

# **Portreath Harbour Association**

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute  
on Friday 13th April 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present:                    Mr Colin Higgs            Vice-Chairman  
                                 Mrs Jan Veasey            Secretary  
                                 Mrs Georgie Higgs        Treasurer  
                                 Mr Colin Reed  
                                 Mr Doug Coates  
                                 Mrs Joyce Duffin

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

Apologies – Apologies were received from the Chairman, Mike Warren, Dave Veasey and Mark Clancey.

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

## **1. Matters Arising**

### **Moorings**

Colin Higgs told the meeting that unfortunately due to Andy Brigden's budget being pulled, the chains that the Association were to have put at the back of the harbour will now have to be put on hold. Some mooring blocks will need to be moved but it is doubtful that the chains will be put in this year. Ireland Brothers discovered that there was not enough sand above the granite stones in the harbour, so it was decided not to dig a trench. Not too many mooring blocks were disturbed during the dig.

## **2. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's thanks were passed on to everyone who helped at the craning in day.

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that all loan moorings had been paid for and all insurance certificates had been received. Georgie informed members that it was proposed to bring payment for moorings and hard standings in line with each other in the future. Members agreed this would be a good idea.

## **4. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary had sent out Parking Permits for this year.

## **5. Lease**

Lease Update

Nothing further had been heard from Cornwall Council. Cllr. Duffin offered to chase this up.

## **6. Trustees Indemnity Insurance**

The Insurance is in place, the bill just needs to be paid. The Treasurer would get the cheque signed and sent off asap.

## **7. Hulks**

The boats in question were removed and/or sold. There are a few punts left, and we will need to keep an eye on those.

## **8. Boat Shed**

The Vice-Chairman told members that the Committee were at present reviewing the situation regarding the Boat Shed. Due to there only being two commercial fishermen in the harbour, it was felt that members' money might be better spent elsewhere. A discussion followed where members present agreed that it might be more sensible to refurbish the old black shed and make it available to all members. The subject would be thoroughly reviewed by the Committee and a report made at the next General Meeting.

## **9. Harbour Dig**

The Vice-Chairman reported that 1,000 tons of sand had been removed from the harbour and the cost (£4/ton) had been evenly split between Cornwall Council and the Association. Doug Coates praised Mike Warren for the amount of work he put in during the 3 days of the dig. It was proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Chairman. A letter of thanks would also be sent to the contractors, Ireland Brothers.

## **10. Web Cam**

Members were informed that a quote had been received for reinstatement of the Web Cam for around £2,800 plus VAT. It would most probably be installed on the bait shed. As the shed where it was originally mounted was owned by Cayforth Flats, it was decided to install it on Association property. Simon Stovell thought this quote to be excessive which view was shared by other members of the meeting. It was therefore decided to obtain two more quotes. It was also suggested that the web cam be mounted on a pole outside the black shed. This would be put to the Committee and reported at the next meeting.

## **11. Craning In**

In view of the cost of the crane recently used by the Association and the fact that only a small number of boats were craned in this year, members were asked if they thought it reasonable for the Association to continue to subsidise the hire of the crane. The opinion of the meeting was that as the Association's contribution was not excessive, it would be reasonable to continue subsidising it.

**Any Other Business**

Simon Stovell requested that the Agenda be put on the Association’s website so that members would know what was being discussed at a forthcoming meeting. As the Chairman was the person who was responsible for the website, he would be asked to do so. It was felt that it might prompt more members to attend.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the Vice-Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next General Meeting would be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm

Signed.....  
Mike Warren  
Chairman

Date .....