

# **Portreath Harbour Association**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at the Portreath Institute  
on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm

**Present:**

Sally-Ann Bennett	Georgie Higgs
Jan Veasey	Mike Warren
Colin Reed	Colin Higgs
Doug Coates	Dave Veasey
Mike Bennett	Simon Branfield
Keith Porter	Neil Walters
Pete Harding	Graham Walters
Nigel Beswetherick	Marc Griffin
Martin King	Neale Hall
Ed Farnsworth	Clem Tregear
Ron Wooten	Stuart Bray
Mark Clancy	Simon Stovell
Nigel Sillence	Mark Stimpson
Peter Clemo	Jnr Walters

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

**Apologies:** Tony Parrott, Paul Wicks, Sam James, Trevor and Jemma Smith.

The Chairman read the minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting and these were signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

The matters arising from last year's minutes would be discussed as items on the Agenda.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting - a full copy is attached.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary gave her report to the meeting - a full copy is attached.

**Treasurers' Report**

The Treasurer gave his report to the meeting - a full copy is attached.

### **Election of Officers**

The chairman read out the result of the voting by members for the election of officers.

Chairman - Mike Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Treasurer – Georgie Higgs

Secretary - Jan Veasey

Vice Chair - Colin Higgs 1<sup>st</sup> year

Four Committee members - Colin Reed 1<sup>st</sup> year, Doug Coates 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Dave Veasey 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Mark Clancey 1<sup>st</sup> year.

The Chairman gave a sincere vote of thanks to Mike Bennett who was retiring as Hon. Treasurer. This was unanimously seconded by Committee and Members present. At this point Georgie Higgs and Mark Clancey took their places on the Committee.

### **Items raised on Voting Slips**

1. Simon Stovell suggested that if boats are not on allocated moorings by 1<sup>st</sup> May, then the mooring should be re-allocated to waiting members on a loan basis for the rest of the season. This should help to stop the difficulty that some members had last year, getting to moorings in the middle of the back harbour, when inside wall moorings remained unused.

2. Paul Wicks suggested that anyone given a mooring that is not used all season be relegated to the back wall.

The Chairman told the meeting that empty moorings were again a big problem last year. He had phoned each person who hadn't put their boat onto their mooring and each person had said that they intended doing so. It had become a recurring problem. A discussion followed in which a number of suggestions were made. The Chairman suggested that to try and combat the problem, if a vessel was not put onto its mooring within 3 weeks of the craning in day, those mooring rights would be forfeited for that year. This would be at the discretion of the Committee. Mark Stimpson was afraid that if this rule was made, boat owners might just put a dinghy onto their mooring to stop someone else going on it. The Chairman said that by saying that it would be at the Committee's discretion, he felt that this would be covered. Further discussion followed. The Chairman made the following proposal.

Proposal: Any member who does not have their vessel on their mooring within 3 weeks of the main craning-in date, will forfeit their mooring rights for that year at the discretion of the PHA Committee. This does not in any way affect their future mooring rights or position on the moorings list.

Proposed – Mike Warren

Seconded - Peter Clemo

Votes for – 25

Votes against – 1

Absentions – 2

This proposal was carried.

### 3. Parking

Graham Walters explained that on several occasions last year he had invited guests and they were unable to park in the members' car park area as they didn't have a permit, despite the fact that the car park was virtually empty. Mr Walters' proposal was that every boat owner should have a guest ticket that would be used by a guest who wants to go out on their boat. After using it, it would be returned to the skipper.

The Chairman agreed that parking had always been an issue for years. Before we introduced parking permits it was a free for all, anyone could park in the harbour and use the beach etc. That was why it was decided to use Armtrac. There is a large car park in Portreath, as well as parking at the top of Lighthouse Hill which is free and several spaces available out on the road. Again a discussion followed on the merits of doubling up parking permits and it was finally decided to put Mr Walters' proposal to a vote.

Proposal: That every boat owner be issued with a Guest Permit which would enable a guest to park in the harbour, returning the permit to the boat owner at the end of the day.

Proposed – Graham Walters  
Seconded Pete Harding

Votes for – 5  
Votes against – 20  
Absentions – 3

The proposal was not carried but Mr Walters was invited to bring the matter up at the next Annual General Meeting.

4. Jemma Smith proposed that there be a reduced rate of membership fee for husband and wife, possibly £30.

The Treasurer pointed out that she did not feel it was correct to state "husband and wife". After a short discussion it was decided to look into the legalities of the proposal and report back to a further meeting.

Proposal delayed – this decision was unanimous.

5. Mike Warren proposed that the times of the Association's monthly meetings be changed. From 7.30 pm to 7.00 pm for the Committee Meeting and the General Meeting be changed from 8.00 pm to 7.30 pm.

Proposal: The time of the Committee Meeting be changed to 7.00 pm and the time of the General Meeting be changed to 7.30 pm.

Votes for – 27  
Votes against - 1  
No absentions

Proposal carried.

6. Nigel Beswetherick proposed that access to the slipway could be easier, possibly by a combination lock on the gate.

The Chairman explained that everyone had the option to buy a key from the Treasurer for £5 (returnable when the key was no longer needed) to access the slipway gate. Nigel was happy with this system.

Proposal retracted and not put to the meeting.

7. Paul Wicks suggested that the Association's monthly meetings be held in a local pub. The Chairman reminded the meeting that we work very closely with the Council and felt that if our meetings were held in a pub it would not be considered very professional. It was decided that meetings would continue to be held as they were at present without the possible distraction of alcohol. Paul also proposed a change of venue for the Christmas Dinner. It was decided to discuss this item when arrangements were made for next year.

Proposal: That monthly meetings of the PHA be held in a local pub.  
Proposal not seconded.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Security Camera**

Clem Tregear pointed out that the Security Camera was not donated, but loaned. The Chairman thanked Clem and this was duly noted.

#### **Moorings**

The Chairman told the meeting that there would not be a General Meeting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February as the Committee will be discussing and allocating moorings at this time. The moorings list will be posted on the notice board, and will be sent out by email.

With no other business to discuss, the Chairman brought the Annual General Meeting to a close.

The next General Meeting will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

Signed.....

Date .....

Mike Warren, Chairman