

The offer regarding the Crossroads Buoy claim has been increased which was also on the agenda.

FHC has signed up as a partner to the Aqua Pure Project.

Reports by Sub-Committees:

Nothing to report.

Marine Operations Report:

Commercial Shipping: There has been a significant reduction in commercial shipping visiting the port compared to the previous year. May 2008 was an exceptional month, but nevertheless, there has been a reduction in activity.

Enforcement Seminar: This was held on 10 June 2009. It had included a police presentation on using the slipway to launch from trailers and the licensing of those involved. Mark Sansom suggested that FHC put up notices to draw attention to users who may not be compliant with the legislation.

It was generally agreed that the Enforcement Seminar was a productive event and that a press release should be generated to this effect. David Ellis asked if FHC should endorse the day, to which Mark Sansom replied that it would assist in ensuring that it happened annually, and was built into the annual programme. David Ellis said that the Board expressed appreciation to Mark Killingback for organising the event.

Arrow Stern Gear Problems: The ongoing repairs to the Arrow were outlined by Mark Sansom. The cost to date has risen to £45k, up to £25k of which may be re-claimable. David Ellis asked if the Board approved of the additional expense, which was agreed. He then asked if the issues surrounding the grounding of the Arrow had been dealt with, to prevent reoccurrence of the problem. Mark Sansom reported that the Arrow should be back in the water next week.

Enforcement Officer's Report: The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from a yacht club in respect of FHC regulation. He said that he considered it an operational matter and was not going to respond to it.

Finance and Admin Report:

The Board reviewed the report, and David Ellis asked for questions or comments. Rob Yates was glad to note that the debtor days were down. Peter Morgan noted that there was a big increase in fuel barge takings, even taking into account the fall in price, as sales were up.

Leisure Services Report:

Useage of the leisure services generally was up: the weather recently has been good and it would appear that many people have made Cornwall their main holiday destination this year.

The advertising period for the North Quay planning permission expires next week. Nothing adverse has been heard and the project is on track. It was noted that Mike Varney is likely to be Chair of Planning at Cornwall Council due to nominations by the recently-elected Independents.

KTP Associate's Report:

The report stated that an additional student from the University of Plymouth will be conducting research relating to port operations. Mark Sansom said that the benefits of the project are proving to be substantial. He reported that Harriet Knowles has interviewed various stakeholders recently undertaking a survey of perceptions of FHC. The Board commended Harriet for her good work.

Public Relations Report:

Mark Sansom reported that we are currently experiencing a very effective management of PR, due to the exceptional working relationship between Deborah Clark Assoc. and Sarah Leverton. The news of the RDA removing funding from the Port Development project was responded to extremely well.

Falmouth Port Development Initiative:

Mark Sansom discussed the implication of the RDA announcement. He said that he had met with Theo Liesjer of the RDA and said that there was still support for the project but there would be no direct funding from RDA single pot funds. It had been established that convergence funding may still be available.

Dave Ellis reported that he and the CEO had met with Mark Prisk, Shadow Minister for Cornwall together with the conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, Sarah Newton. The meeting had been very positive and had resulted in a letter being written to the Chair of the RDA supporting the project.

The project is still ongoing, a working group meeting aimed at progressing the port master plan was held at Cornwall Council, which was attended, amongst others, by three RDA officers. There is to be a Port Master Planning Scoping exercise undertaken. Mark Sansom met with Mike Reynolds to discuss the level of detail needed. The cost for the scoping exercise undertaken by a consultant would be about £5k with FHC overseeing the

exercise. A consultant has been approached and the scoping exercise would need to be delivered in a month. The board agreed to fund this additional expence.

David Ellis said that he had met with Tom Flanagan from the Department of Economics, who said that he had been in contact with the RDA, as had Doris Ansari who reported that the RDA is still keen to achieve something. David Ellis is also to speak to the three Cornwall Prospective Parliamentary Candidates to tell them the project is still ongoing, and also mentioned that Peter Fish could speak Baroness Dean. Mike Varney and Mary May are also supportive.

