

Portreath Harbour Association

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute
on Friday 4th March 2011 at 8.00 pm

Present: Mr Mike Warren Chairman
 Mr Mike Bennett Treasurer
 Mrs Jan Veasey Secretary

Committee Members:
 Mr Colin Reed
 Mr Colin Higgs
 Mr Mark Stimpson
 Mr Doug Coates
 Mr Dave Veasey

By Invitation Cllr Joyce Duffin

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance. The Minutes of the last General Meeting “proper” in December were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising

Harbour Dig

The Chairman thanked Glen Parrott for coming down and digging members’ moorings out and apologised for there not being more there on the day.

New Lease

The Chairman reported that negotiations for the new lease were still ongoing. The draft lease was still in the hands of the solicitors.

Road Repairs

The roadway in front of Cayforth Flats and Kingsley Terrace will need to be repaired. This would cost in the region of £300 and the Association would be contributing £100.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer reported that there were just two outstanding invoices. There were 32 members who had not yet paid this year’s subs and he proposes to write to them to remind them.

Secretary’s Report

The Secretary reported that Parking Permits would be sent out shortly to those boat owners with permanent moorings. As soon as loan moorings were sorted out those boat owners would be sent their parking permits.

Moorings

The Chairman told members that the Committee had had a lengthy meeting in January and that all of the permanent moorings had been sorted out. He circulated a list of these moorings around the meeting. Those boat owners present seemed satisfied. Glen would come down into the harbour again to put the moorings back. The Chairman was asked if the sand would be removed down to the granite quoins. Unfortunately this was not going to happen. Ireland Brothers would be taking the seaweed out on the 31st March after which sand would be removed. Eventually it would be possible to get an exemption certificate from the Environment Agency to take the seaweed to local farms. The sand could have been put on the beach, but the lorries were not prepared to go onto the beach. The Association would be making a contribution towards the cost of this sand removal of about £2,000. We did not have to pay for the removal of the seaweed last year. The Chairman reminded members to remove any gear from the back harbour before 31st March, otherwise it would be taken out and disposed of.

Craning In

The crane was booked for Saturday 16th April. If there is any issue with the weather (as there was last year), the crane would stay at Portreath until the following day. Boat owners would need to pay £20 as last year. Glen Parrott mentioned that when a crane is used the HSC need to know whether it is a contract lift in which case a lift plan may be needed. He offered to do the plan if we needed one. The Chairman would find out from the crane driver and let Glen know.

Boat Storage

The Chairman had been approached by Martin King and Pete Tonkin, requesting a hardstanding for their boats. It was regretted that at this time there was no room around the harbour for additional boats. This would be possible during the summer months, but not in the winter.

Boat Watch

Colin Higgs told the meeting that there was going to be a Regional launch of the Boat Watch scheme in Portreath. It will hopefully be going ahead in the Spring and the press and TV would most likely be involved. It had been reported that theft of engines using their engine covers went down to zero, although at the moment these covers were not available! As soon as there were more details members would be informed.

Ladders

The Chairman told members that some ladders in the harbour were mentioned that some of the ladders were in a very dangerous state and needed to be made safe. He requested that boat owners should look at their ladders and make sure that they are secure on both top and bottom. There will be a 3 month deadline after which time any ladder not secure, or in a dangerous condition would be taken down. The ladders were not the responsibility of the PHA, but if there was an accident the Association would be made accountable.

Any Other Business

Christmas Dinner

Colin Reed told the meeting that he thought the Christmas Dinner was very enjoyable and everyone had a good time. Hopefully next year more members would turn up.

Announcement

It was with great sadness that Peter Clemo announced the death of his father. The Chairman spoke for everyone when he offered Peter and his family his condolences. Peter Snr. had been a well loved member of the Association and would be sadly missed during the coming months.

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

The next General meeting would be on Friday 1st April at 8.00 pm.

Signed.....
Mike Warren
Chairman

Date