



# St Helier Boat Owners Association

## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 1730 hours

Present:	Will Simpson (WS)                      David Wood (DW) Nick Wood (NW)                      George Gaudin (GG) Christine Gill (CG)                      Kevin Hennelly (KH) Peter Rose (PR)	
1. Apologies	Phil Carter, Mike Capraro, Vic Walker	
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
3. Matters Arising.	<p><u>Elizabeth Marina.</u></p> <p><u>Car Parking.</u> Nothing further has been heard about the problem of reduced parking for boat owners.</p> <p><u>Horizon Development.</u> There are still a number of people reporting dirt and rust on their boats moored below the construction site, however it does not appear that Horizon is responding to any complaints. NW said that most people are claiming on their own insurance policies to get their boats cleaned, probably a simpler solution to the Petty Debts Court.</p> <p><u>Entrance.</u> Dates for the Storm Gates to be reinstated have been given as 25 October to 11 November. CG advised the meeting that a company called from Renowned Films, which is making a film of Deep Water Salvage, will be in Jersey for a week from 26<sup>th</sup> October. They would like to have interviews with anyone interested who has a mooring in the marina. WS said he would circulate members with a berth there.</p> <p>The Lights for the Marina are working, but it was noted that there are boats hanging about at the entrance whilst waiting for the lights to change, which is causing problems for others.</p> <p><u>Holding pontoons.</u> Space continues to be a problem. PR noted that the charter boats that moor on No. 5 berth need managing by marina staff as they tend to stay there permanently.</p> <p>La Collette D Holding Pontoon has been taken up by boats from St Helier Marina, KH observed that they are moored 5-deep and at the moment it is very difficult to find anywhere to hold. It was noted that there will be no space until the marina reopens.</p> <p>Albert Quay. The new pontoons are ready to be handed over very soon.</p>	CG, WS
4. Chairman's Report	The Chairman commented that most of his items had been covered in Item 3 of the agenda. He wondered if there was any more news from people trying to go to France, and any difficulties they had had. PR commented that, if things don't improve, then for some people there will not be much point in keeping their boats, as St Malo and Granville are the only ports that one can realistically access with the current customs requirements.	
5. Treasurer's	DW reported that membership currently stands at 265, with 194 as active. He	

Report	<p>had recently had a few new applications, and there are still a number who are either paying the old subscription or who have resigned but not cancelled their S/O. With renewals due next month, he will write final requests for their sub to be updated, and will delete them if no response. This is the first year for renewals to be processed via the on-line banking system, which should simplify matters.</p> <p>Banks are now charging fees to charities and associations. The fee at HSBC will be approximately £5 per month.</p> <p>Draft Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September were tabled. WS advised that he would ask Penny Hatter to review them, as External Auditor, prior to the AGM.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>WS</p>
6. AGM	<p>The Yacht Club has been booked for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. CG to talk to the Caterers to arrange for refreshments. CG to draft notices for emailing to members by WS, DW to supply the names and addresses of those members without email (16).</p> <p>It was agreed to invite the Harbour Master and Simon Porritt to attend.</p> <p>WS would write to members to ask if there was anyone who would like to put their name forward for membership of the Committee.</p>	<p>CG</p> <p>WS</p>
7. St Helier Marina	<p>GG reported that he had gone to a meeting of berth holders, attended by the Harbour Master, and that the refurbishment work is progressing. Another meeting is planned near Christmas. He suggested that we send out a Newsletter to update members at that time.</p> <p>The pontoons are going back into position in the same places as previously, but the piles will be moved from the ends of pontoons into the centres. Not all boats have been taken out – there was a lower uptake of boats being lifted out of the water than had been expected. At present, both the hoists are U/S, making any further lifts not possible for the time being.</p> <p>NW said that he had been trying to promote the use of floating docks for RIBS, on the left side of the Marina, he had had a meeting with PoJ. He also proposed that similar docking for RIBs could be utilised in the Old Harbour, freeing up space elsewhere.</p>	<p>GG, WS</p> <p>NW</p>
8. AOB	<p>Schengen area. PR said that he had heard that Gibraltar was in discussion to join the Schengen area, which might be a solution for the Channel Islands. He urged that parties should be brought together - ministers – politicians – customs – harbours. He also suggested that another meeting with WS and SP would be useful, it is several months since the last one.</p>	
9. Date of Next Meeting	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.40 hours. The next meeting would be on 25<sup>th</sup> November, prior to the AGM.</p>	