David Ellis suggested that the Board write again to senior stakeholders with positive news, and keep them in the loop. He commented that press coverage had given the project momentum and got people out of the woodwork.

FHC Strategy Day Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting were approved with one small amendment. The next meeting would agree the Task and Finish group to modify the strategy document.

Pilots' Pension Fund:

There was nothing to report.

Crossroads Buoy Insurance Claim:

FHC have had an offer of £15k, which Geoff Gale recommended should be accepted. The Board agreed to accept this offer.

Abingdon Risk Consulting Proposal:

Richard Reed reported that Rob Iremonger, of Abingdon Risk Consulting, was well known to him. He said that the Board had received a proposal from Tony Dyer to review the Commissioners' insurances which could be a preferable approach to that proposed. The Board agreed that they were not inclined to accept the offer and the review should be sufficient for their needs.

Falmouth & Penryn Community Plan Funding:

Mark Sansom explained that the Board had agreed £10K to support the production of this plan and only £5K had been paid to date. A chart showing expenditure to date including the £5k had been circulated with board papers. David Ellis said that the Board noted the expenditure and it was agreed to make available the second payment of £5k.

Correspondence:

Richard Reed attended a Wave and Tidal conference in Bath and received a letter from Orecon, a wave hub manufacturer, which had been circulated to the Board.

The Royal Navy have written encouragingly about the Port Development Initiative, offering their support.

Mark Prisk MP has written in respect of the Port Development Initiative to the RDA.

Mark Sansom included a report of the 5th European Harbour Masters' Committee Seminar, held in Gdansk, which he attended. He said it was very valuable and had submitted his article in the UK Harbour Masters' Journal.

Urgent Business:

Falmouth Sea Scouts, in lieu of free parking, have requested £825 for 50 shirts and caps, along with a photo-opportunity. This amount was agreed, and Karen Sumser-Lupson and David Ellis will attend their inspection on the 7th July.

FHC has four tickets to see Dame Ellen Macarthur at NMMC on 31 August 2009. David Ellis suggested that the Board take advantage of this as a corporate hospitality opportunity.

The South West Regional Ports Association have a new brochure launch on 1 July 2009 at Torquay, and Karen Sumser-Lupson has agreed to attend this.

Mark Sansom raised the issue of animal feed transhipping, as a Panamax vessel is due in shortly for a trial discharge in the Docks. Potentially, these operations will add a further level of diversity to FHC income stream. An environmental survey of the proposal to use the Crossroads needs to be undertaken and Mike Reynolds has found a company to take the work at a cost of £10k. FHC and Docks are to pay 50% each, to which the Board agreed, along with the recommendation the Harriet Knowles is involved in this process.

John Langan told Richard Reed that the Cornwall Marine Network Board Meeting is 16 July 2009 at 1530 hrs.

Peter Morgan discussed the Marine Navigation Aids Bill, which is a Government proposal, and could result in the raising of Light Dues from 35% to 41%.

Peter Morgan informed the Board of a seminar to be held the Royal Thames Yacht Club on 15 October 2009 which will deal with how best to achieve harmony between yachts and commercial vessels.

Karen Sumser-Lupson spoke to the Board about Aqua Pure, which is project that FHC are now partners in, and will figure in the Port Master Plan. The aim is to place a buoy in the harbour to measure water purity. The project has not yet got approval and Karen is to lobby the Welsh Assembly, and will email all commissioners on the result, for which David Ellis thanked her.

Karen Sumser-Lupson recently had the opportunity to speak to Tessa Jowell, Minister for the Olympics, and told her of the planned yacht race from Falmouth to the Canary Islands during the Olympics, which, according to Ms Jowell, can be labelled an External Olympic Event. A profile of the race is to be sent, and it was agreed that Peter Fish should be involved in this, as he is a keen supporter of the race.

Meeting ended: 1250 hrs

Date of next meeting: Friday 17th July 2009

Chairman, 17th July 2009