



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 27th January 2011 at 1730.

Present:	M Stevens (MS) Chairman M Anderson (MA) P Carter (PC) R de la Mare (RM) P Donne Davis (PDD) P Rose (PR) N Wood (NW)	Action
1. Apologies	Received from K Hennelly & P Hatter.	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	MS said it had been confirmed that the MLGG would continue. He had heard a suggestion that the Shadow Board was uncertain as to its purpose. PC reported that Sarah Price had been appointed as the Harbours representative on the Board and NW suggested that the Association should also have a rep. PR asked if the terms of reference were available & PDD undertook to find out & circulate them, if possible.	PDD
4. Chairman's Report	MS reported on the meeting with Alan Maclean (AM) & Paul Routier. AM had apologised for not replying to our letter last February and confirmed that the Shadow Board had effectively superseded his proposed MDG. In response to our enquiry as to how to fight the prohibition of any marina development in the Marine Zone as defined in the draft Island Plan, AM had undertaken to speak to Sen. Cohen & report back. On fuel duty, AM had said he was becoming irritated at Treasury's continued demands for funds & would consider refusing next year. MS felt this would result in the imposition of duty, but PDD thought there might be a longer reprieve, as Sen. Ozouf had clearly failed to gain agreement with Guernsey on a co-ordinated approach. On the issue of repairs to 'heritage' harbours, AM, whilst sympathetic to the problem, had said there was no hope of a change in the current economic climate, as no funding was available elsewhere.	
5. Treasurer's Report	In the absence of the treasurer, PDD read her report: “£155.72 has been paid to SPM for reg'n and hosting website for 2 years. £100 RYA affiliation fee paid. AGM expense to Galley £484.90 inc £15 tip. Subs coming in but we have lost over 20, sold, boat moved boat from St Helier, or deceased.	
6. Any Other Business	MS said he had arranged a meeting with Myra to discuss the revised holding charges & the 12 hour limit and NW was to join him as PDD was ill. However he had mistaken the date & the meeting had been	

	<p>rearranged for Tuesday 1st February. PDD said he would be available. PDD said that on certain tides, PR's suggested increase to 18 hours was insufficient. PC felt that 3 days at the former low rate was unnecessary & suggested we propose 24 hours free followed by a daily rate higher than marina rates, to encourage returning to berths. NW said a minimum absence time would be needed to prevent abuse by just leaving the holding for a short period. PR said this was a positive proposal, as it could increase Harbours' revenue.</p> <p>MS referred to a letter to Jonathan Rubber at Harbours from a new member & the points raised were considered as follows:</p> <p>Elizabeth marina – PDD said the loose discs had been fixed last year & RM said they were still OK, but he rarely saw staff patrolling. NW said he was aware of insurance claims resulting from burst blisters on piles spraying rust stains. PR said work had commenced on a couple of piles to rub down & prime areas touched by the rollers, which caused the problem.</p> <p>Parking – PR said the 2 drop-off spaces were still being abused and he questioned whether they would be retained when the development was completed. PC expressed similar concern about the spaces by the hotel. MS suggested spaces on the Harbour Reach road might be possible & would raise the issue with Myra.</p> <p>Boat Park – MS said there was no argument that the area was unsatisfactory, but uncertainty as to future layout & location made it hard for Harbours to make the significant investment needed.</p> <p>Prohibition of dogs in marinas – examples of the notices being ignored were quoted & PDD suggested the rule derived from protection against rabies. It was agreed that further research should be undertaken, if Harbours response not definitive.</p> <p>Visitors welcome – MS said dories should be out at all times in the season to guide visitors & manage the holding & would suggest Myra use students, qualified by Steve Pearl. A suggestion that they would lack authority was countered by examples from French marinas & RM said any presence would be better than the current situation.</p> <p>MS said he was keen to move forward with the old harbours moorings project & the yacht club had nominated R Milner & S Pearl. It was agreed that MS & KH, if willing, represent the Association.</p> <p>PR asked about the replacement of La Collette pontoons & MS advised that the actual works had been deferred until the autumn.</p> <p>PC asked about a caravan that had been in the boat park for some months & MS said he would enquire.</p> <p>PDD said Mark Tucker, the RLNI Sea Safety Officer had offered to make a brief presentation at our event in the spring. NW welcomed this & he & MS undertook to liaise with planning the event. NW suggested it might be possible to include the two RNLI crew who were running in the London marathon, although it would be after the event.</p>	<p>MS/P DD</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS/N W</p>
7. Next Meeting & Termination	The date of the next meeting was agreed as 24 th February. The meeting was closed at 1845.	