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Harbour Master: Dale Clark

HARBOUR USERS GROUP

MINUTES FOR MEETING 9TH OCTOBER 2019

19:00 MERMAID – SLIP INN

Present

Dale Clark	DC	Harbour Master
Phil Woodcock	PW	RNLI
Eldred Banfield	EB	ISSG
Steve Watt	SW	IOS Council
Joe Pender	JoeP	St Mary's Boatmen's Association
Jeremy Phillips	JP	Pilots
Steve Hicks	SH	Pilots/ISSG
John Peacock	John P	St. Agnes Boating
Dave Hooper	DH	Tresco Boat Services
Richard Mills	RM	Sailing Centre
Rob Pentecost	RP	Police

1 – Apologies

Tim Fortey, Sam Mallon, Richard Hand, Del Thompson, Tony Baker, Sarah Mason, Darren White, Tom Hooper, Gerald Thompson, Robert Francis

2 - Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved

3 - Matters Arising

The St. Agnes Quay sign will be replaced with a new sign over the course of the Winter/Spring.

Porthloo works to hedge and concrete will start this Autumn/Winter

The automatic barrier on the quay widening has been purchased and will be delivered when the Gry Maritha returns to service.

The off-Island quay management plan is underway and will be ready by the spring

4 - Incident Reports

DC described the 4 incident reports that had been submitted since the last meeting. DC asked all attendees to remind their colleagues that they should report any incidents to the harbour office as soon as possible. The incidents discussed were...

- Cardiac Arrest on the pontoon
- Child fallen between tripper boats alongside
- Local vessel ashore in Sharks Pit
- Mooring ring failure in steps
- Bow damage to visiting yacht

5 – Update on Local Licensing

Steve Watt gave an update on the Councils position with regard to the Local Licensing on the Isles of Scilly. He informed the meeting that the Council policy and syllabus had been approved by the MCA and the licencing committee but that it had yet to be presented to full council which was expected towards the end of October. He also stated that the new policy would come into effect from the 1st April 2020. A very good discussion amongst the members took place on crews' tickets, BML and RYA qualifications and the relation to the local licensing scheme. John P offered to take the concerns regarding the local license not being applicable to anyone other than BML holders to the MCA if the Council so wished. SW offered to get in touch with John P post meeting to look into this possibility.

6 – Port Marine Safety Code and general harbour update

- DC informed the meeting that Tim Charlesworth visited the harbour during September and conducted the initial part of his PMSC audit. He is due to return in early November where he will also report to the Harbour on compliance with the PMSC.
- DC informed the meeting that the Port Waste Management Plan had been approved by the MCA and that this had prompted a review of waste responsibilities within the harbour. He mentioned that the harbour were currently accepting waste from the Scillonian III but that it was hope this could be retained on board for return to Penzance. He also explained that the only waste oil that would be accepted within the harbour would be engine oil – any other type should be disposed of by the operator/harbour user. The harbour would be reviewing whether to charge per litre of waste oil or whether to spread the costs across harbour dues – TBC. The change in waste facilities was down to the costs involved in the disposal of oil and also waste taken to the local refuse site at Moorwell.
- DC informed the meeting of the works planned this winter at Porthloo Boat Park. The park will be enclosed by a hedge on the seaward side and the remainder with hardwood posts with a polyhemp rope passed through each post. Gates would be installed at each end of the park. The reasoning for the fencing was down to two

factors – security and safety. Security for users of the park as it would prevent the unauthorised movements of boats and potential damage caused by such movements and safety to restrict the park from members of the public walking across and passed the boats whilst work was being undertaken. DC also informed the meeting that there would be no waste facilities kept onsite at the park this winter. This was due to the facilities being taken advantage of by people with waste not from boats. The plan for this winter was to conduct waste collections once per week and that waste would be collected from each vessel. Any waste engine oil would have to be disposed of by the owner. Each boat park user would be receiving notice of this in the coming week by email/letter.

- DC informed the meeting that harbour staff member Finlay Ross would be leaving the harbour for the winter and would return in the spring. He also mentioned that Finlay had recently undertaken a VHF course through the Sailing Centre (Richard Mills) and that he advised any operators in need of such courses to contact Richard. RM advised that he could deliver the RYA VHF and PPR courses to anyone who required them
- DC informed the meeting that the harbour had indeed looked at the pilot vessel which was bought by Mr Alan Reekie this year. He stated that whilst the vessel is very capable, the harbour would not be looking to purchase it but instead it had prompted the need for the harbour to look at a future replacement or indeed an additional vessel to Pegasus.
- DC informed the meeting of the recent Navigational Advisory Panel that took place the previous week with one particular item being the potential for adding lights to the Buzza/Strand Shelter transit route into/out of the harbour. DC opened this idea to the meeting and asked for any feedback as he was happy to look into progressing this idea.
- DC informed the meeting that Seawide Services were due to arrive mid-October to undertake some winter mooring maintenance for approx. 2 or 3 days and would then return in January to conduct the majority of the harbour maintenance work. DC also informed the meeting that the inner harbour ground chain would be lifted and re-laid during their January visit.
- DC informed the meeting that the harbour would, over the course of the winter, be installing additional CCTV cameras to cover the working area, quay widening and front of building. Joe P asked if they would increase the coverage to the pontoon and DC replied yes.
- DC informed the meeting that the harbour had, over the past months, installed new solar powered lighting on the passenger walkway which, at present, appears to be working well.

7. OFF ISLAND QUAYS

- DH informed the meeting that there was concern about one of the mooring bars on Annakas quay on Bryher as it appeared to be disfigured. DC said he would look into this but also asked all operators to inform the harbour office immediately if they have any concerns over mooring equipment and not to wait until planned meetings. **Action – SMHA to review moorings on Annakas quay**
- DH informed the meeting that Tresco Estate were looking into the replacement of the chains and tyres on New Grimsby quay and that this should happen over the winter period.

8. AOB

- DC informed the meeting that the IOSWT had contacted him regarding the uninhabited islands and asked how best to publicise the information to mariners. DC said that the harbour would be updating their brochure over the winter and would look to include information from the IOSWT. He also asked the meeting to think of ways to “spread the word” to visiting vessels and that the IOSWT would bring this topic up again at the next H.U.G. meeting. Joe P mentioned that the SMBA have also been approached and that they include information on their website.
- John P informed the meeting that the charges relating to the travel time for MCA surveyor visits were under review and that there may well be changes to how they charge in the future given that operators appear to have been charged for travel time individually rather than the costs being shared out across operators that they have visited.
- PW informed the meeting that the Whiteheads remained on the mainland and in the coming weeks would be undergoing an engine replacement. The standby vessel currently on station will remain however it will be heading for a bottom scrub towards the end of October.
- Eldred Banfield informed the meeting of the current situation of the Gry Maritha and Lyonesse Lady – both undergoing planned maintenance and due back in service around the 16th October.