

Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority

Portavogie Stakeholder Advisory Forum Meeting

held on

Friday, 15 March 2019 at 2.30pm at Sea Fish Training Centre, Portavogie

<u>Present:</u>	
Stakeholders:	Fergie Hughes (FH) - Heritage James Kelly (JK) – Glen Bay II Derek Edmund (DK) – Gennesaret Clements Booth (CB) – Incentive Ian Kelly (IK) – NIFPO Sam Mawhinney – Denholm Fishselling
NIFHA:	George McIlroy (GMcl) – Chairman of Stakeholders Forum Terry Jarvis (TJ) – Chairman Kevin Quigley (KQ) – CEO David Lindsay – NIFHA Project Manager Eddie Robinson (ER) Belinda McCaughey (BMcc)
Apologies:	Harry Wick (HW) - NIFPO Helen Henderson – NIFHA Board Member Martin McDonald (MM) NIFHA Board Member
	Action
1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
GMcl welcomed all to meeting and apologies as above were recorded.	
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 March 2018 were approved.	
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES	
- Oil Register. KQ confirmed that this was investigated but NIFHA do not have the resources to run this well.	
- Net Recycling. Seaview Farm takes away quite a few nets at the moment. KQ is involved in a forum involved with ways of recycling used nets.	
- Removal of Small Slipway Rails. A section of rails has already been removed. Some more will follow.	
- FLAG Application for BAIT Store. The FLAG program took a while to open, but we are confident that an application for funding a Bait Store should be approved.	

<p>GMCI thanked ER for his work in the disposal of old fishing nets and thanked the fishermen for the idea behind creating an Oil Register.</p> <p>JK advised that the Crab men would be willing to buy the old Slipway Rails at scrap value to use as weights. ER will action this.</p>	ER
<p>4. VISION AND VALUES</p> <p>KQ highlighted to the meeting NIFHA’s vision and values and noted the following:</p> <p>Vision “To set the Standard for Fishery Harbours by delivering excellence in all that we do”</p> <p>Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety - People - Customer Focus - Sustainability - Accountable <p>Safety is NIFHA number one priority. KQ thanked the fishermen for all their help.</p>	
<p>5. HSE – IMPACTS OF REVIEW</p> <p>KQ advised the meeting that he was now trained to deal with an Oil Spill from an Oil Tanker.</p> <p>The Health and Safety Executive have visited the harbour and have come up with a number of recommendations:</p> <p>They require evidence of control over contractors using the Slipway.</p> <p>A FLT register has been created and will be kept up to date. Staff using FLT’s have been trained properly.</p> <p>Traffic Management in the Harbour is an issue – in particular the segregation between cars and people. There is a need to provide for tourists – gates will only work when they are manned 24/7. Consultation will take place before any decisions are made.</p> <p>Ladders – There is still the need to be careful in the use of ladders going forward.</p>	
<p>6. HEALTH AND SAFETY / PORT MARINE SAFETY</p> <p>Vessels not Fishing</p> <p>KQ outlined the issues with the growing number of vessels in the harbour which are not fishing. The issue of insurance when crossing these vessels had been raised prior to the meeting. KQ advised that NIFHA have taken legal advise and are not responsible for these vessels – liability stops at the quayside.</p>	

<p>The meeting discussed this issue in depth and the relevant legislation in place. KQ confirmed that NIFHA have employed a specialist Legal Company to aid in these issues.</p> <p>Licensed Facility KQ confirmed that NIFHA submitted a planning application back in July 2018 to create a facility to decommission old vessels. This has now been approved. The next stage is to apply for a licence with NIEA.</p> <p>This facility will be open to everyone – as long as they can show that they know what they are doing. There will also be the requirement to put a Bond in place to cover the costs if something goes wrong.</p> <p>Hopefully this will be up and running within the next 2 months.</p> <p>Slipway is working well, as is the Ice Plant.</p> <p>The meeting raised an issue with a Tug Boat lying berthed at the Fishmarket for the last 2-3 months. This was not reasonable and caused issues with landing catch.</p> <p>DE raised an issue with regard to the placement of the Fishmarket Davits. In particular the North Crane – it would be more useful if placed at the North Side of the Door. KQ noted we will consult on moving this and if acceptable this can be moved.</p> <p>The Cage at the South side of the Fishmarket is blocking path – public access to the fishmarket. DL confirmed this was originally installed to stop anyone being able to open the Fishmarket doors and have access to the landed product. We will investigate moving the cage along the edge of the quay.</p>	<p>KQ</p> <p>KQ</p>
<p>7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</p> <p>Rubbish in the Harbour – 80-90% has been identified as being from the fishing industry. We have got to do better. Oil is being dumped into the harbour on a Sunday morning when no-one is about. JK noted that this oil is coming out of the boats.</p> <p>ER confirmed that a new Bin has been ordered.</p> <p>There is to be no bait stored in the Fishmarket unless it is fit for human consumption.</p> <p>DL noted that the issue is What is Waste? And what is not? The moment you decide it is not for human consumption then it should not be in the chill. The EHO has control over this matter.</p>	
<p>8. CAPITAL & MINOR WORKS</p> <p>Fish Market - Now complete</p> <p>Cathodic Protection (Inner Basin) – This will go to tender in the summer (subject to CPD)</p> <p>Outer Revetment – Tender Stage</p>	

<p>Ice Plant Repairs – The Ice Maker is being replaced with a Flake Ice Maker. This ice keeps longer.</p> <p>Harbour Master Office All three harbour master’s offices are being renovated. Kilkeel will be first, then Ardglass and finally Portavogie.</p> <p>Parkgate Site Grant was applied for but only part approved. Application has been resubmitted for full funding. The main store may be split into 3 separate units. Preference will of course be given to the fishermen. Container space will also be available. All at meeting gave their support to these proposals.</p> <p>Slipway Wheels Still in the pipeline to be carried out.</p> <p>Fencing at the Pontoon This has been extended as per requests.</p> <p>CCTV in Fishmarket Replacement parts have been ordered and repair is imminent.</p> <p>Bait Store - Grant application has been made.</p>	
<p>9. PROMOTING YOUR HARBOUR</p> <p>KQ noted the community events that are taking place in Portavogie. Joining with the Council to promote events.</p>	
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>JK thanked ER for his help in accessing his vessel by way of the Pontoon Berth.</p> <p>GMcl reminded the meeting that we welcome all suggestions and feedback also thanked them for attending the meeting.</p> <p>JK asked about bins around the harbour and advised that the Community Association had applied for more bins.</p> <p>The fishermen noted that the new FFL bags seemed smaller than before – There are actually two sizes available. Check which ones have been sent to Portavogie.</p> <p>Plans are in place to renovate the outside of Mahoods Shed and the NIFPO and Denholms Facades.</p> <p>There are fendering issues in the Corner Berth when tides are big. Could something be sorted when Quay Edge repairs are being carried out? DL noted that something could be run along the top of the Quay or on sides but would need to go below the low water mark. Although Divers will be there when anodes and welding is being carried out this would not be part of the contract.</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 4.00pm.</p>	<p>BMcC</p> <p>DL/KQ</p>