



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 4th November 2016 at 1730.

Present:	M Stevens (MS) M Clarke (MC) C Gill (CG) P Donne Davis (PDD) K Hennelly (KH) W Simpson (WS) N Wood (NW)	Action
1. Apologies	P Carter (PC), absent: P Rose (PR) & V Walker (VW)	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	Matters arising were covered by the Chairman's report.	
4. Chairman's Report	<p>MS said that as a result of a communication failure he & some others had not been informed that the MDG visit to the new coastguard facility had been cancelled & consequently had been half an hour late for the meeting. Chairman Allan Smith had called for improved notifications.</p> <p>The meeting had been told that the new Ports Master plan was complete. It would be presented to the Board, then Ports management, MDG members & finally being made public.</p> <p>He had raised the following matters & had responses from Mike Tait:</p> <p>Sth Pier recycling bins – had slipped his mind, apologised & will get lids fixed.</p> <p>Exposed bolts on blocks fendering – will put in a request.</p> <p>Barraques incomplete painting – will refer to PoJ Property Services. MC added that there was a leaking roof.</p> <p>La Colette car park barrier – is seeking a repair solution as replacement will cost £11,000 & hopes to have it fixed by the Spring. KH said the problem is that the barrier can lower before a vehicle has cleared & a 'magic eye' is being researched.</p> <p>General rubbish at La Colette & around the barraques – changes to the service agreement with TTS had been implemented, but were still not satisfactory. CG said she had recently visited Dartmouth where the marinas & working harbour areas were immaculate.</p> <p>'Dazzle ship' - MS said he had contacted Phil Buckley & had a response from Peter Moore, who had visited the boat to check on progress. He had found that the engine had been removed, a new one delivered & work was expected to be finished by the Spring. In view of the progress the</p>	

	<p>Harbourmaster had agreed an extension until completion.</p> <p>Passeport Escales – MS welcomed the announcement in a recent Ports newsletter that Jersey Marinas would be joining this group in 2017, which offered free moorings in a number of nearby marinas. He noted that the Association had put the idea forward 3 years ago at the suggestion of Robert Viney, but Mike Tait had declined. PDD added that the reasons had been loss of visitor revenue & administration costs.</p> <p>St Pier Recycling facility - MS said he had been invited to meet with Bob de la Haye, the yacht club Commodore, who sought the Association’s support for their proposal that the bins be removed to create extra parking spaces. He had said he would seek the committee’s views. In his opinion, the facility was needed by owners in the drying harbours & he noted that it was advertised & therefore available to the general public, however he thought the bins needed to be emptied more frequently & it was unreasonable that some garages were disposing motor oil to avoid paying the fees.</p> <p>CG said parking would obstruct the vehicle turning area & NW added that it would restrict towing of boat trailers. Reference was made to spaces taken by the club’s caterer’s vehicles & MS recalled Harbours opinion that the pier was primarily part of the working harbour, rather than a car park & he also felt that the views of other tenants should be sought. He would pass the committee’s conclusions to Mike Tait.</p> <p>Visit to new Coastguard facility – MS said a committee visit could be arranged.</p>	MS
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>CG said that she had received applications from a further 2 new members following WS’s leaflet drop. PDD said he had recently received a resignation from Allan Bougeard & was sad to report that his death was listed in last night’s JEP.</p> <p>CG said she was well under-way with the AGM mailing. The postage cost would be further reduced as further email addresses had been submitted, but she would include an update form again.</p> <p>The accounts had been sent to Tim Scott Warren for inspection, showing a deficit of £10.</p>	
6. AGM Planning	<p>It was agreed that PDD invite Myra, Phil Buckley & Mike Tait to attend.</p> <p>CG said she was considering a slightly larger JEP advert, MS suggested contacting BBC radio ‘what’s on’ & NW & MC agreed to prepare an advert for our Facebook page.</p> <p>PDD said that the £500 donations to CI Airsearch & RNLI were due for the 2 yearly review & RPI had increased by 2% since 2014. NW suggested that given the deficit, the donations should not be increased.</p> <p>CG said that the deficit was likely to increase & proposed that the subscriptions should be doubled. MS quoted that St Aubins subs were £10 single & £15 joint & that Gorey’s were higher.</p> <p>After further discussion, it was agreed that the Committee would recommend to the AGM that the donations remain at £500 each & Subscriptions for 2017 be increased to £10 single & £15 joint.</p> <p>CG said that, if passed she would organise the changing of members S/Os before retiring at the 2017 AGM & stressed the need to find a volunteer to succeed her as Treasured/Membership Secretary.</p>	<p>PDD</p> <p>CG</p> <p>NW/MC</p> <p>MS</p> <p>CG</p>

	<p>MS said he had discussed his succession with vice chairman NW, who felt unable to take on the chairmanship at present due to increasing work commitments. MS had subsequently suggested to WS that he take on the role. WS said he was open to considering this & would like to discuss what was involved with MS. NW offered to send him recent MDG minutes. WS added that he would be away on the AGM date, but this was not considered a problem. PDD noted that if MS did retire, there would be a committee vacancy to be filled.</p>	MS/WS NW
7. Any Other Business	<p>Weather stations - MC said he understood that the stations on Les Ecrehous & Les Minquiers had been taken. CG said she had been informed by John Searson that the solar panel powering the Ecrehous station had gone, but the Minquiers was still sending info to the Met Office, but not to the website. He advised that he was keen to restore both units & that developments meant that much smaller kit was now available. She suggested emailing him with support for restoring the information.</p> <p>Boat Storage – PDD said that Rose Dawson had advised of her intention to try again to get planning consent for a boat park at L’Abri Farm & sought our support. It was agreed that when the consultation opened, PDD should send a letter reconfirming the submission made last year.</p> <p>2017 Fees – MS said Myra was proposing an increase of 1.5%, which would be submitted to CIPRA, who had reduced her proposal last year from 1% to 0.9%.</p>	PDD
8. Next Meeting & Termination	<p>The date of the next meeting was left for the new committee to agree. The meeting was closed at 1900.</p>	