

Portreath Harbour Association

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute
on Friday 7th June 2013 at 7.30 pm

Present: Mr Martin King Chairman
 Mr Colin Reed Treasurer
 Mrs Jan Veasey Secretary

Committee Members Mr Dave Veasey
 Mr Doug Coates
 Mr Simon Warren

By invitation Cllr Joyce Duffin

Apologies – Apologies were received from Mike Warren.

The Chairman read the minutes of the last General Meeting and it was agreed that these were a correct record.

1. Matters Arising

Potholes in front of Cayforth Flats

The Secretary was going to contact the Cayforth Management Committee to arrange a meeting to try and solve the problem of the potholes.

Ladders

We were waiting to hear from the PIC regarding help funding these ladders. It was suggested that perhaps the Council might be the people to install them. The Committee were mindful that the ladders needed to be of an approved manufacture and specification. The Chairman agreed to have a word with Andy Brigden – Cllr Duffin would liaise with Martin and Andy.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had been asking members and residents about what they think they would want to be put in place to improve the harbour. Lots of people have said they don't think it will happen! Most members that he had spoken to would like to see the harbour dug out to its original depth. The sand is considerably higher in the front harbour, and this is adding to the problem of seaweed causing such a nuisance.

There have been a few incidents in the harbour with swimmers and people in inflatables. I have spoken to a group of people who were playing around in the turning basin and swimming into the front harbour and eventually realised the danger involved and said they wouldn't be doing it again.

3. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that she had been approached by Marion Symonds, the owner of Portreath Bakery. She is celebrating 25 years of owning the bakery this summer and would like permission to erect a marquee somewhere around the harbour for afternoon teas. The Secretary would liaise with Marion to find out where she would want to erect the marquee and make sure that fishermen were made aware of what was happening.

4. Treasurer's Report

Balances: Current Account - £7,090.64: High Interest Account - £9,054.13

5. Moorings

There were still a few moorings without boats in the back harbour. The Secretary would send a final reminder to the members involved. The letter would give them 10 days to respond and if the boats still weren't on the moorings after that, then the moorings would be re-allocated.

7. Grants

The meeting scheduled for 21st May hadn't taken place as several people were not able to make that date. The Chairman stressed that it was important for most of the Committee to be in attendance, so it was agreed to meet on the next Friday evening that most people could make.

Any Other Business

Theft of mooring chains

Ed Farnsworth told the Committee that Tim Salisbury's mooring chains had been stolen twice. A discussion followed and it was agreed to look into maybe erecting CCTV cameras on the black shed as a deterrent to any further incidents.

Seaweed in the Back Harbour

Various complaints had been received from residents and members of the public about the amount of seaweed now settling in the back harbour and of course the inevitable smell at low tide. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Duffin would approach Andy Brigden to see if the weed could be dug out as soon as possible.

Signage

There had been a number of incidents in the harbour over the past couple of weeks with members of the public causing a nuisance, swimming and jumping into the harbour when boats were either going out or coming in. It was thought that a sign should be erected to warn the public of the dangers of playing around a working harbour. This would be followed up. Cllr Duffin would also make enquiries of the local PCSO to see if she could patrol the area more often.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman brought the meeting to a close. The next General Meeting would be Friday 5th July at 7.30 pm.

Signed *Martin King*
Martin King
Chairman

Date 5th July 2013