



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Maritime House on the 23rd March 2017 at 1905.

Present:	<p>W Simpson (WS) P Carter (PC) M Clarke (MC) P Donne Davis (PDD) C Gill (CG) K Hennelly (KH) P Rose (PR) N Wood (NW)</p>	Action
1. Apologies	V Walker (VW)	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	<p>WS noted that the re-cycling bins had been removed & some yacht club members had told him that they were unhappy that they had not been consulted, unlike our members. NW said the small litter bin was inadequate & he thought a general waste bin had been agreed.</p> <p>Cycle Boardwalk – Ground work investigation had commenced, prior to a Planning application. CG said she felt that the Infrastructure Dept. was doing a thorough job to progress a much needed safety improvement.</p> <p>WS reported that he had discussed various matters with Mike Tait (MT), including:</p> <p>La Colette Parking – 2 spaces on the road were to be changed to 15 minute drop-off spots.</p> <p>Exposed bolts on blocks – MT had been unaware of the problem & had noted it.</p> <p>Passeport Escale – membership for 2017 is now available for €20.</p> <p>St Helier marina gates – work is complete & being monitored.</p>	
4. Chairman's Report	<p>Dinghy Cull - WS said that MT had arranged another dinghy cull for Sunday 2nd April at 9.30 & encouraged committee members to support this joint initiative.</p> <p>Pontoon power points - MT had advised that trip switches were being installed in the marinas to avoid the problem of widespread outages. KH added that use of adapters should be avoided, as water ingress could cause a short.</p> <p>Berth holders questionnaire – would be sent out soon & MT was keen to get as many responses as possible.</p> <p>Email messaging – WS said he believed he had found a satisfactory way</p>	ALL

	<p>of using the website email address from his PC & will discuss this with CG. NW confirmed that the process worked.</p> <p>MDG report – WS had circulated a report on the recent MDG meeting & it was agreed that it be appended to the minutes. In response to a question from PR, NW said the new charter boat was a 15m monohull to be based in Elizabeth marina, but using 4/5 berth for passengers. PR said he understood that the charter boat users had set up a messaging group to manage their use of 4/5.</p>	WS/CG
5. Committee Vacancy & Treasurer Successor	WS tabled a draft email to members aiming to encourage a new treasurer to come forward & this was agreed.	WS/CG
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>CG said 20 subs were still outstanding & read out the names. Some were identified as having given up boating & others, still active, will be chased by committee members.</p> <p>CG said there are currently 449 paid up members & 173 email addresses on record, many in respect of joint members. 129 have not returned update forms.</p> <p>The current a/c balance is £1,600.</p>	ALL
7. Any Other Business	<p>Coastguard Visit – NW proposed a vote of thanks to WS for arranging the visit to the new Coastguard & VTS operations room, which had taken place before the meeting, saying everyone had found it very interesting.</p> <p>Fuel prices – NW noted low prices currently available in Guernsey & the South Pier 24/7.</p>	
8. Next Meeting & Termination	The date of the next meeting was agreed as 20 th April. The meeting was closed at 1935.	

Item 4 Appendix:

MDG Points 3 March 2017 Meeting

Harbour Master Plan.

Steve Tanner reported there was no plan ready to reveal yet, & that he was reworking the master plan as an initial review had revealed some shortcomings. He came under some pressure from the meeting to ensure that the MDG and other appropriate groups get the opportunity to review the new report at the pre-draft stage. It was agreed that a dedicated MDG meeting would be arranged specifically to review the Harbour Master Plan at some stage during the summer.

St Helier Marina Gates

Work is complete subject to ongoing monitoring. On 21 March new seals will be fitted and divers will be down at the Marina gates so anticipate some disruption

Pontoon Repairs Elizabeth

Five new finger pontoons are being purchased which will enable a more robust solution to the existing problems. There was also some discussion around the scrubbers fitted onto necklaces around the piles which anchor the pontoons, in the hope of keeping these piles clean. Mike Tate described this as being in the nature of an ongoing experiment which seems to be working quite well

Boat Park

MT confirmed that resurfacing of part of the boat park would occur September/October. Management of the wash off of fluids into the drains is an area of close focus. The surface is expected to be fine gravel which will be stabilised with the application of a concrete layer.

Marine Leisure Update

Mike Tate reported that Elizabeth marina is 5% up on revenues with reduced vacant spaces. There are actually fewer available berths than before in Elizabeth,, which reflects the growth in demand coming from bigger boats. The park is extremely busy, assisted by the recent good weather. Passporte Escales is progressing. In March there will be another Annual Berth-holder Survey.

Used Boat Show

Nick Wood reported that over the weekend of 31 March /1 April, there will be an event organized by local brokers to promote used boat sales. This is targeted at potential purchasers rather than the general public and will be located on the Albert Pontoon near the lifeboat.

Other Marine Leisure Items

David de Carteret from Saint Helier Yacht Club outlined a scheme aimed at encouraging new incoming boaters. The club will be using their own boats and also boats chartered from Sail Jersey.

Mike Tait outlined recent developments on South Pier, specifically the removal of boats during the winter months and the recent discussions about refuse disposal. He anticipates getting an additional 20 parking spaces on the pier as a result.

Myra Shacklady reported on the forthcoming boat show which will be the tenth anniversary of the show. (Attractions include a 5 metre duck, bumper boats. The tide will be too low to admit the navy to the normal berth)

Harbour Masters Report

Robin Fitzgerald reported that in the outlying harbours, there are 26 vacant berths at Gorey and 70 in St Aubins.

Phil Buckley reported that the cranes project is ongoing including that South Pier. He mentioned confidentially that a big exercise will take place shortly to test the resilience of the emergency services. (This has since happened).

At La Collette the fishermens' pontoons will be repaired and updated in September at a cost of £750,000. This will involve just the pontoons not the piles.

A consultation exercise will commence in the near future focused on concrete beacons in Jersey waters. Apparently there are any excess of 100 of these which are expensive to maintain. He mentioned the Jetee de Fontaine which will apparently cost £80,000 to update.

Berthing Fees

MS ported that submissions have been made to CICRA but she does not anticipate being in a position to announce fee increases until June. She repeatedly mentioned the RPI September 2016 benchmark of 2% so it seems clear that this will be the level of increase . This will take effect from the date of the announcement, and will not be retrospective.

New Charter Operator

MS mentioned that a new charter boat will commence operations in the next few weeks, providing similar tourist trips to those formerly provided by Southern Bay Rose. It will however be a different type of vessel and will provide other harbour services such as tender services to cruise liners. Phil Buckley said it was a vessel that would be able to assist in running the harbour in certain circumstances. The boat is expected to be housed in Elizabeth Marina and to operate from Pontoon 5.

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