



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 18th February 2016 at 1730.

Present:	<p>M Stevens (MS) P Carter (PC) M Clarke (MC) P Donne Davis (PDD) K Hennelly (KH) P Rose (PR) N Wood (NW) W Simpson (WS)</p>	Action
1. Apologies	C Gill (CG), absent V Walker (VW)	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	<p>MS thanked NW for chairing the last meeting in his absence. He reported that PDD had referred matters raised at that meeting & the AGM to Mile Tait & he read out the points & responses as follows:</p> <p><i>1. Phil Buckley's commitment to investigate moving the Elizabeth marina holding buoys into deeper water - has there been any progress yet & could there be an opportunity to increase the number?</i></p> <p><i>[Mike Tait] Speaking with Phil and the team they have given this their consideration. The conclusions they have drawn conclude space and location in relation the fairways and small roads conspire to not permit the installation of further buoyage safely</i></p> <p>PR said one of the original buoys was missing & at least that should be replaced. MS agreed to check the location & submit the request.</p> <p><i>2. Phil Buckley's agreement to look into improving parking for Old Harbour users - Myra Shacklady reported at the last MDG meeting on the possibility of some extra parking in the Steam clock area, presumably for commuter rental. Could Old Harbour users be given first option for these spaces?</i></p> <p><i>[Mike Tait] If members would like to apply for spaces - the works have yet to be undertaken so please feel free to send me an email and I will be happy to forward it to our Parking manager...there really will not be that many so to manage expectations I would appreciate not receiving a flood of applications! As an indication I can not foresee more than 3 or 4 coming available and these will be at full commercial value.</i></p> <p><i>3. Red dinghies - Three were originally available, but only one could be found earlier this month. Any plan to extend the idea this season?</i></p>	MS

	<p><i>[Mike Tait]</i></p> <p><i>I am delighted to think the c'tee would like to continue with this – I will ask if we have any more in the pound and paint as and when they come available</i></p> <p><i>4. St Helier Marina buoys - Can something be done to improve visibility of the buoys marking the shelf below where the old linkspan was. Concern has been expressed of a possible accident, particularly for visitors & at night.</i></p> <p><i>[Mike Tait] This has also been discussed with my colleagues in Marine Ops...with regard to lighting St Helier enjoys pretty good ambient light from Albert and the environs – to date we have no recordings of any incidents – one buoy is in need of replacement which we can attend to but we have no plans for increasing their size or configuration</i></p> <p><i>5. Dogs - We understand that the man given a concession to walk his dog on the ramp has gone back to the UK for the winter. As you know, the concession has caused confusion amongst other dog owners. If he returns, is suggested that you might consider advising him that a new policy means that the concession cannot be continued.</i></p> <p><i>[Mike Tait] Peter...this customer has been with us a good while...he is based at the bottom of the walkway and is very careful indeed to guard his privilege. I realise his manner is not to everyone's liking but he has behaved impeccably and I do not want to be so totalitarian to refuse him access to this situation while he remains as a long standing customer. He has been somewhat of scapegoat and I feel protective of him...if indeed I have evidence of him abusing the situation I will act. A point of note: It is not this gentleman whose dog has been fouling the pontoons it has been a number of locals and one visitor who has now left and will not be returning!</i></p> <p>Support for a 'long standing customer' was noted, however other long standing customers are confused by one dog owner breaching the dog rules displayed on every gate. MS will write again.</p> <p>La Colette Facilities – Now reported complete.</p> <p>Elizabeth Marina Gate – The mechanism has now been replaced, however NW reported that the depth gauge was incorrect & he will advise Mike Tait.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>NW</p>
4. Chairman's Report	MS said he had nothing further to report.	
5. Treasurer's Report	In the absence of CG there was no report. MS said he had two cash subscriptions to pass to CG.	
6. Content for Newsletter	WS said he had no specific thoughts as yet & asked for suggestions. Several were put forward & he asked for other ideas to be emailed to him.	All
7. Any Other Business	MS referred to correspondence from the owner of Elektra, which had been circulated to committee members. It was agreed that the Association could not get involved in the commercial aspects of the case	

	<p>as they were beyond its remit, but the mooring issue was relevant and the demand that Electra be removed from Jersey by 26th April could set a damaging precedent for other owners. It was agreed that PDD should draft a letter to the Harbour Master & circulate it for consideration.</p> <p>KH said rubbish had blown into the water during the recent storm from the re-cycling bins & suggested the lids be secured. MS agreed to pass this idea to Mike Tate.</p> <p>PC asked how long the trawler 'Progress' would be in the French harbour as it was restricting access. As no-one knew, he will ask the owner.</p> <p>PR reported that several fingers in Elizabeth had broken & KH said also some in St Helier marina.</p> <p>WS said he had found the Ports questionnaire too lengthy & had given up, which rather defeated the object.</p> <p>NW said he had attended a planning meeting for the Boat Show which indicated the same number of stall holders had signed up, but fewer boats, which suggested it was becoming even more a general leisure show.</p>	<p>PDD</p> <p>MS</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting & Termination</p>	<p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as 17th March. The meeting was closed at 1845.</p>	