

Portreath Harbour Association

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute
on Friday 6th May 2011 at 8.00 pm

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

Committee Members:

Mr Colin Reed
Mr Colin Higgs
Mr Doug Coates
Mr Dave Veasey

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Joyce Duffin and Mark Stimpson.

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

Matters Arising

PCSO Funding

Doug Coates reported that PCSO funding had been discussed at a recent Portreath Improvements Committee meeting. The PIC had agreed to fund it up to £3,000. There is still some doubt as to whether it is going to happen as it has been left to Officers to volunteer for the extra duty. However, this does mean that the Association will not need to contribute.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer has nothing further to report.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Any Other Business

Moorings

The Chairman told the Meeting that after several phone calls, people had been moved forward. An updated copy of the moorings map would be posted on the notice board. Last year there were a lot of empty moorings, so hopefully the harbour will be full this year.

There were two new members at the meeting who were requesting a mooring. The Chairman told them that this would be possible and they were offered loan moorings. These were accepted. They were informed that as soon as their fees were paid parking permits would be sent out to them.

Julian Fruhauf made an observation that there were more temporary than permanent moorings. He wondered if this was good practice for the Association. A lengthy discussion followed, during which the merits of members keeping their permanent moorings and not using them for several years was discussed, amongst other things. It was pointed out that the way moorings were issued had been used for several years and had proved to be fair. It had also been found that by using this method new members were given a mooring and not put on a waiting list. If anyone had any other suggestions this could be brought up at the Annual General Meeting where it would be discussed by those present and if found to be more practical, it could be adopted.

Boat Watch

The Chairman handed over to Colin Higgs who reported to the Meeting.

After long negotiations with the police, Sgt. Parr and two constables will be at the harbour on Saturday 21st May at 12.00 noon. Members will then be signed up for Boat Watch. Flyers will be delivered into every house around the harbour. It will be publicised before the event and Colin would be arranging for publicity on the day. Members will be able to purchase an engine cover and a microdot kit. It is vital that as many members who can, show up on the 21st. Engine covers have been proved to be a deterrent – there has never been an engine stolen with a cover on. Hayle Harbour has been hit really hard recently with thefts and vandalism. We have had our share of vandalism but not many thefts.

An e.mail will go out to those on-line members to let them know about the event.

Slipway

Martin King remarked that there was a considerable drop-off at the end of the slipway which makes it difficult when launching. He asked if there could be an extension made some 6' into the sand. A discussion followed where it was pointed out that if the slipway was extended a couple of moorings would be lost. It was thought that if boats were launched during a high tide there wasn't much of a problem. There was also the problem that with the tides we get in Portreath, any extension of the slipway might be eroded. The consensus of opinion from those boat owners who had used the harbour for many years was that they hadn't had too much of a problem launching their boats from the slipway. It was decided to leave it as it is, particularly as the harbour was listed.

Ladders

The Chairman reminded those present that ladders were being inspected at the end of the month and would be removed if proved to be unsafe.

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

The next General Meeting will be on Friday 3rd June at 8.00 pm.

Signed.....

Mike Warren
Chairman

Date