

Meeting Minutes – 06/09/2023 – Part 1



1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair opened the meeting at 9am

Meeting attendees – RW AH JP GA PCH NH RG PP SW

Apologies sent – NDR NB JR AS

Guests in attendance – PD TM PT

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.

A short conversation took place over possible solutions to the parking issues, in the short term the fisherman will be given an additional permit for Sandy Cove. A review of charges will take place next year and there will be one permit covering the Harbour Estate. Long term plans will need to be considered.

4. Harbour update/risk report (JP)

No report available for August. The highest risks identified are operational/ infrastructure affairs. The trip hazards on North Quay are surfacing issues which are in progress.

Repairs and maintenance are ongoing.

The Fenders have been delayed; work is scheduled for mid to late September. The ladders will be installed/repaired once the fenders have been installed.

GA shared concerns over the condition of the Harbour Estate, especially the appearance of the carpark and market. The downpipes have still not been repaired despite several reports being made months ago. JP confirmed that works cannot begin on the market roof until the end of nesting season. A significant conversation took place over general maintenance.

Concerns were raised over a rusty hulk on North Pier. JP confirmed all laid up W Stevenson vessels to be viable but awaiting repairs in order to return to sea. JP made an action point to investigate the small hulk in question and will report back.

5. AB Report (PD)

PD supported the concerns raised relating to general maintenance and a lack of communication which is a recurring problem. A discussion took place over possible communication platforms that could be used in order to share maintenance schedules and priority lists. A monthly update via the website was suggested.

Queries were raised over the progress of the market takeover and whether a plan B has been assembled. It was confirmed that there have been delays with the agreement due to slow legal teams and complicated obligations to consider. RW clarified that conversations have taken place with Leigh Genge regarding three areas of concern.

-TUPE/ staff transfer liabilities.

-Issues relating to the water supply to the market, a new meter has been installed.

-Protection of historic rights, further clarification of these rights is needed.

A conversation pursued over the service level agreement, RW confirmed that the SLA cannot be finalised until the bigger issues are resolved. A plan B was encouraged by the AB however Paul Trebilcock reassured the commissioners that Ocean Fish are working with their legal team in order to sign the new licence as soon as possible.

PD shared that the AB support the commissioner's comments at the last meeting regarding Off Shore Winds and would like to support the early operations of a sub group relating to the WSP report.

An update was requested regarding the progress of the Resource Centre. RW confirmed that grant agreement has been received. The planning process will now begin.

The AB will be advertising for up to 3 new members for appointment in early November.

The Big Tide festival has been postponed until March 2024.

6. Megrim (GA)

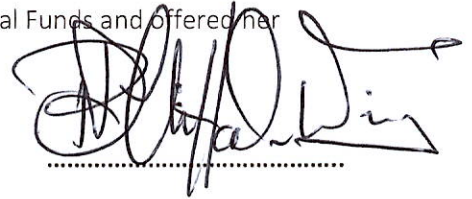
GA reported concerns relating to Megrim being taken direct in March 2023, this is a recurring problem and three merchants have withdrawn from buying Megrim in the recent months. GA shared his frustrations that the commissioners have not acted on information shared previously.

Paul Trebilcock confirmed that W Stevenson have only taken 30 tonnes for the year in an effort to improve the price for their own fleet and the average price is now better this year than last year.

The legal rights of a boat owner, availability of Megrim at the auction and lack of trust in the current auctioneers were discussed at length.

It was resolved that WS&S will make a conscious effort to ensure that availability of fish is documented accurately.

TM shared that a meeting has been scheduled regarding the Town Deal Funds and offered her support to Newlyn.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Trebilcock', written over a dotted line.

Chairman

Part 1 closed