



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 29th July 2021 at 1730 hours

Present:	Will Simpson (WS) Peter Rose (PR) Nick Wood (NW) George Gaudin (GG) Christine Gill (CG) Kevin Hennelly (KH)	
1. Apologies	Phil Carter, David Wood, Mike Capraro	
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd June 2021 were approved (and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date).	
3. Matters Arising.	<p><u>Car Parking</u> The recent reduction in car parking spaces at Elizabeth Marina was discussed. It was reported that discussion with the harbourmaster were ongoing. The suggestion contained in a PoJ document circulated to affected berth holders that PoJ had been consulting over 18 months with StHBOA on the matter was strongly refuted. PoJ had mentioned a potential difficulty to STHBOA representatives some 18 months previously after which nothing had been heard at all.</p> <p><u>Berth Management</u>. The committee remains strongly of the view that a more formalised approach to berth allocation is desirable. The subject would be discussed at a forthcoming STBOA meeting with PoJ.</p> <p><u>The Horizon Development</u>. The Chairman noted that some of the instances where whose vessels had been affected by debris from the construction site had apparently been settled in the Petty Debts Court. The matter of the new Ferryspeed building, currently under construction at La Collette, was raised as it might also lead to dust and debris in that marina. NW observed that the site had originally been identified as a new Boat Park, and had been shown on plans as such.</p> <p><u>Boat Jumble Sale</u>. NE reported that there had been a virtually nil response to his Facebook posting about holding a sale at the end of September. Under the current circumstances of uncertainty with regard to holding events, it was agreed to postpone the proposed Jumble Sale until Spring 2022 at the earliest, when the work done so far by MC could easily be resurrected.</p> <p><u>Elizabeth Marina Entrance</u>. The gauge measuring depth over the sill is still of great concern, NW said he had spoken about it to the Harbour Master (BS) and to Simon Porritt (SP). A new gauge had been installed but it is not visible when the depth is lower than 3.5 metres.</p> <p><u>Holding pontoons</u>. RIBS and Jet Skis continue to be a problem especially at No. 5 berth. There had recently been 7 RIBS, not rafted up, taking up all the space. It was pointed out that a yacht cannot moor up alongside a RIB, and that the RIBS</p>	

	should be rafting to allow traditional boats to come alongside similar boats. The owners do not appear to be aware of standard practise in this regard.	
4. Chairman's Report	<p><u>St Helier Marina refurbishment.</u> This has been approved and work will start after the Albert Pier renovations are complete, possibly by the end of September. All the boats will be taken out of the marina at once, some to be moored on the new pontoons, some lifted and some put on hydraulic trailers. It was questioned who will pay for this, NW said that when La Collette was refurbished PoJ covered the costs and the assumption was that the same would apply on this occasion.</p> <p>BS and SP had been invited to today's meeting but had been unavailable, so a meeting had been arranged for Thursday 5th August, at 1900 hrs, probably on Zoom or via TEAMS. The Chairman noted that the Harbour Master has been very constructive in promoting many aspects of local leisure boating, but that there are a number of lower level operational issues which merited a dedicated discussion. He would prepare a list of questions and observations for circulation to Committee and to the PoJ attendees prior to the meeting.</p>	WS
5. Treasurer's Report	DW being absent, there was no Treasurer's Report..	
6. Boat Jumble	See Matters Arising. Postponed until Spring 2022.	
7. Immigration – trips to France.	<p>WS had circulated a Newsletter to members with observations from various people who had made trips to France, both Brittany and Normandy. Although people have not generally experienced any difficulties, and Customs officials have been very helpful, there was still some confusion about the need to return to the Port of Entry to have passports stamped, after having sailed to other harbours prior to returning to Jersey. Passports should be stamped both on entry and – perhaps more importantly – on exit, otherwise it can be construed that one has never left the country. This is a key issue as we are all restricted to 90 days in the EU under current rules and the implications of being treated as having exceeded this limit are potentially quite serious (e.g being asked to pay VAT on your boat).</p> <p>KH raised the question of what would happen if weather changed and one had to leave unexpectedly, without being able to return to the Port of Entry. WS would approach the French Consulate on this point.</p>	WS
8. Dinghy Pontoons	A member had emailed about problems on the La Folie pontoon, similar to that at South Pier. CG reported that there had been some movement at South Pier - the abandoned motor scooter had gone and probably a few derelict dinghies, although by no means all of them. She would take further photographs prior to the meeting on Thursday 5 th August.	CG
9. Date of Next Meeting	There being no further business the meeting closed at 1830 hours. No date was fixed for the next meeting.	