

Harbour Users Group Meeting

15th October 2014-1900

Slip Inn

MINUTES

Present:

Dale Clark	DC	Harbour Office
Alan Hartwell	AH	Harbour Office
Mike Shave	MS	Harbour Office/Lifeboat
George Atkinson	GA	Kiers Works Manager
Phil Osmond	PO	Mace (Cornwall County Council)
Rients Jan Veldkamp	RJV	Kiers
Nick Dobbie	ND	Kiers
Caroline Leatherdale	CL	Kiers-Environmental
Kevin Ayres	KA	ISSCo-Marine Superintendent
Mervyn Bird	MB	ISSCo-Quay Manager
Joe Pender	JP	Owner/Operator-St Mary's Boatmen's Association
Tim Fortey	TF	Independent Boatmen's Representative
Colin Taylor	CT	Police
Adrian Smith	AS	Duchy of Cornwall
Richard Mills	RM	Sailing School
Keith Buchanon	KB	Quay Tenant
Steve Hicks	SH	Pilot/Lifeboat/Boatmen's Association
John Peacock	SA	Off Islands Boatmen's Representative
Jeremy Phillips	JPh	Pilot
Clive Sibley	CS	Quay Tenant
Richard Hand	RH	Local Haulage

Invitees not present/ Apologies:

Robert Francis
Steve Watt
Terry Perkins
Mike Knapman

DC opened the meeting by welcoming all before explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to describe the works which will be carried out to the quay during the period November 2014 to June 2015. Introductions then followed from **PO,GA,RJV,ND** and **CL**.

PO explained that Mace had been employed by Cornwall County Council (The Client) to carry out project management, cost consultation and health and safety measures on their behalf. He said that smaller works will be carried out in Penzance to compliment the works here. This will consist of dredging and minor highway alterations.

ND described that the scope of the works consist of a 23m extension to the end of the quay and a 40m infill to the southern end of the Harbourside building. **RJV** shows diagrams to HUG members. **NB** describes the methodology for the quay extension:

1. The area off the end of the existing quay will be dredged to bed rock before being levelled.
2. A concrete pad will be poured to which a steel frame will be fitted hopefully before Christmas.
3. After Christmas a jack up barge will be brought to the site which will be positioned immediately to the East of the work area.
4. A coaster will then bring 72 4 x 6m 65t blocks which will be removed from the vessel and put in place on the steel frame one at a time by a 300t crane positioned on the barge.
5. Between lifts the coaster will move to anchor if required.
6. Pre cast concrete slabs will be placed on top for use as the working surface.
7. The new structure will be tied in to the existing.
8. Steps, bollards, fenders and railings will then be fitted.

RJV says that Kiers are very aware of the need to maintain access throughout the works. Workboats will be available to provide assistance where required.

SA asks id the coaster will remain alongside the barge for the entire discharge. **RJV** says they expect to move three blocks per day and as there is no room for storage on the barge itself, the vessel will be there for some time. It will however move when necessary due to weather, other traffic etc. There will be between 8-12 blocks per sailing.

ND goes on to explain that the blocks for the quay widening area will be 1x2.5m and 6t in weight. These will be moved as follows:

1. Vessel carrying blocks moves to inner berth at reasonable state of tide.
2. Blocks required for that day's work will be lifted by tele handler off the vessel and over the wall to working site
3. Tele handler will move to a storage position possibly in front of main building.

SA says that he has passengers arriving at St Mary's constantly and asks how this will work if the quay is obstructed. **DC** replies saying that timings will be managed between Kiers and the Harbour Office and information will be passed on at the earliest opportunity.

SH asks what level of underwater obstruction would be in place between the placing of the slab and the fitting of the blocks. **RJV** replies saying the level will be lower that it is on current surveys.

JPh shows concern over the length of time the barge and coaster will be working and the effect this may have on shipping movements next season. **DC** says there will be changes to the program and this topic will be up for discussion nearer the time.

JPh asks if any potential shipping firms have visited the site to gain some idea of the possible challenges they might face. **RJV** responds and says all four of the possible marine contractors have worked in the Islands before.

DC introduces the remaining planned works. **RJV** explains that in addition to the aforementioned, there will be:

- A new freight store
- A new freight office

- A new ticket/registry office
- A balcony/covered walkway
- Resurfacing of the granite walkway

RJV shows members diagrams of these and explains that the granite cobbles will be replaced with flat stone, the works here are due to commence mid-November.

RM asks when the project completion date is. **RJV** says completion is due at the end of June 2015

SA asks how much time has been allowed for weather delays. **ND** explains this is a difficult question to answer due to its nature but extra time has been allowed.

CT asks if there are any proposed HGV movements during the project. **RJV** replies saying there may be but there is nothing confirmed as of yet.

CT asks how many staff will be involved. **ND** responds saying there will be 10 permanent staff but up to 50 at any one time after Christmas. He states Kier will be looking to use local labour/ tradesmen where possible.

RJV said there would be a one way system employed for traffic on the quay during the project and **PO** explained that there would be very clearly defined working areas. The quay management will continue to rest in the hands of the Harbour Authority during the works.

JP asked if the Scillonian III would berth in the same position upon completion. **AH** said it would berth 10m further back than at present but the option will remain to enable best use of all the steps at varying states of tide.

DC concluded the meeting by stating that this winter will be different to normal and that we will be doing our best to work with the community. He invited members to voice any concerns at the earliest opportunity and stated that we will continue weekly updates via email as have been in place during the rebuilding of the wave wall and refurbishment of the building on the quay. Finally **DC** invited all members to the public consultation and ended the meeting at 1955.