



# St Helier Boat Owners Association

## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on Thursday 19 January 2023 at 1730 hours

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| Present:                       | <p>Will Simpson (WS)<br/>George Gaudin (GG)                  Phil Carter (PC)<br/>Peter Rose (PR)                      Mike Capraro</p>  |                     |
| 1. Apologies                   | Nick Wood, David Wood, Christine Gill, Kevin Hennelly  |                     |
| 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting | <p>It was noted that the meeting was technically not quorate and accordingly the minutes of the previous meeting were not submitted for approval nor signed by the Chairman. Nevertheless, the meeting proceeded to consider updates on current issues without implementing any substantive decisions which would be deferred until the next meeting.</p>  |                     |
| 3. Matters Arising.            | <p>There was nothing new to report regarding the Harbour Master Plan, Elizabeth Marina parking issues, nor the Elizabeth Marina electrical refurbishment and plans to install back you traffic lights. Similarly the live- aboard problem remained outstanding, with some evidence that the problem is not diminishing.</p> <p>It was noted that the Marine Leisure director is now on paternity leave, and that WHKS should approach the Harbourmaster to enquire about progress.</p>   | WS                  |
| 4. Chairman's Report           | <p>The Chairman noted that two issues had arisen in the AGM which should be followed up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The suggestion from the floor that the dinghy berth adjacent to the museum might be expanded, possibly by moving museum boats into the marina.</li> <li>• The suggestion from DW that a system of annual dinghy stickers might be implemented to identify non-compliant dinghy owners, as is currently in place in Gorey</li> </ul> <p>The PoJ representative at the AGM had appeared sympathetic to these ideas and this should be followed up.</p> <p>PoJ had advised berth holders in Elizabeth Marina that the sill would have to remain up for the foreseeable future pending repairs, which would greatly restrict access to/from the marina. Any movements would require authorisation from St Helier VTS. However, this restriction had only been advised at very short notice.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had submitted a question to the Foreign Affairs Minister relating to the access of Jersey visitors to France, and specifically Jersey sailors to French ports, but had not received a reply at the present time. He would pursue this.</p> <p>Despite the recent problems at Elizabeth marina relating to construction damage, a very similar incident had occurred at La Collette resulting from the demolition of an adjacent crane. It appeared that little or no attempt at screening the work had been made at least until complaints were lodged, and with the wind in the Northeast the marina had been covered in metal particles which had caused rust damage. The association had moved at the time to alert its members that this</p> | <p>WS</p> <p>WS</p> |

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|                         | <p>problem had arising but at the time of the meeting PoJ, while being sympathetic, had not advised the party against who claims could be lodged. They had however advised of discussions with the relevant party and some movement in the direction of compensating boat owners with damaged bodywork.</p>   |                                   |
| 5. Treasurer's Report   | <p>The Treasurer being absent, there was no report. Several points were noted</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The status of the local lifeboat remained unresolved, so no donation had occurred</li> <li>2. It was noted that, following some informal comment at the AGM, it would be desirable to limit any outlays on the entertaining of members at the boat show or similar to an affordable level within the contest the associations funds.</li> </ol>   |                                   |
| 6. Boat Show            | <p>There was discussion around the idea of repeating the reception held by the Association at the 2022 Jersey Boat Show. The expectation was that such an event could be managed on a significantly lower budget than the previous year, if it was to proceed. Overall, the feeling of the meeting was that the event was very worthwhile as a means of enhancing the Association's interaction with its members and other relevant parties provided that it was economically viable.</p> <p>The idea of sharing the event with another party was mooted, and Peter Rose undertook to sound out the SCIYC commodore .</p> <p>It was noted that the Boat Show was scheduled to occur on the weekend of Saturday 29 April to Monday 1 May 2023. It became apparent that a number of committee members (including the chairman) would not be able to attend any such event. WS would circulate all committee members to ascertain who would be able to attend.</p> | <p>PR</p> <p>WS</p>               |
| 7. Chairman/Committee   | <p>At the AGM the Chairman had advised the membership that he would be not seeking re-election at the end of his present term. The committee therefore need to identify an suitable candidate to assume the Chair. After some discussion, GG agreed to approach a suggested candidate.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that the committee would benefit from the injection of some younger members. Both MC and PR agreed to approach some potential candidates, and WS asked all committee members to give serious thought to this matter.</p>  | <p>GG</p> <p>MC/PR</p> <p>ALL</p> |
| 8. Any Other Business   | <p>There was discussion about St Helier marina in the context of winter contracts. The possibility that boat on such contracts might be rafted up instead of having individual access to the visitors pontoons, so that there would be mooring space for occasional winter visitors.</p>  |                                   |
| 9. Date of Next Meeting | <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 1830 hours. The next meeting will be on <u>Thursday 16 February 2023</u>.</p>  |                                   |
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