying for grants. There is now a clear route ahead for funding, and JP is now expediting on behalf of NPHC. JP thought there was no reason to believe the Sandy Cove project would progress.</p> <p>JP explained that the Good Growth Fund could fund all development work up to the procurement of a contractor - i.e. RIBA stage 3 or 4 - at which point it could access other funding streams.</p> <p>WSP's technical feasibility study (which should be completed by February) will lead into the next stage of detailed ecological, geotechnical and economic studies. The Good Growth Fund is itself linked to a forum which can access private sector and other funding sources, but construction was unlikely to start before 2026 with the new harbour operational no sooner than 2028. It could be advanced if it was taken up as a national infrastructure project, but this was not guaranteed..</p> <p>The AB wanted to emphasise that it was fully behind the NPHC's plan.</p> <p>JP was asked if NPHC had looked into future profit streams; he replied that, as a trust port, it could not bankroll a major project, but when the infrastructure was in place it could profit from fishing and, for example, Celtic offshore wind. WSP's feasibility study built on Newlyn's existing core business, and other opportunities would be apparent after the first stage was completed.</p> <p>JP promised to pass on the feasibility report when it was completed, and the AB offered to provide any assistance they could.</p>	
5	<p><u>Topics for Discussion</u></p> <p>Newlyn Traffic</p> <p>The AB asked TM for an update on the discussions about traffic and transport in Newlyn.</p>	

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	<p>Some members of the AB were concerned that the current proposals could undermine the strategic case for a bypass, but it was agreed that it was more important to ensure that harbour users had input into discussions.</p> <p>The AB had been asked to put in a supporting letter for the Electric Bay study, but did not feel that it was in a position to do so at this point in time, due to a lack of confidence in existing technology. The AB did not disagree with the end goal of decarbonisation.</p> <p>Concepts for inside Newlyn Harbour</p> <p>The concepts drawn up by the AB did not just cover Sandy Cove (see “Matters Arising”) but also additional work inside the harbour. Although the latter was not eligible for Defra’s funding for “transformational” projects, the AB wanted to ensure that these works were moving forward. PD agreed to ask the NPHc to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Members of the AB particularly wanted changes to suit harbour users’ needs and improve the harbour’s income stream. Dredging for the deep water berths, for example, would be necessary even if Sandy Cove did not go ahead.</p> <p>The desirability of fast turnaround berths and a storage policy was raised. JP agreed to forward the mooring policy as soon as it was completed.</p> <p>JP added that a number of simple projects to improve the harbour were in hand - lighting, additional pontoons, etc. - but he would welcome any additional ideas from the AB and feedback on his mooring policy.</p> <p>RA agreed to ask local businesses outside the harbour to contribute to the discussions.</p> <p>JP said that the NPHC did not have a Master Plan, but he was in the early stages of pulling these ideas together.</p> <p>Mounts Bay Harbour Strategy</p> <p>The AB heard that there have been four meetings of the Mounts Bay Harbour Strategy group to discuss a strategic vision for Penzance, Mousehole and Newlyn,</p> <p>While the overall strategy was outside of the AB’s control, the AB agreed that Newlyn should support a regional approach and attend the next meeting.</p>	<p>PD</p> <p>RA</p>
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	There was no other business and the meeting ended at 4:25 pm.	
	The next meeting will be on 16 December 2022 at 2:30 pm	