

# **Portreath Harbour Association**

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute  
on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at 7.30 pm

Present:	Mr Martin King	Chairman
	Mr Mike Warren	Vice-Chairman
	Mr Colin Reed	Treasurer
	Mrs Jan Veasey	Secretary

Committee Members	Mr Dave Veasey
	Mr Doug Coates
	Mr Simon Warren

Trustee	Mr Colin Higgs
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**Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllr Joyce Duffin.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and signed as a correct record.

## **1. Matters Arising**

### **Rates**

Dave Veasey had undertaken to look into the backdated rates bills received by the Association. He was glad to report that the PHA had received a full refund of £358.49 and that we would be granted rate relief for the next 12 months.

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

I have been catching up on paperwork and the correspondence regarding grants and have come to the conclusion that we are going to need help to get this off the ground. There is an organisation called Cornwall Rural Community Council who will give assistance to bodies who are trying to apply for grant aid and I will be following this up.

## **3. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that the Parking Permits had been written out and were ready for posting to members. A letter was being sent out with the permits regarding the harbour dig, the chain which is going to be installed across the back of the harbour, craning in day and reminding members to send in copies of current boat insurance.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that he had banked £5,284.99. This made a current account balance of £8,556.94 and there was £9,052.63 in the high interest account. Making a total of £17,609.57.

Colin said that he was chasing outstanding fees. Loan mooring bills had been sent out.

#### **5. Grants**

The Chairman told the members that the Committee were looking into various ways of funding the work needed around the harbour. Ian Bramley had given us some grant forms. Martin reiterated that he would get in touch with Cornwall Rural Council for advice regarding applying for grants. In the meantime we would need to obtain quotes for everything. Quotes had already been received for the Black Shed and Dave Veasey had made enquiries about replacing the ladders. He had received a quote from S J Andrew for £8,404.80 (including VAT) for 20 ladders. These ladders would be fixed to the wall and reach the top. This figure was just to supply the ladders. However, Philip Laffin would be able to fit them as well. Also Tony Craze would be approached to give us a quote. Ideally the ladders should come up and over the top of the wall, but the railings are in the way. It was decided to get Andy Brigden's views on the ladders already quoted for, before we go any further. In view of the time factor involved, it was very unlikely that a grant application could be sent off before the summer. Once we get all the quotes in and the dimensions and composition of the ladders are decided, the PHA might be able to fund some of the ladders this year, particularly if we can get some help from the Portreath Improvements Committee. The Secretary would approach the PIC for financial assistance.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

##### **1. Dates for your diary**

The harbour dig would go ahead on Monday and Tuesday 11/12<sup>th</sup> March. A ferry chain will be installed across the back of the harbour. Eye bolts are being put in next week, so the chains that are running up the back walls will need to be removed. These will then need to be secured to the new chain. The chains in the back harbour will need to be dragged to the side to give the diggers access to the seaweed etc.

The crane has been booked for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April to crane the boats in, beginning at 12.00 mid-day.

Harbour Fun Day this year will be on 26<sup>th</sup> May. This is early due to the tides.

##### **2. Ladders**

The Chairman told members that some of the ladders around the harbour are falling apart. It is our intention to install new ladders this year, but this is not going to happen over the next few weeks. Wherever your mooring is this year, you will need to have a good look at the ladder that gives you access to your boat. Until new ladders are installed, it will be your responsibility to ensure you have a safe ladder. Dangerous ladders will be taken off the walls and disposed of. A discussion followed regarding the responsibility of the ladders around the harbour. It was pointed out that initially this could fall to the boat owner using it, but ultimately if an accident happened it would be the responsibility of the Association.

Cornwall Council was going to provide ladders last year, but the funding was cut and this didn't happen. New ladders will be installed, but until this is done they will be checked and faulty and dangerous ladders will need to be replaced. The PIC has given grants to various organisations in the village, so hopefully they will look favourably on the PHA and help us out.

### **3. Voting Policies**

Graham Disney made the point that a letter had been sent out by the Secretary asking for nominations for the vacant Chairman's post. The letter was dated 29<sup>th</sup> January and nominations were asked for by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The Secretary apologised for the oversight – this was clearly a mistake the closing date should have been Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The mistake was realised and an email was sent out with the correct date and an apology. However, the Secretary was aware that a lot of members do not use email. The reason for the early return of nominations was because a Chairman was needed before the moorings meeting scheduled for the end of February. As it happened only one name was put forward with four nominations and that was Martin King. Martin was therefore returned unopposed and elected as Chairman.

### **4. Mooring Chains**

Ron Wooten said he was a bit concerned about the chain that was going in across the back of the harbour. How would the digger be able to do its job if the chain was in the way. Mike Warren replied that the digger would be working behind the chain. There would be about an 8 metre gap as the chain will be 9 metres from the first ladder. There will be about 20 feet from the chain to the back of your boat. It is the same system that is used at Newquay and it seems to work there. However, this year is going to be a bit of a trial and error as regards lengths of mooring chains etc., but hopefully it will work. If the members affected by this chain need any help let any of the Committee Members know and we'll do our best to sort something out.

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close. The date of the next Meeting would be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

Signed.....  
Martin King  
Chairman

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