

Summary of Minutes

The Saundersfoot Harbour Commissioners
Meeting Held on Friday 29th May 2020
Online Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Commissioner P Evans - Chair
Commissioner T Sangster – Vice Chair
Commissioner A Evans
Commissioner W Goldsworthy
Commissioner D McDermott
Commissioner P Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: M Davies - CEO

1. APOLOGIES

Commissioner J Codd and Ann Thomas.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Commissioner Sangster gave a summary of the progress of the Draft Harbour Order and confirmed that it is in the final stage for to be submitted for consultation

CEO gave a brief outline regarding Welsh translation and the advertising

3. PORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP: -

3.1 Harbour Master based at the Harbour Friday – Sun / Admin Officer Mon – Tue (home working Wed – Fri), and the CEO Mon – Friday overlapping both the Admin and Harbour Master.

Through staffing the Harbour 7 days a week we can continue to allow the commercial fishing fleet to operate therefore protect the jobs of these operators.

3.2 Commercial Boats Operating well and landing both Whelks and Bass.

3.3 Don Callon resigned his commercial fish mooring which was offered to the next on the waiting list which was Philip Howells to be operated by Nick Howells' son.

3.4 Liam Ridgway who operated Don Callon's vessel has purchased his boat and has been given similar operating agreement as Gavin Davies as Liam is on the waiting list.

3.5 Fishing boat reported collision with DZ2 on the 13th May and sustained significant damage to its hull. It was assisted off the DZ2 it was lifted out of the harbour and taken by road to Dale Sailing.

3.6 Chains for the centre moorings need to be installed which were removed in February as part of our annual ongoing maintenance therefore we would need to recall additional staff when the lockdown restrictions are lifted.

3.7 *The CEO requested the Boards permission to continue to furlough its staff for a further 3 weeks as the latest Government guidance on public movement by Welsh Government will only permit for local trips of up to 5 miles therefore it was unlikely to generate any carparking revenue which is vital for the payment of wages. The Commissioners agreed.*

4. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

4.1 The New tenants are extremely keen to get into the MCOE and they hope this can be achieved by the 1st of August 2020.

4.2 A number of interested enquires (named persons) with regards to the retail units on Ocean Square which have been forwarded through to E J Hales.

4.3 Commissioner Goldsworthy proposed that the Harbour website is updated to reassure the public that we are following Welsh Government advice as well as to attach a link to the Government COVID website for public to review direct Government advice.

5. FINANCE & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GROUP

5.1 The Harbour received COVID business rates grant.

5.2 The Government COVID resilience loan has been approved.

5.3 The Harbour Chair concluded by reassuring the Commissioners Board that all that can be done to secure the Harbour finances is being undertaken by the Harbour team and that we have acted swiftly to ensure that we have maximised the Government support.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Commissioner Parker asked about the position on local leisure vessels being able to operate, the CEO responded that he was waiting on Welsh Government lifting of restrictions which would enable the Harbour Master to begin to place local boats back on the mooring, however until this has been agreed no leisure craft can operate out of the Harbour.

7. DIARY CONFIRMATION

The date for the next Commissioners meeting has yet to be confirmed.