



# St Helier Boat Owners Association

## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on Thursday 16 March 2023 at 1730 hours

Present:	Will Simpson (WS)      Nick Wood (NW) George Gaudin (GG)      Peter Rose (PR) Christine Gill (CG)      Vic Walker (VW)	
1. Apologies	David Wood, Mike Capraro, Phil Carter	
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting	The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
3. Matters Arising.	<p><u>Elizabeth Marina.</u> The electrical refurbishment was expected to be completed by April. WS had been assured that the depth and tide gauges and traffic lights would all be working in time for the new season.</p> <p>There was no update on short-term parking for the marina.</p> <p><u>La Collette.</u> The subsidence in the car park remains unrepaired.</p> <p><u>Dinghies.</u> WS had received an email from Andy Vibert concerning dinghy issues, which he had raised following the suggestions made at the AGM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Howard D was expected to move back into the Town Marina once work on her was completed, and it might then be possible to extend the dinghy pontoon.</li> <li>• AV mentioned the possibility of a tariff for mooring dinghies, although that was not part of the original suggestion, which was simply a record of who kept a dinghy on the pontoons. The meeting considered it would be simpler to launch the scheme without any tariff - WS to reply to AV.</li> </ul>	WS
4. Chairman's Report	<p>The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with the Harbour Master to update him on berth holder reactions to the recent fee increase, and a consequent decline in customer tolerance of perceived indifferent service.</p> <p>The Harbourmaster had requested an up-to-date list of outstanding issues which would include dogs; ramps; lights; general maintenance; parking; construction damage; liveaboards; facilities; damaged gate locks; the Town Marina car park barriers and other issues. The meeting considered that such a list would be a useful tool for monitoring ongoing progress, until individual issues were resolved.</p> <p><u>Berth allocation.</u> It was reported that the 'Candida' had apparently been sold to a UK resident, who still seemed to have the berth used by the previous owner, even though there is a waiting list for berths. It was agreed that a more transparent berth allocation policy is required.</p> <p><u>The Master Plan.</u> At the recent MDG an update on the Harbour Master Plan had been provided, which resulted in calls from almost all those present for the provision of additional parking facilities for marine leisure users, for the marine trade, and for the economic feasibility of other planned leisure facilities such as cafes &amp; restaurants.</p>	

5. Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer being absent, there was no report. CG to ask DW to produce a report for next meeting, if he is likely to be absent.	CG/DW
6. Donations	As the JLA situation is still unresolved, there had been no further donations made.	
7. Boat Show	As several Committee members would be away, it was agreed that we would not hold a reception this year.	
8. Association officers	After some discussion it was decided to defer any decision until a later meeting	
9. Any Other Business	Visiting France. It was noted that passport control in St Malo is once again going to be closely managed – the “softening” that occurred last year was unlikely to happen this season. All visitors must have their passports stamped on arrival and departure. However, should one be delayed due to ferries not sailing, then the 90-day rule would be relaxed, providing one could prove the intention to sail within the time period (i.e. with proof of a booking).	
10. Date of Next Meeting.	There being no further business the meeting closed at 1830 hours. The next meeting will be on <u>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023</u> at St HYC.	CG