



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 23rd February 2017 at 1730.

Present:	W Simpson (WS) P Carter (PC) P Donne Davis (PDD) K Hennelly (KH) P Rose (PR) N Wood (NW)	Action
1. Apologies	C Gill (CG), absent: M Clarke (MC), V Walker (VW)	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	<p>Oil bin – KH reported that the unit on South Pier had now been removed.</p> <p>Exposed bolts on blocks – NW explained these were where rubber fendering on the wall had broken away & WS said he would check them.</p> <p>Visit to New Coastguard Facility – WS said Phil Buckley had authorised a visit & it was agreed that he should propose 5.30pm on the evening of our next meeting.</p> <p>WS reported that he had discussed various matters with Mike Tait, including:</p> <p>Passeport Escale – electricity use would be managed from the office. The operation of membership was being finalised & an information leaflet would be prepared for users.</p> <p>Elizabeth drop-off parking – Ports now have power to police & abuse should be reported to the Marina Office by phone.</p> <p>Sth Pier Crane – will be updated to electrically operated with card access by those who had been trained.</p> <p>‘Superyachts’ - Mooring for the large new boats will be on K pontoon.</p> <p>L’Abri Farm Application for Boat Park. - PDD said the public hearing had yet to be arranged.</p> <p>St Helier marina gates – KH reported that adjustment to synchronise with the traffic lights was continuing.</p>	<p>WS</p> <p>WS</p>
4. Chairman's Report	French Harbour cycle route – WS said that he had obtained an invitation from the Dept for Infrastructure to attend a presentation of their revised proposal for a boardwalk, to be held at the top of the French Harbour slipway on 1 st March from 1600-1800. It was agreed to post the information on the website & Facebook to seek members’ views.	PDD/NW

	<p>Recycling bins – WS said there had been difficulties in setting up an official email via the website facility & NW explained that he had worked with CG, but they had been unable to hide members’ addresses as b.c.c. listings. CG had therefore issued them from her own address. WS said 100 had been sent & 13 responded, 7 were happy for the bins to be removed, 2 wanted a general rubbish bin & 3 voted for the status quo.</p> <p>WS said he was advised that unlike rubbish bins, the recycling bins were emptied at no cost to Ports. NW therefore suggested re-siting them in a card operated cage at the end of the pier, past the dinghy racks. WS reported that Mike Tait already had this option under consideration.</p> <p>WS will relay the views to the Yacht Club & Mike Tait.</p> <p>Boat Park – WS reported that Mike Tait was planning for some resurfacing in the Autumn. NW believed that significant works will be needed to meet current environmental regulations.</p> <p>WS added that the figures indicate that the turn round of boats in the park was becoming quicker, which should shorten the waiting list.</p>	WS
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>In the absence of CG on holiday, there was no report.</p> <p>PDD recorded the passing of long-standing member Bob Viney & WS agreed to send the Committee’s commiserations to his family.</p>	WS
6. Future Activities of the Association	<p>WS opened a free discussion on the direction of the Association & how its profile might be improved.</p> <p>NW said information distribution & connectivity had increased via the website & recent addition of a Facebook page & an official email conduit would be a further addition. Communication in the past had been limited to the annual newsletter & AGM.</p> <p>PDD said that in the past the profile had been highest when we were campaigning on significant matters of importance to members, such as the proposed flooding of the old harbours & high fee increases, but currently there were no big issues.</p> <p>PR said it was better not to focus on such reactive campaigns, but rather to relate & act as an improved conduit between Ports & the membership via the website & Facebook. He pointed out that the moorings were not the equivalent of car parks, but were communities of people & our interaction with the authorities & dissemination of information on ideas & plans should benefit members & also be helpful to Ports.</p> <p>He also suggested that, with the increased use of social media, the newsletter was becoming ‘old news’. PDD added that he had never received any members’ feedback on newsletter content.</p> <p>PC suggested an email members survey to seek views on what they want & also what positive points we could pass on to the Ports’ officers. Also, when emailing news, links to the website should be included.</p> <p>NW said at the MDG meeting next week it was expected the new Master Plan would be revealed & this was an opportunity to get the ideas out to the membership & start a discussion.</p> <p>WS set a target of getting the official email system operational by the end of the Summer & then putting to the AGM that the hard copy newsletter be terminated.</p> <p>WS said he had second thoughts about a presence or flyers at the Boat</p>	<p>WS/NW/PDD</p> <p>NW/CG PDD</p>

	<p>Show, as he felt it would have very limited value in recruitment. NW said South Pier Marine would be having a land- based stand & he would be happy to display an Association banner. WS thanked him for the offer & suggested that VW might be able to produce a banner.</p> <p>Regarding other suggestions, it was felt that developing relations with other Associations would not have mutual benefits, as we all have specifically local interests. Organising a cruise would require expensive insurance & was beyond the scope of our Objectives & capability & best left to the Yacht Club, with our cooperation on publicity.</p> <p>Arranging talks, for example by the Coastguard & RNLI were put forward for future consideration.</p>	WS/VW
7. Any Other Business	<p>Noting that the meeting scheduled for 16th February had been cancelled due to being inquorate, WS stressed the need to fill the committee vacancy & also to find a candidate to succeed CG. He asked that this be put on the next agenda & that everyone seek suggestions.</p>	PDD/ALL
8. Next Meeting & Termination	<p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as 23rd March, `1740 at Maritime House. The meeting was closed at 1910.</p>	