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ST. MARY'S HARBOUR USERS GROUP

25th June 2013

19:00 Mermaid Inn Restaurant

Invitees	Attended
Adrian Smith (AS)	Y
Jeremy Phillips (JP) – Pilots / SMBA	N
Steve Hicks (SH) – Pilots / SMBA	N
Robert Francis (RF) – ISFA	N
Richard Hand (RH) – Hauliers	Y
Mike Knapman (MK) – Hauliers	Y
Keith Buchanon (KB) – Tenant / sailing	N
Bryher Boats (JS)	N
Steve Watt (SW) – Maritime Officer	N
Mike Nelhams (MN) – Tresco Estate	N
St. Agnes Boating (SA)	Y
St. Martins Boating (TP)	N
Pete Hicks – ISSCo / RNLI (PH)	Y
Mervyn Bird – ISSCo (MB)	Y
Tim Fortey – Independent Boating (TF)	Y
Clive Sibley – Tenant / Fuel (CS)	Y
Richard Mills – Sailing Centre (RM)	Y
Syd Turner (MCA)	N
Neil Jenkins (ISFA)	Y
Peter Carrs	Y
Matt (Police)	Y
Joe Pender (JP)-SMBA	Y
Gerald Thompson-Ships Agent	N
Del Thompson (Taxis)	N
Luke Paulger (Taxis)	N

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Robert Francis, Terry Perkins, Syd Turner, Jeremy Phillips, Gerald Thompson and Steve Hicks.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held on 25th June 2013 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. INCIDENT REPORT REVIEW

DC described how there have been 7 incident reports filed since the last meeting. This is not an alarming number due to the period encompassing the summer season. The majority of the reports amount to slips, trips and falls with exception to a couple of incidents of vessels aground, most notably the Scillonian III. No patterns appear to have arisen during this period. DC urged attendees to notify the harbour of any incidents so that such patterns can be identified.

5. HARBOUR PROJECTS

AS described that a full calendar of works were due to take place between now and August 2015. He said that the project at Porthloo will start in the New Year and will consist of a 40m by 10m slipway which will be constructed at the site of the original, as well as the installation of water/power bollards, levelling of the ground and restrictions to vessel parking in particular areas, i.e. at the front of porthloo terrace. He described how the council had passed planning permission for 3 10,000litre rainwater collection tanks to supply the park but the intention is to discuss with the COIS the use of the mains water supply that they have already installed for the boat park. The slip will be completed by 26th April 2014 but vessels will be able to use it beforehand to commence their seasons work. The timings of the use of the slipway is to be in discussion and agreement with the contractor (KML). English Heritage will take samples of the peat found under the sand at the site of the slip for historic evaluation before the project can begin. The plans were shown to all attendees. CS asks if there will be a charge for using the slip as it is being funded by public money. DC responds by saying there will be a charge as a portion of the project cost will be met by the DoC. PH asks if there will be any rings installed on the slip. DC says yes, although they are not shown in the plans.

AS says there will be, as anticipated, a lot of work carried out on the quay over the coming months. The new Harbour stores are nearing completion after which several trenches will be dug to encompass up to nine services that will be placed under the quay surface. AS shows the plans to all attendees and describes the areas affected. This work should be complete by the end of January and for some time during this period vehicles will have to traverse the front of the building where necessary. AS describes that the choice of Contractor for works to the main building will be decided tomorrow (3rd) but due to presentations needed to the treasury, work is unlikely to start until the New Year. This work on the building will be completed around Christmas next year. AS says that it is important not to overlap the DoC work on the outside of the building with that of Cornwall County Council (CCC). AS predicts a further closure of the road to the rear of the building whilst the steps at the southern end of the building are underpinned. MB asks if the service trenches will be plated. AS says that any parts not being worked on will be plated but also that the working areas will need to be fenced off. AS says he understands that this will cause much disruption to the normal works of the quay but he assures attendees that this disruption will be kept to a minimum. SA asks which parts CCC are doing. AS shows the plans around again and states that CCC are responsible for the 23m extension, infill in the working yard, ticket office, waiting room, freight shed, freight office and balcony. It is likely that the CC project will commence within the spring/summer of 2014 and be completed the following year – we await confirmation of the CC project dates

6. OFF ISLAND QUAYS

DC explained that there is slight damage to Higher Town and Church quays and that two new additional rings have been fitted to St Agnes. DC mentions that the high quality of the quays was mentioned during a recent Port Marine Safety Code audit. DC asks attendees the condition of Lower Town slip. Several attendees agree it is in a good and serviceable condition. SA says that the ring at the end of St Agnes quay is bent. DC responds by saying that the Harbour Authority are aware of this and do not consider it unsafe. AS comments that the bottom step of St Agnes quay is unnecessarily long and restricts the amount of quay wall to berth against when the tide is higher. PH says this is the same at Church Quay, Bryher. AS agrees to cost a project to remedy.

7. YACHT GRID

DC describes how the original ground chain of the yacht grid has been removed and replaced with new, larger 26mm long link chain. He says the loose ends of the project should be finished in the next day or two. He describes that there are the same amount of moorings available but the spaces in between has risen slightly.

8. 2014 CRUISE CALLS

DC describes how we have 42 ships booked for the coming season, which will create another record breaking year. TF asks if the 'Discovery' will be allowed back in after the alleged oil spill last season. AH described how the reporting duties of the Harbour Authority were fulfilled but disappointingly, no further action was taken by the MCA.

DC said how we had around 7000 visiting passengers come ashore at St Mary's and if we do get visits from all 42 ships in 2014, this number should rise dramatically.

PH asks if the tendering situation regarding Tresco has been finalised. DC says that Steve Watt (Maritime Officer) and Mike Nelhams (Tresco Estate) have had discussions, the outcome being that the Isles of Scilly Council will issue temporary licences and information to ships for the day of their visit. Ships tenders will be allowed into Carn Near only and if a ship is anchored in Crow Sound local tenders must be used at all times. The issue of tendering in restricted visibility remains the responsibility of Tresco estate.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DC sates the importance of communication between the Harbour Authority and its stakeholders.

CS says we need to come up with another way of directing SMBA passengers during the mornings and feels he, and his colleagues deal with an unnecessary amount of requests for information. He suggests the flag system has not worked. PH suggests blackboards at the top of each set of steps. JP says it is not always easy as boats fill up and their destination often changes. AH comments that the blackboards on some of the boats work well. JP says that tourists will always ask regardless, being especially attracted to glean information from those in uniform on the quay.

DC says will consider what we can do to improve the situation

MB asks if the gent's toilets can remain open for the winter. DC will consider it.

SA comments on new sewage guidelines to be implemented by the MCA. AS will look into a discharge point to be installed during works.

Meeting closed.