

Portreath Harbour Association

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute
on Friday 2nd December 2011 at 8.00 pm

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

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Joyce Duffin, Dave Veasey, Colin Higgs and Doug Coates.

1. The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

Lease

The Chairman told the meeting that he had contacted Cornwall Council re. the draft lease as there were a few issues to be sorted out before we could proceed. He spoke to Colin Benney and he assured the Chairman that we could go ahead and appoint a solicitor to go through the draft lease, after which time the amendments would be made and hopefully agreed by the council.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that there were two boats still in the harbour and not insured. These belonged to Dave Veasey and Julian Fruhauf. The Chairman would contact Julian again and the Secretary would remind Dave again.

Members were reminded that this would be Mike Bennett's last Committee Meeting as Treasurer. A vote of thanks was given to Mike for all the work he has done on the Association's behalf over the last few years. This was seconded by the Chairman.

4. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

5. Hulks

The Chairman reported that Ben Cantellow's rib had been removed from the harbour.

6. Boat Shed

We are still awaiting one more quote and are hoping that the Council will be able to help out with some funding. Andy Brigden had been to have a look around the harbour and was quite shocked at the state of the hardstandings and the pavements. There may well be some major repairs at the top of the harbour. The railings at the bottom of the pier are due to be removed soon.

7. Christmas Dinner

The Association's Dinner would take place tomorrow evening. Anyone not yet booked will need to ring Clem in the morning.

A discussion followed when it was evident that although the Secretary had sent out an email reminding everyone of the Christmas Dinner, not everyone bothered to read it! It was agreed that in future, important communications would be sent by post. The secretary would check with those members who have provided the Association with their email address, that they were happy to continue receiving them.

8. Insurance Claim

Nothing further had been received from the insurance company, which was thought to be a good sign!

9. Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that this would take place on Friday 27th January at 7.30 pm. A poster will be put up in the PHA notice board.

10. Any Other Business

Harbour Dig

Ron Wootten asked if there would be a harbour dig in the New Year, as a lot of the sand had been washed away. The Chairman agreed that a lot of sand had been washed away, but there was still a fair bit left on the other side. It was intended to dig a trench down through the middle of the back harbour next year. Hopefully any seaweed coming into the back harbour would then settle in this trench. A discussion followed on the merits of filling in the dip in the gap between the back and front harbours. It was suggested that perhaps some of the granite boulders that had been exposed could be used for this purpose. The Chairman would mention it to the contractor when the time came.

Moorings

The Chairman explained to the meeting that there was always a problem every year with boat-owners requesting and paying for moorings, then not putting their boats in. The Committee felt that there should be an amendment to the rule book to prevent this happening. It was proposed

to bring a motion to the AGM stating that if a mooring wasn't taken up by a specified time, that mooring would be filled. The boat owner would not lose their mooring, but if they were late bringing their boat to the harbour, they would have to take another one. A discussion followed, but the general feeling of the meeting was in favour of this.

Kayaks

The Chairman was asked his opinion as to whether or not a kayak could be moored in the harbour. It was felt that given the ferocity of some tides, this might not be practical. The Chairman said that if there was a spare mooring and they wanted to chance putting their kayak on a mooring, it was up to them.

There being no other business, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

The next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting on Friday 27th January at 7.30 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on Friday 3rd February to review mooring applications.

Signed.....

Mike Warren
Chairman

Date