

MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16th
DECEMBER 2008 at 1000 HOURS

Present: Mr C. Brown Chairman
Capt. M. Sansom Harbour Master
Mr I. Munday
Mr W. Amos
Mr D. Bickle
Mr B. Buist
Miss H. Knowles

Apologies: Mr. A. R Richards
Mr P Morgan

Approval of Minutes: Chair asks that Mr Ian Munday's name be spelt properly for these minutes.

Matters Arising:

Waterfront Development: Capt. M Sansom updated the Committee. He informed them that he has been involved with maritime theme for the CIC and that the Fal & Penryn plan is in the process of being written which includes the Waterfront Development. There will be a presentation in January/February for all stakeholders.

Reference the Gas Works/Church St Car Park, Mr C. Brown mentions that Roger Radcliffe is planning to write to all shop owners and tenants with a copy of the latest boardwalk scheme. He stated that it could happen separately to the Church St Car Park project, but it is being put in the Community Plan.

Falmouth harbour Bye-Laws: Capt. M. Sansom reported that there had been no progress other than a conversation at the Department for Transport. He met with Mr Hopkins to develop a good working relationship and the Committee to be updated at a later date.

Mr Bickle mentions a Jet Skier in Southampton was recently fined £5000.

Mooring Holders Questionnaire:

Mr Buist reported that the questionnaire was on the FHC website for 3 months and had 32 responses and was advertised in the Newsletter.

Mr Bickle stated his concern that the office is not reachable at lunchtime to customers, a point raised on the questionnaire.

Mr Munday raised the point that the fuel barge was once empty on the bank holiday weekend and suggested that a self – service card system would be appropriate. Mr Buist answered that because of oil spill regulations this is not possible.

The Committee decided that the survey should be kept on the website for long term monitoring purposes. The possibility of incentives like the voucher system at Fowey or an option to receive a newsletter could encourage people to fill the surveys out. It was also suggested that results could be included in the Annual Report. -Mr Buist to action.

Mr Munday inquired about parking available on North Quay. Capt. Sansom informed the Committee that FHC follow the lead of Carrick Council on parking issues.

Mr Buist informed the Committee of new South West Water regulations that FHC must comply with regarding water facilities on the Yacht Haven. Capt. Sansom informed Committee that in the short term these regulations would inconvenience customers but in the long term the new north quay building will incorporate a header tank and so regulations will not be a problem then.

Mr Brown suggested that issues with South West Water should be mentioned in spring newsletter.

Proposed dredging scheme: Capt. Sansom informed the Committee of the recent EIA exhibition and the positive feedback responses received. Since then there has been a number of meetings with CCC and the RDA which have proved to be constructive. He reported that a further meeting had been held with the Environment Agency which was helpful.

Harbour Regulation Issues: Capt Sansom informed the committee of the recent case of a yachtsman obstructing a ship movement and an allegation of a commercial skipper drinking. The investigation showed the cooperation FHC have with the local police.

Minutes of Harbour Board meetings: August, September and October 2008.

Capt Sansom clarifies for the Committee that the photo scheme is an establishment of a photo bank for use in FHC publications.

Mr Buist informed the Committee about new self declaration dispensing system of fuel at the refuelling barge. Committee suggest the possibility of access of the declaration forms be made available online to customers to keep the process fast and easy.

FHC Award:

Capt. Sansom informs Committee that the FHC award is to be presented to Mr Hick and Mr Brown will attend.

Mr Bickle informs that he did not get any information about this and seems to not be on the mailing list-Sarah Leverton to action.

Any Other Business:

Mr Munday raises the point that the Sailing committee have raised concerns that there has been a lack of support from FHC which is not in line with the FHC strategy document. He suggests people would benefit from better understanding what is available and what is not available.

Capt. Sansom informs the Committee that FHC needs to be aware of events people are arranging to be able to support them or there will be limitations. When FHC does know about them they tend to support them. However he will raise this in the next board meeting-action Capt. Sansom.

Mr Munday suggests utilising a University intern scheme for FHC. In response Miss Knowles introduces herself as the KTP associate, as similar position to that Mr Munday suggested.

Mr Brown suggests FHC make a contribution to August Rock Buoy as Helford Navigation are asking for contributions. Capt. Sansom stated that this is not within in the Harbour Area, however, Capt. Sansom is to consider this and talk to the Board.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 24th 1000 hours.