

# **Portreath Harbour Association**

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute  
on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 at 8.00 pm

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance.

Present:                    Mr Colin Reed                    Chairman  
                                  Mr Mike Bennett                Treasurer  
                                  Mrs Jan Veasey                 Secretary

Committee Members:  
                                  Mr Mike Warren

**Apologies:** Messrs Colin Higgs and Mark Stimpson

The Chairman read the minutes of the last meeting. These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

## **Improvement Plan**

Mike Warren told the meeting that plans had been passed by the Council. There had been no objections from the Parish Council and as far as is known, none from the general public either. There were no major conditions attached to the approval. The grant application was being filled out which would provide 50% of the cost of the new shed. A letter of intent was being given to the Association by the Council to give us a further 10 year lease. Once this had been received the grant application could be sent in. A copy of the Development Plan was passed around to members for their comments. The Chairman reminded members that Dr Mills had produce the original plan and it needed “fluffing up” for the grant application. Members would be kept informed of any developments via the website.

**Martin King** hadn't been able to put his boat in the harbour due ill health, but as soon as he was able he would remove the chains etc. that were at present on No.13 and replace them. Mike Warren reminded Martin that the mooring was on loan this year and there was no guarantee that he would have the same one next year. Martin confirmed that this was understood.

## **Seaweed**

A discussion followed about the problem of the seaweed and the smell coming from it particularly in the back harbour.

The suggestion of a tide gate was put by Martin King. Watchet harbour had one and it seemed to work. This would be looked into by the Committee and could be passed onto the council as to be included in their flood prevention plans.

### **Fishing Competition**

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Clem Tregear and his helpers for organising the competition. Although there had not been too many entrants, it was still considered to be successful despite awful sea and weather conditions on the day before. First prize and Second prize went to Mark Stimpson who weighed in with two red gurnards. No more fish of acceptable weight were weighed in so there was no 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. A raffle was carried out after several advertisers had given additional prizes. A profit was made of approximately £150, so £50 each would be given to each of the charities, The RNLI, CLIC and The Precious Lives Appeal.

### **Harbour Fun Day**

Alan Wells, Mark Stimpson and Paul Wicks were offering boat trips this year and had already passed the money on to the Fun Day Committee. The Chairman thanked the boat owners who had gone to the trouble of decorating their boats! In particular Ron Wootton whose boat looked spectacular.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that he issued two cheques since the last meeting - £670 to the Planning Department and £1,794 to the Architects. There had also been two new members since our last meeting.

### **Secretary's Report**

An e.mail had been sent to Viv Hayward re. the re-siting of the Mary Jane. Also another Fixed Penalty Notice had been issued by Armtrac to a member displaying a Blue Badge. As this vehicle was in the charge of the Secretary at the time, it was dealt with without the fine having to be paid. Armtrac were very apologetic and assured the Secretary that it would not happen again!

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Craning In**

It was decided to book the crane for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If this was not possible, it would have to be Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Treasurer mentioned that he would not be available to collect fees. The Secretary offered to do this again. Boat owners were reminded by the Chairman to make sure they had appropriate blocks etc. to accommodate their boats when they were craned out.

The Chairman informed members that this year we were hoping the Council would dig the harbour down to its original depth. Consequently all moorings and chains etc. would need to be taken out. This would probably not be done until after Christmas, but members must be aware that they were responsible for the removal of their own moorings.

A suggestion had been made that lengths of chain be put down the full length of the back harbour to enable boat owners to moor up to this chain, thus making it easier for their removal in future years. Following a discussion, it was decided that next year one length of chain would be put down as an experiment. Members were also reminded by the Treasurer that fees would need to be put up next year.

Mr. Parrott snr. Would have a word with Glen to see if the mini digger could be brought down again to assist members in digging their moorings out. It would not be until after Christmas. Boat owners would be informed beforehand of when this would happen. Mr Parrott would also try to get some extra clamps for the security fencing around the hardstanding.

Martin King requested a space on the hardstanding for the winter.

**Rule Book**

Mike Warren had uploaded the new Constitution and Rule Book onto the Association’s website. The secretary had contacted the College for a quote for 100 copies. When a reply is received the secretary would pass the information onto the Chairman.

The Chairman had been in communication with Paul Wicks with regard to safety when the Associations’ boats are at sea. He is concerned that a lot of the boats moored in the harbour do not carry the basic safety equipment. It was pointed out that the Committee could not insist upon it’s members carrying such equipment, only recommend. The matter had been discussed with Andy Brigden and it was confirmed that we were not in a position to insist. Rule 25 in the Association’s hand book sets out recommendations for safety equipment, it can also be found on the back cover. It was suggested that when Mooring Fees are paid next year, as well as a receipt a letter of recommendation for basic safety equipment is also handed to members. It was agreed that this was really all we could do.

**The Chairman** informed members that John Buckland has passed away. John had been one of the founder members of the Association as well as Secretary for a number of years and latterly a Trustee of the Association. This now meant that there was just one Trustee. There really should be 4. This matter would need to be settled before January’s AGM.

**A 56lb weight** belonging to Peter Clemo had gone missing – if anyone knows anything about it please let him know.

There being no further business the Chairman brought the Meeting to a close. The next General meeting will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8.00pm.

Signed.....  
Colin Reed  
Chairman

Date .....