

Harbour Users Group Meeting

2nd July 2019

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Present

Dale Clark	DC	Harbour Master
Alan Hartwell	AH	Deputy Harbour Master
Kevin Ayres	KA	ISSG
Tony Baker	TB	ISSG
Steve Watt	SW	IOS Council
Joe Pender	JoeP	St Mary's Boatmen's Association
Jeremy Phillips	JP	Pilots
Steve Hicks	SH	Pilots/ISSG

Apologies

Sarah Mason, Robert Francis, Phil Woodcock, Sam Mallon, Tom Hooper, Eldred Banfield, Richard Wiltshire

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Approved

Matters Arising

- Off Island Quay Signs- All signs have been replaced on Off Island Quays with the exception of the 'no swimming' sign on St Agnes, this is on order.
- Step Cleaning- various products are still being trialled notably sodium percarbonate and 'go-stock' cleaner, the latter seeming ineffective but the manufacturers are keen to provide a product that works here. The harbour pressure washer has been subject to delays for spares so a new one has been ordered to accompany this when repaired.
- NAP- an Navigational Advisory Panel meeting will be held in the coming weeks.

Incident Reports

There have been seven reportable incidents since the last HUG meeting. Reports for the following were made available to HUG members:

- Oil Spill in working yard
- Bow damage to visiting yacht from mooring chain
- Passenger vessel SEAHORSE caught on fender whilst loading pax as tide ebbed
- Cruise vessel SEA SPIRIT arrival without Pilot
- SCILLONIAN asked to stand off berth, request ignored
- SCILLONIAN berthing delayed due to no line handlers
- 16ft Orkney KELLY ANNE breakout from mooring

There have been no identified patterns in this period. Work to educate visiting yachtsmen about preferred tie up method has been consistently undertaken.

Transport Board Stakeholder Group

DC describes that he has attended a group who has the intention of discussing the transport infrastructure of the Islands with central government. He says that he has emailed a questionnaire to HUG members but has only received one tentative reply. DC asks for comments to be delivered within the next day or two.

Port Marine Safety Code and general harbour update

- There will be no hydrographic survey this year of ships anchorages as six years of surveys have shown very little change.
- Our revised Port Waste Management Plan has been submitted to the MCA and is awaiting approval (Poste meeting note – this has now been approved by the MCA)
- Off Island quay lights have been replaced (with the exception of St Agnes, light in stock) and 2 x vertical green lights have been installed on the end of St Mary's quay. Trinity house will conduct their annual inspection of all LATN next month.
- The working areas of the quay are now designated as non-smoking. A dedicated smoking area next to the freight shed has been marked out and an smoking bin installed.
- The draft Strategic Harbour Plan was sent to HUG members. There have been no response as yet.
- Harbour launch TROJAN has been replaced after the many repairs on the port side cone became ineffective. The replacement vessel is the same manufacturer and specification as the previous.
- Three new courtesy tenders have been launched for use within the harbour taking our total installed to five. We are happy with how these are performing.
- A project is underway to improve the function and aesthetics of Porthloo boat park. We are looking to lay concrete in the area from the top of the slip to the roadway during the summer months and install fencing and hedging throughout the winter.
- A new automatic barrier will be installed at the entrance to the working yard. We are hoping to reuse the previous pressure pads installed under the concrete to minimise works. The previous system was unsuitable for the task and its recommendation was poorly advised.
- The subject of Off Island baggage has been mentioned on several occasions due to elderly or infirm passengers being given the impression that they have to help move other people bags. DC invites HUG members to make requests to the harbour office should they have any ideas of how we can help. JoeP suggests a restriction on luggage (per person) would be advantageous as people appear to be bringing a lot more than they used to.
- The damaged parts of the fender on the end of the quay have been replaced.

Local Licence Update

SW briefly explains that the Council had been asked to produce a policy for local licence production and use. The policy is currently in the hands of Cornwall County Councils legal department and will be returned when reviewed.

Off Island Quays

St Mary's Harbour are in discussion with The Duchy of Cornwall to produce a revised 'Off Island Quay Management Plan' information to follow at next HUG.

Any Other Business

JP mentions that the water/electric bollards at Porthloo are not working properly. DC replies saying we are aware of faults with several of the units and that as a whole, the units have underperformed but we have two

new items on order (one for the park, one for the quay) which we hope will be an improvement over the existing.

DC says that Brendan Rowe (Seawide Services) now has the vast majority of mooring maintenance work contracted to him within St Mary's Harbour. He has shown concern over the middle harbour moorings which for the most part, are privately owned. He says that identifying sinkers and ground chain is especially difficult as new items have been added over the years without removing the sinkers etc. that they replace.

Brendan had extended an idea to the Harbour Office to install two lengths of heavy ground chain to which each individual riser will be fitted and DC asks HUG member to consider this idea and return their views to the Harbour Office. He says it is likely that we will hold a meeting with all outer mooring holders to discuss this in the near future. SH asks if a potential new mooring set up would be then owned by the private mooring holders or the Harbour Authority. DC says this is up for discussion.

Meeting closed at 2040