

## Meeting Minutes – 02/08/2023 – Part 1



### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

Chair opened the meeting at 9am

Meeting attendees – RW JP NB NH NDR PP PCH RG JR

Apologies sent – GA AS AH SW

Guests in attendance – PD, Matt (Celtic Sea power)

### **2. Declarations of interest**

No declarations made.

### **3. Minutes of the last Meeting Part 1**

Previous minutes agreed to be true and accurate. No matters arising.

### **4 Celtic Offshore Winds presentation**

Matt shared a presentation regarding floating offshore wind, the global market was discussed as well as the benefits to Cornwall. The Celtic Sea is the only waters in England that is suitable for floating offshore winds.

Hexagons designs for four 8MW turbines on two platforms were shared, Hexagon plan for installation and first power in 2026. Matt shared details of further test sites and aspirations for the coming years. All developments are at different stages, none of them have hit financial closure yet. Indian Queens is a potential grid supply point.

A significant conversation took place over future projects – potential developers, phases of the projects and costs involved were discussed. Concerns were raised over the impact on the fishing industry. It was confirmed that the EMF impact of multiple power cables in the sea is being assessed. NPHC gave their support for future Marine Infrastructure and shared details of current projects taking place within Newlyn Harbour.

### **5. WSP Ltd report**

The report has been shared with the Commissioners previous to the meeting. WSP have reported on South Quay, Fuelling projects and access to Sandy Cove. JP asked for feedback/queries from the commissioners.

NH shared details regarding a recent conversation with WSP and suggested forming a project group to assist JP. Discussions took place over project plans; potential fuelling options were debated.

A subgroup will be formed and future specialist meetings will be scheduled.

### **6. Harbour update/risk report (JP)**

August report unavailable. Nothing of concern has been reported.

The draft audit report has been received; responses are being formulated.

One near miss has been reported involving a fender pile giving way.

Operational wise, general property repairs and maintenance is ongoing. The first trial ladder has been installed. There is a short delay on fender piles due to supply issues, Seawide Services are expected to commence mid to late August. Ladder repairs can take place once this work has been completed.

### **7. Harbour parking issues (JR)**

Concerns were shared over permit holders/RNLI crew being unable to park. An increase of tripping boats/seasonal visitors has contributed to the existing capacity problems. JR asked for potential short-term solutions.

Discussions took place over changing the main carpark to permit holders only and relocating pay and display to Sandy Cove only. JP shared that the revenue stream from pay and display is significant, to remove the pay and display from the main harbour carpark would result in an increase to permits to prevent a loss of revenue. All commissioners agreed that Harbour Users should be prioritised.

A further conversation took place over the morale of the Harbour users and fundamental needs of the users.

### **8. AB Report (PD)**

Plans for the Resource centre and Barron's Square have been shared. Barron's Square is viewed as low priority. Queries were raised over Primary tenants for the Resource Centre and whether there have been any expressions of interest. It was confirmed that Initial conversations have taken place however Tenancies may have to go through a process of tender.

The project is still at consultation stage as the grant offer letter has been delayed. There was an issue regarding the ground title and communications with the council have been slow. A public engagement will take place tomorrow. A press release will be issued once the grant letter has been received.

An update regarding the Auction and Market management was requested, RW confirmed that the project is ongoing and W Stevenson still have an appetite to take over the Market. The agreement is with W Stevenson lawyers. A further meeting will be scheduled between RW and a representative of W Stevenson.

The composition of the AB was discussed, PD requested the commissioner's permission to recruit new members, JP was asked to sit in on any interviews that take place.

Part 1 closed



**Chairman**