

Summary of Minutes

The Saundersfoot Harbour Commissioners
Meeting Held on Thursday 27th February 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D Richards – Harbour Master
B Davies – Commercial Manager
Ann Thomas – Accountant
A Eardley – Admin Assistant
Faithful & Gould – Ceri Jones, Gareth & Luke

1. APOLOGIES

Commissioner P Baker and M Davies – Chief Executive Officer

PORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

1.1 Fishing Boats: -

All fishing boats are presently working well over the winter period. However, the catch figures have been lower than average for this time due to local weather conditions. All fishing boats were transferred to the east wall for unloading, for a short period, as W B Griffiths were carrying out work on the MCoE entrance. This move worked very well therefore we may use this area in the future if any problems ever arose with the fishing wall or access.

1.2 Fishing/Tripping Boats

No operational boats running at present.

1.3 Dry Boat Racking

We are now booking customers for this seasons Dry Boat Racking. Unfortunately, the back boat yard area is in no fit condition for the operation of the forklift and movement of boats! Therefore, we shall work with the contractor day by day to manage this area over the coming weeks. The Harbour Master thought that the racking start will need to be delayed for one month due to these conditions, but he will try to resolve this problem before he implements a delay for the start of 2020.

1.4 Mooring

New chain has been ordered and work is due to start on replacing row two within the next week. This would then complete the overhaul programme of the chain which should last 5 years, with just small repairs.

1.5 Boat Lifting/Storage

We have published the lift in dates for boats in storage and are now taking bookings for this year. This operation will be undertaken over four weeks, split around the Easter holidays so as not to disrupt the car park area.

1.5 Sand/Entrance Channel

The channel and sand egress into the harbour was very disrupted over the Christmas period due to the constant storm conditions. We held off bringing in contractors to remove the sand and managed to cut a new channel with our own machines therefore reducing costs. However, we have TRJ booked for maintenance work to be carried out from 10th-14th March for major scouring work ready for the forthcoming season, which should be suffice for a year.

1.6 Harbour Machines

Both the JCB and Quicklev tractor have gone away for annual servicing and when they are completed the forklift will then be serviced ready for this year.

1.7 Commercial Boat Removals

So far this winter we have retrieved four fishing vessels for servicing requirements and weather protection therefore raising the income for lifting. This is a service that we shall look at increasing annually in the future.

1.8 Bass Fishermen

After our last Marine Group meeting held in January 2020 it was decided that the landing tariff would be set @ 2%, which will be calculated at the rate of £8.00 per kilo.

1.9 Car Park Areas/Staffing

Due to the works being presently carried out throughout the car park area, we have found that the car park is now at its busiest with contract vans and lorries in and out throughout the day. All staff are working well considering the conditions and are working very professionally.

2. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

2.1 Contracts

Exchanged for the Engineering, Café, and Chandlery MCOE

2.2 RYA Wales

The CEO of RYA Wales had a tour of the facility and potential site for a water activity centre.

2.3 Website

In the process of redesigning and creating a new website that will include the new short stay accommodation units.

2.4 Logo will be displayed on 'Wales Week New York' website www.walesweek.nyc, they do a calendar of events around St David's Day. We also have our logo displayed on the NASDAQ monitors at the Closing Bell of Trading on Wall Street.

3. EVENTS

3.1 Welsh Rowing

Has classed the Wales International Coastal Centre as a Centre of Excellence for Coastal Sculling. They have also confirmed that we will be hosting the Welsh Rowing Coastal Championships and Beach Sprints on 13th-14th June 2020 and they would also like to hold regular training camps in Saundersfoot to coach and train potential Olympic and Commonwealth athletes.

3.2 The Wales International Coastal Centre

proposed venue in the bids to host the 2021 World Coastal Rowing & Beach Sprint Championships.

3.2 Wales Week in London next week

To raise the profile of Pembrokeshire.

4. FAITHFUL & GOULD REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS

4.1 Faithful & Gould gave their report to the Commissioners and are still anticipating the completion date for MCoE to be 28th March 2020.

5. FINANCE & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GROUP

5.1 Accountant gave her report to the Commissioners.

6. REVISION OF HARBOUR ORDER

6.1 Commissioner Sangster updated the Commissioners on the position and process going forward.

7. DIARY CONFIRMATION

7.1 The date for the next Commissioners has yet to be confirmed for April or May.