



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 12th October 2017 at 1730.

Present:	<p>W Simpson (WS) M Clarke (MC) P Donne Davis (PDD) K Hennelly (KH) M Peters (MP) V Walker (VW) N Wood (NW)</p>	Action
1. Apologies	C Gill (CG), P Carter (PC), P Rose (PR)	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	<p>WS reported on matters he had raised with Mike Tait (MT):</p> <p> Holding – Capt Bill Sadler, the new Harbourmaster, has instigated a review of activities & requirements & many projects & initiatives were on hold pending completion of the 1st draft, expected to be in December. The pontoon at 4 & 5 berths, now called Albert Holding, is to be reserved for leisure only (probably including charter ribs) i.e. no fishing or other commercial vessels. An extra holding pontoon might be placed at the former inshore lifeboat location. NW suggested resurrecting MT’s idea of locating the fuel pontoon south of the Albert Holding, so another holding pontoon could be positioned on the end of NNQ.</p> <p> St Helier marina gate – MT advised that operation was now back to 2.1 meters & further adjustments were expected.</p> <p> Wi-fi – MT believed the new system was an improvement. MC pointed out that La Colette had not been updated.</p> <p> Dogs – MT was surprised at reports of loose dogs & concerned about possible contamination of hoses. Instructions that dogs must be carried or on leads had been emailed to all owners in Elizabeth. MP believed there was a notice re dogs at La Colette marina.</p> <p> Waiting Lists – MT had confirmed that there was a list for 14m+ boats. NW explained that a vacant berth could be allocated to an owner further down the list, if those above were not ready to take it up.</p> <p> Laptop/Cloud – WS asked VW about progress on the matter with PC. VR felt using the cloud was feasible & access could be password controlled. However it was unclear whether relevant programmes would have to be installed on the users’ computers.</p> <p> MP said he was prepared to purchase a basic laptop, which would be passed on to successive treasurers. WS was minded to propose to the AGM that a laptop be purchased by the Association, but suggested</p>	

	further consideration with PC at the next meeting.	PC
4. Chairman's Report	<p>WS said he had been unable to attend the recent MDG meeting. NW said that MT had reported on a successful presence at the Southampton boat show, which Guernsey had not attended this year. There had been little else of interest, but he expected the 1st draft of the harbourmaster's review to be discussed at the next meeting in December. WS said he would not be available for that meeting & would appoint a stand in when details were available.</p> <p>WS said MT had been happy with the responses to his satisfaction survey & that there had been a bigger that expected take up of Passeport Escale. He had also advised that staff were very careful in allocating berths in Elizabeth to visitors, providing them all with instructions & dorey support where necessary.</p> <p>MT was also keen that we promote carbon monoxide safety at the AGM.</p> <p>VW asked about progress on the cycle track boardwalk & PDD advised that the plans were available on the Planning Register website (http://tinyurl.com/y7scb6wf) & they were to be considered at a public hearing on Thursday afternoon, 19th October.</p> <p>WS noted that regrettably there still appeared to be issues at the lifeboat station.</p>	
5. Treasurer's Report	In the absence of CG, WS said he had received some s/o amendment forms. PDD said Hugh Gill had delivered some that had arrived after her departure. He said he had done the AGM notice stuffing & suggested he meet with WS to collate those still outstanding & he would then insert another reminder letter with their notices.	WS/PDD
6. AGM Planning	<p>PDD asked which officers should be invited to field questions in the open session & WS said he would discuss this with Myra. NW suggested asking Lee Battrick to speak about protecting against carbon monoxide poisoning.</p> <p>Prize Draw – WS said he would produce slips with names of those who had updated their S/Os or direct payments & in answer to a question from MP, confirmed that committee members would be included. VW offered to provide a colour printer as a prize & NW said he would arrange for South Pier Marine to give a voucher & WS thanked them for their generosity.</p> <p>PDD said he would arrange a JEP advert & a notice for the yacht club board & MC would place a notice on the Facebook page. KH agreed to manage a roving microphone for the open session.</p>	<p>WS NW</p> <p>VW/NW</p> <p>PDD/MC KH</p>
7. Any Other Business	<p>Drying Pontoon Idea - PDD had circulated an idea put by a new member to MT that a drying pontoon a la Portbail could be placed in the old harbour opposite Commercial Buildings, providing an intermediate facility priced between existing drying moorings & marina berths. WS said MT had told him consideration would have to wait for the review outcome in December.</p> <p>The idea generated mixed reactions, including concern for those who would be displaced & KH saying that the Portbail pontoons rise & fall caused holes up to 3 feet deep. WS said he would suggest the member raise his idea at the AGM.</p>	

	<p>Power cables in old harbours – WS said he had mentioned this again to MT but it did not seem that any early resolution was likely. VW was concerned about the danger, noting that some were in constant use by live-aboards & said he would raise it at the AGM.</p> <p>MC said that building works were under way in the boat park & a section of fencing had been removed for vehicle access, creating a security risk.</p> <p>NW said South Pier Marine had hoisted the boats into an area of the boat park that had been on Sth Pier in previous years. MT was concerned about rumours that they were getting special treatment & wanted it to be clear that they were being handled as before, all out & back in together.</p> <p>VW reported that access to water to flush engines had been restricted to the detriment of boat owners, apparently to stop misuse by a car valeting business.</p> <p>PDD tabled details of the forthcoming RYA AGM.</p> <p>PDD noted the sad passing of Peter Wilson, with whom the Association had worked closely, when he managed Harbours' moorings & marina berths</p>	VW
8. Next Meeting & Termination	The date of the next meeting was agreed as 9 th November. The meeting was closed at 1915.	