

MILFORD HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF 150th BOARD MEETING
HELD AT MHPA OFFICES GORSEWOOD DRIVE
AT 0930 FRIDAY 27th MAY 2011

Present:

In Attendance:

Board Members were asked by the Chairman to consider how best to diversify the business of the port, there having been no further progress made with Pembrokeshire County Council over the development of the Blackbridge site. Other opportunities were presenting themselves which might be considered in light of this lack of progress. A debate ensued on how best to take matters forward with the Council and it was agreed that David, Danny and Alec would seek to meet with Bryn Parry Jones and the leader of the council John Davies to find a way forward on the issue. Johnny reminded the Board that cost estimates for the development of the site had escalated over the last eighteen months which might have influenced the Council's thinking.

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE



40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

41. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 25th March 2011, were signed as being a true and accurate record of the proceedings with the exception that:

The figures for the yacht lock should have read as:

"IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the gross expenditure of £5.5m (£4.7m net of grant) for 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."

and not £4.7m (£3.9m net of grant) as shown.

42. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

43. SAFETY

Nine incidents and twenty one near misses were reported in the period.

'Coastwatch', which had been introduced twelve months ago, had experienced a good initial response, receiving good information from the public.



44. RISK REGISTER

45. MARCH AND APRIL 2011 RESULTS

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46. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Marina

Alec reported that general interest in the marina was there but that development would very much depend on economic conditions. Alec still felt that the current development at the marina was the best possible activity to grow our leisure business.

It was pleasing to note that fishing activity was performing well.

4Gas

The key issues summarised in Alec's Board paper showed that the corporate and land ownership were extremely complex and substantive risks had been identified. The due diligence exercise incurring costs of £180K had been halted as a result.

It was agreed there was a need to go back to 4Gas to re-negotiate given the information that had come to light.

Pontoons

A discussion took place on the proposal by Pembrokeshire County Council that MHPA take over the provision of pontoon facilities in the Haven. Alec had suggested a meeting with PCC to discuss the core issues but had yet to receive a response from Mark Lewis.

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"Skomer" and "Picton"

The final report had been received, the problem identified and recommendations had been made. Mustang Marine and Camarc had been invited to attend a meeting to resolve the issue. No reply had been received from Camarc as yet and if no reply was forthcoming, MHPA would proceed with the required work in any event.

MWL - 01.11 - Chevron - Safety Boat/Rib Pontoon

In order to service the berths at Chevron a boat pontoon is provided. Given the 24/7 operation the pontoon is continually in use with no spare capacity, Svitzer had applied (on behalf of Chevron) for a Marine Works Licence for the mooring pontoon adjacent to Berth 4 to be extended eastwards to accommodate a standby safety boat which would address a safety concern for their mooring and maintenance teams as well as providing additional safety cover for the Haven. Given the safety of life issues involved MHPA gave interim approval and

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT

Marine Works Licence number 01.11 Chevron - Safety Boat/Rib Pontoon be approved.

48. MARKETING REPORT

Paper No. 32/11 was received and noted.

Biomass

Dick reported on the work he had undertaken, and on what is a very diffused and evolving market. The key would be to identify the main chance with regard to the type of Bio Mass fuel that is likely to be adopted by investors.

The Government was due to publish a white paper at the end of July which, hopefully, would clarify the position.

49. MUSTANG MARINE LTD

Paper No. 37/11 was received and noted.

Dick reported that Mustang Marine Ltd required more space to expand the business and also needed help on the investment side.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT

MHPA commence detailed lease negotiations with a view to completing a new 25 year lease on or before 31 August 2011, subject to detailed scrutiny of the business plan, a close study of Mustang pro forma balance sheets going forward and investigation of Corporate Venturing as a tax efficient way for MHPA to participate.

50. ENGINEERING REPORT

Members were advised that there was potential to use some of our estates assets to put in place solar panels and also to utilise the 4Gas land for solar energy if it was acquired.

Andrew advised that solar panel and oil supplier tenders had been received.

Progress was being made on the preliminary work for the yacht lock.

Following the move to less proactive maintenance, monitoring works had been undertaken on the lock walls with further monitoring taking place in around six months time.

51. HR REPORT



52. PEMBROKESHIRE MARINE GROUP REPORT

Paper No. 35/11 was received and noted.

It was noted that the planning application for the Dry Stack facility had been submitted.

53. HR STRATEGY

54. ANNUAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING - 22 JULY 2011

55. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

56. NEXT MEETING

