

HARBOUR USERS GROUP MINUTES

Monday 10th February 2025 14:00
Atherton Suite, Old Post Office Building



FALMOUTH
HARBOUR

UK's Atlantic gateway.

Attendees:

David Owens, Chair of HUG	DO
Ned Bailey, Commercial Fisher	NB
David Barnicoat, FDEC Port Users Group (PUG)	DB
Trevor Brookes, Resident Naval Officer – