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ST. MARY'S HARBOUR USERS GROUP

20th May 2014

1930 SLIP INN

Invitees	Attended
Jeremy Phillips (JPh) – Pilots	N
Steve Hicks (SH) – Pilots / SMBA	Y
Robert Francis (RF)– ISFA	Y
Richard Hand (RH)– Hauliers	Y
Mike Knapman (MK)– Hauliers	N
Keith Buchanon (KB) – Tenant / sailing	Y
Bryher Boats (JS)	N
St. Agnes Boating (SA)	Y
St. Martins Boating (TP)	Y
Pete Hicks (PH) – ISSCo / RNLI	Y
Mervyn Bird (MB)– ISSCo	Y
Tim Fortey (TF)– Independent boat	N
Clive Sibley (CS) – Tenant / fuel	Y
Richard Mills (RM) – Sailing Centre	N
Peter Carrs (PC)- Diving contractor	Y
James Stedeford (JS)-Independent boat	Y
Steve Watt (SW)-Council/fisheries	Y
Joe Pender (JP)-SMBA	Y
Tim Robbins (TR)-ISSCo HandS	Y
Del Thompson (DT)-Local Taxi	Y
Matt Crowe (MC) – Police	N
Luke Paulger (LP) – Local Taxi	N

Dale Clark (DC)-Harbour
Alan Hartwell (AH)- Harbour
Adrian Smith (AS)-Duchy of Cornwall
Finbarr Murphey (FM)-Lagans Construction

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jeremy Phillips, Mike Knapman, Tim Fortey, Matt Crowe and Richard Mills.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held on 25th March 2014 were unanimously approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. INCIDENT REPORTS

- Since the last HUG meeting there have been two incident reports written. Firstly a worker on the quay fell into a hole on a building site. A short term injury to a knee was sustained and the contractors responsible for the site were called to remedy the access and safety of the site.
- Secondly a vessel was started with her throttles in the 'full ahead' position. DC reminded all vessel operators to complete vessel checks prior to use.

5. GENERAL ITEMS

- SW briefly shows members the charts which have been developed for use by cruise ship tenders.
- SW describes the wave buoy which has been placed just to the south of the MPZ south of St Agnes. The buoy is gathering information for the UKHO. SA asks if the data is available for public use, showing concern about the recent 2.5m significant wave height operational limits put in place to operators of class 6/6a vessels by the MCA. SW said he will investigate. SW also mentioned that the buoy was not especially well marked and that he will be in touch with the UKHO to ask for more appropriate markings.
- DC described how John Morley is now working on the quay as part of a joint project between ISSCo and the Harbour Authority to meet passengers embarking and disembarking the Scillonian III. John also works for the harbour assisting on cruise ship visits/.
- The DfT conducted an unannounced inspection today during the visits of Silver Explorer and the Discovery. A report will follow and will be discussed at the next HUG meeting. DC reiterated that no vessels are to load/disembark their passengers over vessels loading cruise ship passengers.
- DC said that the project to fit more ladders to the outer berth of the quay has not been forgotten and will take place in due course.
- DC said how the pontoon will no longer be available to vessels over 15ft, this includes the Scillonia boat share catamarans. New signs will be placed on the pontoon in the coming weeks.
- DC reminded members that harbour information can be found on our website, twitter, email and through our Local Notice to Mariners.
- DC also reminded members of the vehicle restrictions on the quay between 0945 and 1015 each day while the SMBA boats are loading.

6. DoC PROJECTS UPDATE-Porthloo

AS reports the following:

- Foundations and edges are in place
- One month behind schedule and applied for extension due to weather at the beginning of the year
- Deck to be laid over the next month

DoC PROJECTS UPDATE-Quay

AS reports the following:

- Waiting room store will be closed in next week or so
- Service trenches will be finished by the end of June
- Scaffolding will be put up on 2nd June, netted, and information boards/plans put in place
- Asbestos removal booked for middle of June
- The external works should be complete by the end of July
- Ground floor works complete by the end of July
- We will look to the provision of public facilities during the works
- Works to the wave wall will start next week, completion by end July
- Cornwall Council works to start Sept/Oct

7. AIRPORT PROJECTS UPDATE

FM reports the following:

- The last parts of the batching plant are due on the island on Thursday
- Batching plant trials will take place next week
- Estimated 10 landing craft voyages left for mobilisation
- River Trader returns Thursday night with 10 trips left. Estimated one trip per week
- Mixing and laying to take 8-10 weeks
- Lagans are currently unsure of how plant will leave the Island, depends on where it is going next
- The plan for closure and surfacing of the Islands roads has been put to the Council

- All logistics for the new airport building will be dealt with separately by Lagan Building

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- PH asks who will run the new restaurant. AS says the occupation will go out to tender but will have to meet local needs which are to be considered. KB asks if the new flats in the Harbour building will be for the sole use of the restaurant staff. AS confirms this is correct.
- FM asks what is happening to the old stone from the wave wall. AS says it will be crushed and used in other projects.
- MB asks if when work commences on the quay, by both BBS and CCC, if they will be working 7 days a week to maximise the schedule. AS says the works will be conducted as quickly as possible.
- PH shows concern over the new portions of the quay wall directing heavy seas to the older original part. AS says the structure has been assessed and surveyed and concluded it to be fine both now and upon completion of the works
- DC concludes the meeting by saying that a testing time lies ahead and reassures members that the restrictions will be worthwhile in the long run. DC asks for cooperation from members and reminds all that the Harbour office remains open for discussion at any time.

The meeting finished 2050.

Actions to be taken:

- Steve Watt to establish availability of wave buoy data from UKHO
- Steve Watt to recommend higher visibility of the wave buoy
- Adrian Smith/Dale Clark to look into the provision of public facilities on the quay while ours are closed.