

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
18 DECEMBER 2009 AT 1000 HOUR  
URGENT BUSINESS ONLY**

**Present:**

Mr D Ellis	Chairman
Capt M Sansom	Chief Executive and Harbour Master
Mr P Fish	
Mr J Langan	
Mr P Morgan	
Dr K Sumser-Lupson	Via Conference Call
Mr R Yates	
Mr R Reed	
Ms L Allan	Finance and Administration Manager

**Apologies:** None

**Agree and sign agreement with World Fuels Ltd:**

It was noted that the draft had been circulated to the negotiating committee and checked by the solicitors of both parties, and confirmed that it reflected the intentions of the Board's proposal, which commits FHC to a rebate for 2009 and 2010.

**Agree dates of meetings for 2010:**

After some corrections and discussions the dates were formally approved.

**Merchant Navy Pension Deficit:**

Mark Sansom updated the Board on the latest communication from the MNOFP detailing that they were further in deficit by £740 million. FHC have paid the requested amounts on 2 previous occasions of £9,851 and £10,224. At that time legal advice was taken as to the liability of FHC which concluded that it was an established legal responsibility and there was no alternative to paying.

Discussion was held in respect of the invitation to join the Employer's Group, whose aim is to mitigate the effect on the employers. After a debate of the position and amounts involved, it was unanimously decided not to join this group.

After further discussion it was decided to investigate the costs involved of exiting the scheme completely.

**Falmouth Port Development Initiative:**

It was reported that the CEO of Cornwall Council has renamed the initiative FALMOUTH GATEWAY. There has been a lot of activity with Cornwall Council, together with Mark Sansom & Mike Reynolds, having undertaken the tendering process for both the Master Planning and Economic Impact Assessment. Of the four tenders which were assessed,

three were invited to interview. Tibbalds was successful and Cornwall Council are in the process of placing the contract with them.

Captain Sansom advised the Board that he was confident that the selection process was robust and the selected consultants would be able to deliver what was required.

It was requested and agreed that the scoping study would be circulated for the Board to study.

It was noted that an Inception meeting would be held 14 January 2010 and the final delivery of the report would be in September 2010. A programme of meetings will be drawn up for the presentation of progress reports.

It was noted that it is essential to ensure dates etc are aligned with convergence funding availability and to this end a new time line presented to the next Board meeting.

A query was raised as to ownership of the Intellectual Property Rights for the study, and it was stated that that would be Cornwall Council as the commissioning authority.

Dave Ellis advised the Board that he had briefed to the Economic Portfolio Holder, Carolyn Rule about the project.

John Langan stated that he is now a director of CIC and that Mark Sansom, Dave Ellis and he had attended the launch of the Community Plan, in which the PFDI is detailed and has had wide consultation.

It was mentioned that the Strategic Investment Framework is being re written to include reference to the PFDI.

The last formality for the consent applications, the sending off of the required samples, has been completed. A response has also been received from Natural England in respect of the calculation showing that less than 2% of the maerl habitat in the SAC would be affected by the proposed dredging.

A number of meetings and seminars have been arranged and the Board agreed to provide representation where possible.

- Dave Ellis has been invited to meet Julian Brazier in late January with Sarah Newton facilitating. It was hoped to convince the Shadow Ports Minister of the strategic significance of the project.
- Peter Fish has applied for an invitation to attend a meeting with the Cabinet Office on 6 January 2010
- It was noted that George Osborne is at a meeting on 18 December 2009 at 1400 hours, to which FHC could not attend, but Sarah Newton would be there
- Society of Maritime Industry are hosting a two day seminar in Bath in February 2010. It was agreed that John Langan will attend.

- Richard Reed was tasked with attending a renewable energy seminar similar to one he attended in 2009.
- Reply re Society of Maritime Industries Conference was required by 15 January 2010

Following an item raised by Peter Morgan, It was agreed to put Nick Harrington's name forward as an interested stakeholder for the masterplan study.

It was agreed that an update to FHC stakeholders would be put together in the New Year.

Karen Sumser Lupson advised the Board that the Canary Islands are looking to link to the Port of Falmouth and that meetings with Cornwall Marine Network were diarised for 28 / 29 January 2010. It was agreed that CMN would host it and take the lead with FHC participation. John Langan was tasked with pulling together a program.

Pete Fish was tasked with taking the lead to co-ordinate a "Falmouth" response to forthcoming proposals.

**Urgent Business:**

FHC award – to be presented on Tuesday 22 December to Walter Amos.

Port Nova – a course for the financial aspects will be on 19 January 2010.

**Meeting Ended: 1220 hours**

**Date of Next Meeting: Friday 15 January 2010 at 1000 hours.**

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Signed, Chairman 15 January 2010