

# **Portreath Harbour Association**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at the Portreath Institute  
on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011 at 8.00 pm

## **Present:**

Cllr Joyce Duffin	Jan Veasey
Sally-Ann Bennett	Colin Reed
Mike Bennett	Mike Warren
Colin Higgs	Pete Goode
Peter Clemo Jnr	Scott Odgers
Simon Stovell	Ernie Willoughby
Junior Walters	David Lovett
Ron Wooten	Glen Parrott
Antony Parrott	Clem Tregear
Tim Salisbury	Keith Porter
Doug Coates	Nick Hopley
Julian Fruhauf	Dave Veasey

The Acting Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

**Apologies:** Mark Stimpson and Peter Clemo Senior

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

## **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from last year's minutes. Members would be up-dated as to the progress of the Improvement Plans and the Lease later in the meeting.

## **Acting-Chairman's Report**

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

## **Trustees**

After his report, the Acting-Chairman explained to the meeting that the Association needed at least 2 Trustees but preferably 4. With the sad passing away of John Buckland, this left 3 vacancies. In November the Committee asked for volunteers for these posts and four names were put forward. These were Junior Walters, Colin Higgs, Mike Warren and Colin Reed. John Hurr was the remaining Trustee and although he couldn't get to meetings any more, he had expressed a wish to remain a Trustee. After much deliberation the Committee chose the following to fill the vacancies - these were Colin Higgs, Mike Warren and Colin Reed. A vote of thanks was given to Junior Walters for putting his name forward.

### **Treasurers' Report**

The Treasurer 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.

### **Election of Officers**

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

Chairman - Mike Warren 1<sup>st</sup> year

Treasurer - Mike Bennett

Secretary - Jan Veasey

Vice Chair - Colin Reed 3<sup>rd</sup> year

Four Committee members - Colin Higgs 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Mark Stimpson 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Doug Coates 1<sup>st</sup> year and Dave Veasey 1<sup>st</sup> year.

The chairman thanked the members for their votes and also thanked Pete Goode who was retiring from the Committee having served for 3 years.

At this point Mike Warren took the Chair.

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

1. There was a proposal from Dave Veasey that the PHA purchase a heavy chain to run the full length of the rear harbour for members to attach their mooring strops to as opposed to the existing system of multiple chains.

The Secretary had been looking at previous AGM minutes and had noticed that this suggestion had been made before, she wondered why it hadn't been put in place. The opinion of the more senior members seemed to be that due to the expense it was never done.

Dave Lovett suggested putting chains across rather than down the length of the harbour. Keith Porter said that second hand chains might be available. There followed an in depth discussion about the values of the position of the chains. The Chairman said he would ask Andy Brigdon for his opinion and report back to members at a later date. He would also involve senior members of the Association who had been involved in researching the idea in previous years. The proposal was an important one and would be seriously looked at.

2. A proposal by Mike Warren that the current system of voting be changed. Rather than people nominating for other members, members would put themselves forward for election.

The Chairman explained that he thought the idea of nominating other people was good as long as that person's permission was given. We all know that this doesn't happen and when we get to the voting stage a number of nominated people have to be taken off. This results in a lot of wasted votes.

Proposal: That the nomination system be changed - members nominate themselves if they wish to stand for election to the Committee, for a maximum of two posts.

Proposed - Mike Warren

Seconded - Colin Higgs

The proposal was carried unanimously by the meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Moorings**

Members were asked to let the Committee know by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February if they wanted a mooring this year. We also need to know if you do not intend putting a boat on the mooring this year. Colin Reed explained that there were 5 moorings in the back harbour last year without boats. He asked members did they want the Committee to send out letters to the holders of vacant moorings, or would there be some other way of dealing with this situation? Dave Lovett suggested it was dealt with meeting by meeting. The Chairman promised to be more pro-active this year to deal with this problem.

#### **Harbour Dig**

The Chairman told the meeting that there would be a harbour dig this coming year. He had been in touch with Andy Brigdon and he is willing to contribute to the cost as well. The sand and the seaweed would be removed at the same time.

The Chairman reminded members that mooring plates would need to be taken out. Glen Parrott would be down in the harbour with a mini digger before the 19<sup>th</sup> March. The actual date would be widely advertised both on the website, through emails and posters around the harbour. Members were asked to keep an eye out because if members did not take their own chains etc. out, the Committee would not be made responsible for gear left around the harbourside. Glen would also arrange for a digger to come down and put the plates back in again - again watch out for the date. Please let us know if you want us to take your moorings out for you. There would of course be a small charge.

#### **Harbour Lease**

The Chairman was pleased to tell the meeting that the new lease will be for 25 years. A few items had been taken out such as the Association's responsibility for the repair of the hard standing and slipway. The only thing we will be responsible for is the repair of the buildings. They also wanted a 2½% surcharge on all fish landed in the harbour. This would have been impossible to monitor, so the Association's rent has been adjusted. We are now paying the Council some £3,500 a year.

Tony Parrott asked if the Association was responsible for the harbour pier? The Chairman said that thankfully this was nothing to do with us!

#### **Mary Jane**

Dave Veasey asked what was happening to Mary Jane? The Chairman replied that it was now the responsibility of the Portreath Improvements Committee. As Colin Higgs was on this Committee, he told the meeting that it was being planted out.

**Moorings**

The Chairman told the meeting that there would not be an General Meeting on the 4<sup>th</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.

**Security**

Cllr. Joyce Duffin informed the meeting that there had been a white van linked to stolen outboard motors in the area. Also a Mazda car. There had been a theft of a motor at Hayle, after which the police had contacted the Association and Clem at the Waterfront, asking everyone to be vigilant. If anyone sees anyone or anything suspicious around the harbour please let the police know.

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

The next General Meeting will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Signed.....

Date .....

Mike Warren, Chairman