# MILFORD HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF 149<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING HELD AT MHPA OFFICES GORSEWOOD DRIVE AT 0930 FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011

Present:	
In Attendance:	
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23. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	



## 24. MATTERS ARISING

The Board were advised that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed with to acquire all of assets for a specified price. MHPA are now in a three month exclusivity period, subject to a confidential agreement with and costs of appropriate due diligence were likely to be in the region of £250K. The acquisition of the land supported the long term strategy of development of the port. It was also noted that the although derelict, is situated on the site which might give grandfather rights for an extended jetty to deep water.

Anne advised awareness of financial obligations to the local community which had previously been raised through a liaison committee.

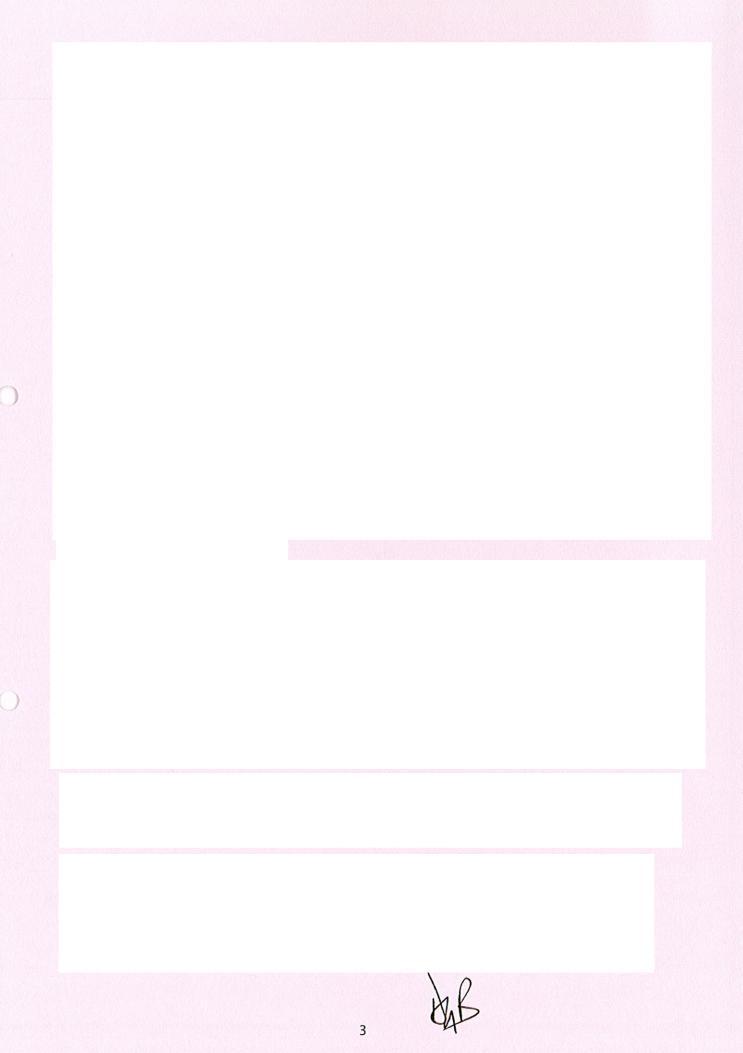
## Martello Quays

In response to a query from Danny, Alec advised that the point had not yet been reached to appoint a marina operator of the proposed project.

## Solar Panel Project

It was reported that the proposals had changed somewhat in that the % interest for MHPA had been put to one side and a new entity covering South Wales was under consideration. There might be a commitment of £50K but the deal should be feasible. It was also reported that Pembrokeshire County Council were highly enthusiastic about the proposed scheme.





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#### 28. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Pembroke Port would provide facilities for the construction of the Bristol Array Wind Farm and a long term contract was being pursued.

<u>Visit by Mike Penning MP, David Jones, Minister, Welsh Assembly Government and Stephen</u> <u>Crabb MP, 21 March 2011</u>

A visit to the port had taken place the previous Monday and was followed by a meeting with Pembrokeshire County Council. Mike Penning had been the first Transport Minister to visit the port in fifteen years.

The impression was that he was generally supportive of the work undertaken by MHPA.

Both Mike Penning and David Jones complained about the extremely poor road access to Milford Haven, namely, the A40.

Blackbridge was discussed at their meeting with PCC when views were taken into consideration and the Minister advised that both parties should work together to reach agreement, failing which he would impose a solution that was likely to leave one party dissatisfied.



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#### 29. MARINE REPORT

#### LNG

The 'Excelerate' incident (PIR 06/11) involving a minor release of gas had not thus far been picked up by Safe Haven. Mark advised that the concern expressed in the marine board paper regarding the consequences of the earthquake in Japan on the flow of LNG to South Hook were not now likely to materialise.

# Dredging

The dredging campaign at the Pembroke Power Station had been completed the previous day.

Martin Maloney, Dredging Consultant, and Dave Levell, Environmental Manager, had met with the Welsh Assembly Consents Unit to discuss the financial non-viability of not having a long-term maintenance dredging strategy. CEFAS were considering how the limit could be increased and a further meeting was to be held, which would hopefully provide some solutions. This was taking some time to progress and it was anticipated that a two-year licence would have to be applied for in the interim.

# 30. MARKETING REPORT



# 31. ENGINEERING REPORT



# 32. LOCK GATE INVESTMENT



Andrew further explained that a third set of gates would of great benefit to the organisation, there being £50K's worth of work required to the inner caisson gate this year with the probability that it would need replacement within the next ten years.

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the gross expenditure of the installation of intermediate mitre gates and the associated works, subject to the agreement of satisfactory terms in relation to the proposed grant and subject to the caveat that regular updates on developments be forthcoming.

# 33. HR REPORT

# 34. PEMBROKESHIRE MARINE GROUP REPORT

Members were urged to visit the marina to see the developments that were currently underway.

#### 35. ANNUAL REPORT



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