**In attendance:**

Paul Durkin (PD) Chair

John Lambourn (JL)

Tony Pearce (TP)

Simon Cadman (SC)

Nick Downing (NDo)

Nigel Davis (NDa)

Laurence Hartwell (LH)

John Brooks (JB)

Julian Harvey (JH)

Janette Ratcliffe (JR)

Invited Commissioners in an advisory capacity:

Nick Howell (NH) Peter Channon (PC)

**1. Apologies** received from: Sue Bosworth: Jerry Drew; Tom McClure – attended just before the meeting and dropped off a number of hard copies of the CFPO report for AB members as promised at the last meeting.

**2.** **Declarations of Interest:** As previous meetings.

**3. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2024, were approved and signed by the Chair.

**4.****Matters arising:** To consider any matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda.

**5. Update on Commissioners Meetings**

PD provided an update.

*Fish Market Auction*

The draft license has been agreed by the Commissioners. It is currently with Michelmores (OceanFish lawyers) for final review and comment. PD, NH and PC explained that the license had been drafted explicitly to allow a second or replacement auctioneer if required and that it also protected the interests of the harbour regarding equipment.

*Rat Infestation*

This was being addressed however due to the risk of contamination to the harbour, certain poisons were unable to be used.

*Communications*

The need for better communications was acknowledged and the potential for a communications strategy. As strategy is an area where the AB has a specific role, PD asked LH if he would help undertake work to help formulate advice on this matter. He and PD to meet to discuss.

*Role of AB as a conduit for operational matters*

There was a full discussion on whether the AB was the correct vehicle for raising operational matters to the Harbour office or the recently formed Operational group. As an example, an AOB issue to be raised regarding the Archive premises was used to discuss. While it was recognised that the AB could help, it was agreed that its’ role was best used as a “nudger” to help move matters that appear to have stalled to be identified and raised with either the Harbour office or Operational group.

**7. Update on Harbour Strategic Planning**

PD and NH explained how a meeting the previous day had shed new perspectives of the longer-term viability/prospects for development of Sandy Cove and beyond into land owned by MDL. This included Tower Group, Corbally and the possible involvement of the Crown Estate. As agreed at the previous AB, NH took all AB members (and particularly the new members) through the various strategic options based on the original “Concepts” for both inside the current harbour and for Sandy Cove. Given that major strategic decisions will be taken, some of which are outside the control of the Harbour, that will impact future Harbour strategy, it was agreed that the AB would hold back on consulting the various sectors to confirm their needs until the understanding of the overall development is clearer.

**8. AOB**

Covered under 6. Above – PD agreed to raise the Archive issue with the Harbour Master.

The meeting ended at 4.05pm.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 15th March at 2.30pm.