

Portreath Harbour Association

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute
on Friday 2nd November 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs Jan Veasey Secretary

Committee Members Mr Doug Coates
Mr Dave Veasey
Mr Mark Clancey
Co-opted Members Mr Simon Warren
Mr Nigel Hicks

Mr Doug Coates opened the meeting and welcomed Members.

Apologies – Apologies were received from Colin Higgs, Georgie Higgs and Cllr Joyce Duffin.

1. The Chairman read the minutes of the last General Meeting and after an amendment; these were signed as a correct record.

2. **Matters Arising**

Resignations

After an enquiry from Peter Clemo, Mr Coates confirmed that Colin Reed and Mike Warren were still members of the PHA.

Boat Theft

Members were again reminded to be vigilant as there had been a number of marine thefts in our part of the county. Mark Clancey told the meeting that he very often checked the boats in the evening.

Boat Shed

The boat shed had been cleared and a padlock put on the door. The reason for this was that Pete Goode and Simon Warren had stored their crab pots in the shed. Anyone wanting to use the shed for storage or for any other reason could obtain a key from either Colin or Georgie Higgs for £5 deposit. If they returned the key they would get their deposit back. The Secretary would be obtaining a copy as well. An email would be sent out letting members know that the shed is now locked.

3. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had met with a representative of the UK Border Agency who was updating his records before retirement. He needed information regarding Commercial and leisure boats moored in the harbour. The information he had was from 2004.

5. Website

Simon Warren told the members that the old website was no longer in existence and that the new one would be up and running soon. The reason for the suspension of the old website was that Mike Warren had been making the payments for it and since his resignation these payments had obviously stopped. Mr Coates asked if Mike had been reimbursed by the PHA for these payments. This question could not be answered due to the absence of the Treasurer. He asked members present for their agreement for the PHA to reimburse Mike if he had been out of pocket. The new website was being hosted by an English company and members would be kept aware of its progress.

6. Any Other Business

Craning Out

Mr Coates thought that this had gone very well. There didn't seem to be any problems that he had heard of and everyone seemed happy with the way it went.

He cautioned those boat owners who had decided to leave their boats in the harbour, that this time of the year was notorious for sudden storms. Not only had a few boats been damaged in the past, but those Association members who are usually on hand around the harbour are called on to stop boats from damaging one another, usually in the dark.

Mooring Chains and Ladders

Mark Clancey reminded members to check their mooring chains before putting their boats in again next year. He had noticed that there were one or two chains that were in a very poor state of repair. He suggested that these should be checked before craning in next year. Mr Coates reminded members that in the past that job had been done by Mike Warren. Someone would need to be appointed by the Committee to do the job. Mark was happy to do this.

Peter Clemo said that everyone was hanging off one length of chain along the back wall and it was suggested that a second length be put across the wall. Unfortunately Andy Brigden's budget was cut this year and this affected a couple of projects that he was going to help us with. One of which was the provision of deep moorings and also proper ladders around the harbour. Most of the ladders at present used by the boatmen are dangerous. Their replacement is going to have to be a priority before next year's craning in. Any ladder considered to be in a dangerous condition will be taken away.

Remembrance Parade

This year the Remembrance Parade in Portreath will take place on Sunday 4th November. The PHA has been invited to lay a wreath this year. Doug Coates is happy to represent the Association and lay a wreath unless anyone else would like to lay it. Everyone was happy for Doug to do it.

AGM

Nominations will be sent out toward the middle of November. As last year, members will be invited to nominate themselves for a post on the Committee. Although this system seems a little odd, it does eliminate the problem of members nominating people who don't particular want to be nominated.

Doug Coates reminded members that if they wanted changes to the constitution or rules of the Association, this could only be done at an AGM. There is a section on the voting slip for points to be raised at the AGM and these slips will be sent out in December. Only those points put forward in this way can be discussed at the AGM.

Following on from this, members discussed the pros and cons regarding the rule that restricts boats in the back harbour to 18'. If members wanted it discussed at the AGM they would need to make a request on the voting slip.

There being no further business to discuss, Doug Coates brought the meeting to a close. The next General Meeting will be on Friday 7th December at 7.30 pm.

Signed.....

Colin Higgs
Acting-Chairman

Date