

FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 14TH JUNE 2005 AT 1000 HOURS

Present:

Mr C Brown - Chairman
Mr J Langan - Vice Chairman
Mr W Amos
Mr J Bottomley
Mr P Morgan - Falmouth Harbour Commissioner Observer

Miss Jennifer Popperwell - Secretary

1 Apologies for absence:

No apologies received.

2 Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the Consultative Meeting of 15th March 2005 were approved.

3 Selection of new members:

Six completed applications were distributed to the committee for vetting. After discussion a vote was held and Mr Bickle and Mr Mundy were duly elected to the Committee. Captain Sansom is to send formal letters to the two successful candidates confirming selection and letters of regret to the unsuccessful candidates.

4 Matters Arising:

(a) Waterfront Development:

Mr Bottomley told the meeting that the Forum were not happy with the content of the Area Action Plan and had informed the Consultants of this. Mr Brown felt that the wishes of towns people regarding more waterfront access and part pedestrianisation of the main shopping streets had not been taken onboard. Mr Bottomley stated that, at present, there is a danger that viable schemes will be overlooked if they are not included in the Plan.

Captain Sansom informed the meeting that FHC were having ongoing discussions with regard to the Grove Place workshop which has been removed rather than relocated in the Area Action Plan designs for the waterfront.

(b) Falmouth Harbour Bye-Laws:

Captain Sansom reported that there was no progress on the Bye-Laws.

(c) Mooring Holders Questionnaire:

A sample questionnaire had been sent to 20 randomly picked mooring holders and of these 12 were returned.

The main issues that came out of the survey were: speeding, cleanliness of the Harbour and water taxi use. A discussion followed on the content of the survey and the feasibility of finding working solutions and perhaps some commercial funding for the postage involved in sending out further questionnaires.

The Committee were in agreement that the survey format was right and it is to be sent out to all mooring holders some time in the Autumn.

(d) Car Parking on North Quay

The proposed temporary Chandlery planned for North Quay has not progressed due to the planning department not agreeing to the proposal. Captain Sansom is attending a meeting with planning consultants to discuss the matter.

Mr Brown told the meeting that he had taken a walk around the quays etc and had been impressed by the cleanliness and good signage but was concerned by the state of the areas leased by the pubs. Captain Sansom explained that it is very difficult to get the Breweries to act on these matters and Mr Bottomley expressed concern about the structural state of the Chain Locker.

The issue of clearance of rubbish in general was discussed and an update given on the work of the Falmouth Litter and Cleanliness Committee.

(e) Proposed Dredging Scheme:

The technical side of the scheme has gone well although there are difficulties regarding the funding of the project. Talks with the RDA about funding for the Environmental Impact Assessment. have not made progress. Captain Sansom is to have a meeting with the Chief Executive of Cornwall County Council to discuss possible funding options. The committee were informed that the total cost of the development would be about 8 to 10 million pounds with dredging taking up half of this total.

(f) FHC Award

Peter Morgan told the meeting about a combined initiative between FHC and the Falmouth Packet that has been worked out to promote the Scheme. The Falmouth Packet are to print nomination forms at the end of June/beginning of July and promote the Award; this will also include promotions on the new Packet FM radio in which they are partnering Falmouth Marine School. The Packet has asked if the presentation could be made during Falmouth Sailing Week.

The forms should be back for mid July when a special meeting of the Consultative Committee will be held to vet entries – this should be 20th July. The nomination will then be put to the Harbour Commissioners at the July Board meeting.

Mr Amos suggested that the presentation be held on the Falmouth Town Champagne race day of the Week and that Captain Sansom make the presentation. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea and that some good publicity/public relations could be made from it.

5 Minutes of Harbour Board Meetings:

Mr Brown asked if the banners were now ready and was informed that they are now in place. The sign at the Docks is broken, Captain Sansom is to look into having this rectified.

Mr Bottomley stated that STS transfers will be a large issue for the Commissioners and felt that members of the Consultative Committee needs to have a full understanding of implications of STS should members of the public approach them with questions. At present only two letters from the public have been published in the Falmouth Packet.

6 FHC Audit Scheme:

A sub committee consisting of Mr C Brown, Mr Peter Fish for the Harbour Commissioners and Mr Lloyd Pond, member of FHC staff are to carry out audits covering all aspects of FHC work. The audit will be used to set improvement targets year on year.

7 Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

8 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 27th September 2005.