

Portreath Harbour Association

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

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

Committee Members:
 Mr Doug Coates

By Invitation: Clr. Joyce Duffin

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies – Apologies were received from Mike Warren, Chairman, Colin Higgs and Dave Veasey.

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

Matters Arising

Ladders

Cllr Duffin had received an email from Andy Brigden regarding the provision of ladders around the harbour. He was happy to purchase and fit ladders, but not for every boat owner. He suggested about 14 or 15 ladders. He was not happy with boat owners providing and fitting their own ladders, but did say that if they did the ladders and the fitting of any ladder must conform to any Health and Safety requirements before permission is given. He also referred to the unsightly railings around what was the Crazy Golf area. He is keen for the removal of these railings and making good the surfaces. He did stress that any work undertaken, regarding the ladders and railings would have to come out of the budget set for Portreath Harbour!

A discussion followed and it was agreed that the Association would ask for provision of ladders and also match any funding to double the number of ladders the Council might provide. The subject of children climbing down into the harbour via the ladders was raised and it was pointed out that this has always been a problem and would most probably carry on being a problem. Doug Coates pointed out to the meeting that as far as he was aware, there had never been a serious incident regarding the ladders.

It was decided to ask the Council for a quote then hopefully this work could be carried out before the start of the 2012 season.

Improvements

The Vice-Chairman read out a quote from Burke Design. It was lower than the other quote received. We are still waiting for Mark Stimpson's quote. When this is to hand the matter can go forward.

The Vice-Chairman reminded everyone about the reason for the improvements. We are aiming to get a grant from PESCo and maybe the Lottery. The old black shed will be demolished and a new one erected in keeping with the harbour. This will be on the hardstandings where the yacht is at present. We will have a new hardstanding and the shed will have electricity, water etc., and room for storage. The Vice-Chairman was asked if we intended re-claiming the timber from the old shed. The Vice-Chairman reminded members that the shed had a good deal of asbestos in its construction and depending upon the condition of this asbestos, its disposal might be expensive. There are some good upright timbers in the shed's construction and this would be taken into consideration at the time of demolition as some people have expressed an interest in reclaiming good timber.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had already reported that the outstanding bill had been paid. Also a visiting boat had paid for its stay in the harbour earlier in August.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

Any Other Business

Oil Pollution Exercise

Cllr Duffin told Members that there was to be an Oil Pollution Exercise which would be carried out on the 5th and 6th October. This would involve a day and a half in the classroom learning the theory behind the response to such an incident, who and what is involved and the role of the Beachmaster if oil should hit our shoreline. There would then follow an afternoon on Portreath Beach familiarising and deploying some of the equipment used in response to an oil pollution incident.

Christmas Dinner

The PHA Christmas Dinner would be held on Saturday 3rd December. The Vice-Chairman reminded members that bookings should be made to either Clem, Helen or Lisa ONLY, so as to avoid any confusion! The secretary will send an email to members to this effect.

Craning Out

Members were reminded that the crane would be in the harbour to crane the boats out on Saturday 8th October and this would begin at 1.00 pm. In the event of bad weather it would stay at Portreath until the following day, Sunday 9th. Members would be charged £25 this year as the cost had gone up.

Increase In Fees

Members were reminded that next year's fees were due to go up as our rent had been increased by the Council. This would be discussed at the AGM.

Clamping

Several members had noticed illegal parking in the harbour during the past few months. The vehicles in question had been parked for some time in the harbour and not just staying for a short time. The secretary would send an email to Armtrac regarding this problem.

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

The next General Meeting will be on Friday 7th October at 8.00 pm.

Signed.....

Colin Reed
Vice-Chairman

Date