



## Falmouth Harbour Commissioners

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### **Falmouth Harbour Commissioners' Annual Meeting**

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners' (FHC) Annual Report and 10 year Business Plan Statement was discussed at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 1 at the National Maritime Museum Cornwall.



Captain Mark Sansom presenting to members of the public at the FHC Annual Meeting

More than 40 people attended the public meeting to hear feedback on the past year and plans for the year ahead. The report and meeting gave an overview of FHC's financial accounts, summary of the past year's activity and of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) along with FHC's commercial strategy and Chairman's Report.

The meeting also highlighted the Board's five year Rolling Strategy to develop and manage Port operations in a sustainable and effective way. This includes investment in assets, accommodating staff in improved office facilities that better suit their needs and improvement of local amenities.

The meeting was chaired by FHC Chairman, David Ellis and included presentations from FHC Harbour Master and Chief Executive, Captain Mark Sansom and Maritime Sustainable Development Officer, Harriet Knowles.

After the presentations all of the Commissioners were available to meet with and answer questions from the people attending the meeting.



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FHC Chairman, David Ellis said: "We were delighted with the number of people who attended the meeting. We adopted a new format for this year, to try and make the meeting more informal and provide all who attended the opportunity to talk to any, or all of the Commissioners.

"Our Annual Meeting is the best opportunity for people to hear feedback on the business and ask any questions of us. The meeting is open to all

members of the public and with more than 40 people attending this year I am pleased that so many people have had the chance to speak to us and get an overview of where we are as a business.”

**Full copies of the Annual Report and Business Statement are available to download from [www.falmouthport.co.uk](http://www.falmouthport.co.uk)**

**Ends.**

**02 April 2009**

**Photography:**

- Mark Sansom presenting to members of the public at the FHC Annual Meeting
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**Notes to Editors:**

Falmouth Harbour, including the Carrick Roads, is reputed to be the third largest natural harbour in the world. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are a statutory port authority with responsibility for the Inner Harbour at Falmouth (excluding Falmouth Docks), the Penryn River up as far as Boyers Cellars, the southern part of the Carrick Roads and a large part of Falmouth Bay. As well as providing regulation of its Harbour Area the Commissioners provide small craft facilities for residents and visitors.

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners is a statutory port undertaking created by an act of parliament in 1870. It operates as a trust port and has a board of eight commissioners who act as trustees. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are committed to operating the harbour in an open and accountable manner and welcome feedback from harbour users.

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