

## FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006

#### **Present:**

Mr C Brown	Chairman
Mr J Langan	
Lt Commander I Munday	
Captain Mark Sansom	Harbour Master
Mr P Morgan	Falmouth Harbour Commissioner – Observer

#### **1 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Mr T Light

#### **2 Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Consultative Committee meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were approved.

The Chairman asked for clarification of length of term of office for committee members. This is to be discussed at the December AGM.

#### **3 Matters Arising:**

##### **(a) Waterfront Development**

Captain Sansom informed the meeting that the Big Lottery Bid which was discussed at the last meeting had been turned down.

He also informed the meeting that ideas on possible development of the Amenity Block with a view to extending it and include a possible two retail units which would relate to the Yacht Haven were being looked at. Architect sketches have been studied by the Harbour Board and further talks with Carrick District Council will follow. The removal of car parking from North Quay ,improving its public amenity value remains an objective.

It was noted that the Consultants report informing the Area Action Plan has now been published.

##### **(b) Falmouth Harbour Bye-Laws**

The FHC Boatman's Bye-Laws were now being handled by a Parliamentary Agent who is in talks with the MCA to see if Bye-Laws conflicting with national boatman's legislation could be repealed. A discussion followed regarding the longer term plans for Bye-Law review.

**(c) Mooring Holders Questionnaire**

It had been agreed at the previous meeting that the 2007 Questionnaire will be for visiting yachtsmen.

After discussion the Committee felt that a combined agency approach to included FHC, Tourist Board, Carrick Council and Cornwall Marine Network would be more beneficial as the Questionnaire would encompass all aspects of visiting yacht needs and the results would be more meaningful.

**(d) Car Parking on North Quay**

Captain Sansom informed the meeting that no progress on the chandlery suggestion had been made and this item should be removed from the Agenda.

**(e) Proposed Dredging Scheme**

The Committee was informed that the progress was being made towards funding of the scheme. A large Environmental Impact Assessment study will be undertaken as part of scheme.

**(f) FHC Award**

The Chairman asked the Committee for their three nominations for the Award.

Nominations given were: Mr Derek Smith , Mr Roger Hollingsworth and POFSA Committee.

The nominations are to be confirmed in writing by the proposers and will be presented at the next Board Meeting being held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006.

**(g) Ship to Ship Transfers**

No further progress has been made on this. Although the matter will remain on the Harbour Board agenda it is to be dropped from this Committee's agenda for the time being.

**(h) Harbour Regulation Issues**

Captain Sansom reported that the multi-agency policy of this summer has been effective and succeeded in maintaining a high profile for regulation issues. A number of offences had been pursued although none had so far resulted in prosecution.

**(i) Pre-paid Harbour Dues Scheme**

Captain Sansom stated that Barry Buist, Leisure Manager is to compile a report for Harbour Board to consider about the feasibility of such a scheme for Falmouth.

**(j) FHC Draft Strategy Document**

It was confirmed that the document had been sent out to 70 principal organisations / stakeholders and fifteen sets of comments had been returned. Peter Morgan said that a meeting to collate comments is to be held this Thursday and it is hoped to present the final draft the Harbour Board at the next meeting with a view to publish sometime in October.

**4 Minutes of Harbour Board Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Commander Munday asked about Mark Killingback's proposals for enforcement training for pilot boat crews. Captain Sansom stated that Trelawney is both a pilot and harbour boat and can be used as an additional regulation resource if training is given to the crews.

**5 Any Other Business**

Commander Munday raised the Boat Watch Scheme that is in place at Newton Ferris and the possible start of a scheme in Falmouth, Captain Sansom said that such schemes had been looked at but resources were an issue.

A co-ordinator is to be sourced by Commander Munday and he will produce a proposal for the next meeting.

The Chairman made the point of plastic bags being used as seagull scarers on boats and after a discussion the March 2007 newsletter is to include a piece on ad hoc bird scaring pollutants and the effects on the environment.

David Bickle asked about discounts for class racing and after discussion it was felt that this point had been adequately dealt with under items discussed at the last meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 This is also to include the AGM