



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 19th January 2017 at 1730.

Present:	<p>W Simpson (WS) M Clarke (MC) C Gill (CG) P Donne Davis (PDD) P Rose (PR) N Wood (NW)</p>	Action
1. Apologies	P Carter (PC), K Hennelly (KH), absent: V Walker (VW)	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	<p>Exposed bolts on blocks – not known if repairs had been made yet.</p> <p>La Collette rubbish – Mike Tait (MT) expects improvement. CG said the area in front of containers used by workmen was particularly unsightly. MC said the change of bin emptying from daily to weekly exacerbated the problem.</p> <p>Boat Park - NW reported that spare concrete from airport works was to be laid in part of the boat park, if MT succeeds in a plan. It will only be a small area to start with. To be confirmed by MT at the MDG.</p> <p>Dazzle ship – PR noted that the extension had been granted with no end date, but NW said there was space on the walls at present for other boat owners to lay against for works.</p> <p>Passeport Escale – PR asked how electricity use would be managed. PDD said in St Helier marina meters were suspended during periods on notified absence. WS agreed to check that MT would ensure this applied automatically under the system.</p> <p>WS suggested that he contact MT for updates on outstanding matters in advance of each meeting.</p> <p>Visit to New Coastguard Facility – NW said that the promised MDG visit had yet to occur & suggested WS contact Phil Buckley</p> <p>Weather Stations – CG reported on a recent meeting with John Searson. The Minquiers station was still sending reports to the Met Office, but the technology feed to their website had failed. The Ecrehous station had suffered damage & needed replacing in a better position. The UK engineer had been unable to carry out maintenance visits to either site on at least two occasions, due to bad weather. NW suggested fitting Wind Guru, a compact unit with a solar powered sim card.</p> <p>L'Abri Farm Application for Boat Park. - PDD said he had sent a supporting submission, the first to appear on the Planning website. As of that morning 53 had been published, the majority in support, but as with</p>	<p>WS</p> <p>WS</p>

	<p>previous applications, strong objections from neighbours.</p> <p>Thefts in Elizabeth marina – there was no news on the culprits & no more incidents had been reported.</p> <p>Les Galots – MC said the Rowing Club were not keen on the current ideas & WS said we should maintain a watching brief.</p> <p>St Helier marina gates – NW reported that the works had been completed.</p>	
4. AGM Minutes & Issues Arising	<p>It was agreed that PDD could post the draft minutes on the website.</p> <p>Issues arising had been covered under item 4.</p>	PDD
5. Chairman's Report	<p>WS reported that the yacht club Commodore had invited him to meet to discuss the recycling bins on South Pier & they had visited the new facility in the reclamation area. He gathered that Bob de la Haye's wish to have the bins removed was less about extra parking spaces but rather that their proximity to the club & the fly-tipping was unsightly.</p> <p>NW confirmed that the winter limitation of car parking would be resolved next winter, as boats will be located at the boat park. He suggested that the bins could be moved away from the club, further along the pier and fenced with access cards allocated to boat owners only. But there must be a turning area kept outside the yacht club near the bins & to allow trailer boats to be taken to the crane at the end of South Pier.</p> <p>PDD asked about the status of the locked yacht club bins & PR suggested as an alternative that they be adapted to card access by the club & owners.</p> <p>WS said he had told the Commodore that the Committee might feel it wise to seek members' views & this was indeed the feeling of the meeting. CG agreed to draft an email to owners in the old harbours for him to approve. NW said he could set up an Association email account linked to the website, for official group messages.</p> <p>WS said that as new Chairman he would like to explore ways of increasing the profile of the Association. He proposed more consultation with members to get views on issues concerning them. He also suggested considering a presence at the Boat Show.</p> <p>PR suggested closer discussions with MT so as to influence decisions at the planning stage. NW added that this was a function of the MDG where we had close involvement with projects such as the replacement of pontoons at La Collette, however not much was happening at present. He suggested organising a social event such as a rally to Carteret or a safety evening. PDD said he had attended a yacht club rally, as the only motor boat since it was linked to yacht races.</p> <p>WS asked that the agenda for the next meeting include an item "Future Activities of the Association". He requested that all committee members feel free to contribute to what he hoped would be a free ranging discussion</p>	<p>CG/WS</p> <p>NW</p> <p>PDD</p> <p>ALL</p>
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>CG said she was chasing some 30 members whose subscriptions were outstanding. Unfortunately she had received s/o's for some deceased</p>	

	<p>members.</p> <p>Bank balances were some £6,000 on deposit & £2,000 on current a/c.</p> <p>She passed a signed copy of the annual accounts to PDD for posting on the website & tabled some flyers from the RYA. NW undertook to display them on our notice board on the pier.</p>	NW
7. Committee Vacancy	PDD suggested a possible candidate & CG said she would make contact.	CG
8. Any Other Business	<p>Elizabeth drop-off parking – PR enquired about enforcement powers, having seen officers checking vehicles, but not booking them.</p> <p>Elizabeth marina, new motor yacht – PR reported that he had been informed by a UK contact that an 81' vessel with a displacement of 48 tons had been allocated a hammerhead & was concerned about the potential for damage to the pontoon & cleats and also its ability to manoeuvre within the time limit of the lights. He felt it was not suitable for Elizabeth, but certainly didn't want to see it taking space on 4/5 berth.</p> <p>WS said he would discuss these matters with MT.</p>	<p>WS</p> <p>WS</p>
9. Next Meeting & Termination	The date of the next meeting was agreed as 16 th February. The meeting was closed at 1910.	