

**MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT 1000 HRS**

Present:

Mr R J Toy - Chairman
Mr C Brown
Mr J Bottomley
Capt M J Sansom
Mr D Watkinson
Mr J Langan

1. Apologies for absence

Mr P Fox, Mr P Morgan and Mr R L Jones.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr Watkinson brought up a small inaccuracy in Item 3e) of the Minutes. Carrick District Council charge for use of electricity but it was installed free. Captain Sansom stated that Mr Fox had asked for an alteration on Item 6 to "boarding and landing ships that do conform with belting regulations". Otherwise the Minutes of the meeting on 11 JUNE 2002 were approved.

3. Matters arising

a) **Waterfront Development**

Captain Sansom reported that Martin Davidson has completed the report on the Waterfront Development but it has not yet been circulated. Mr Bottomley tabled a letter from Peter Rugg, Falmouth Town Centre Manager, to Forum members illustrating different processes for selecting the harbourside scheme. The Forum were trying to work out how to progress the scheme and Mr Bottomley asked the Committee if they could make a collective suggestion for the best process to use. The members had differing opinions on the processes and a collective suggestion could not be reached.

b) **Maerl Dredging**

Captain Sansom had communications with English Nature in respect of the maerl study to be carried out and the way in which the study is to be conducted. He expressed his concern that FHC were being used to pilot new methods of research and that considerable cost would be involved. The Committee were advised that the Board were approaching an independent consultant for their advice on the review of the consent.

c) **Falmouth Harbour Revision Order 2002**

Captain Sansom had meetings with Carrick District Council and the Trefusis Estate and is satisfied that both parties are now unlikely to formally object to the HRO. Mr Barton may still object to the repeal of the section of the 1958 Act exempting local craft from payment of dues. This clause was being professionally re-drafted to avoid objections.

d) **Falmouth Harbour Bye Laws**

Captain Sansom advised the Committee that the Commissioners are to consider the possibility of "zoning" the harbour area. Draft zones should be available for the next meeting.

Mr Watkinson stated that speeding within the harbour and creating excessive wash in the moorings were real problems. Captain Sansom advised that incidents should be reported to the harbour office so that action can then be taken against offenders. It was suggested that this information should be included in the harbour newsletter and leaflets showing speed limits passed to nearby marinas.

e) **Services at Grove Place Boat Park - Survey Results**

Mr Bottomley informed the Committee that the Commissioners wished to pass on their thanks for instigating the survey. This had been the first survey of its kind to be undertaken by the Commissioners and the results were very promising.

Mr Watkinson expressed his concern that the questionnaire had not been well received by Boat Park users and as such the results were not reliable. It was suggested that the survey be performed again with a revised list of questions. The Committee decided that survey should only be performed annually and the current results be presented in the next harbour newsletter.

f) **Sailing Today Article**

It was reported that no response has yet been received from Sailing Today magazine. Captain Sansom stated that nobody had attempted to withhold payment this year and that he expected the matter to resolve itself.

4. Chief Executives Report

Captain Sansom had issued copies of the Commissioners Board minutes to the Committee and it was agreed to continue this practice in the future. It was agreed that the Consultative Committee minutes should also be published on the Commissioners website.

The possibility of supplying fresh water from the new fuel barge was discussed and it was decided that this and the possibility of a specified drop-off and pick-up point for residents boats be put forward to the Commissioners via Mr Bottomley when appropriate for discussion .

5. Car Parking in the Grove Place Area

Mr Watkinson received a letter from the secretary of Falmouth Watersports Sailing Club expressing concerns at the lack of long term parking in the Grove Place area. Captain Sansom explained that the Board had previously discussed this matter and decided that short stay parking was still the best option for Customs House Quay. It was reported that the Board had already decided to take the issue of parking up with Carrick District Council.

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10 December 2002 at 1000 hours.

The meeting closed at 1140 hours.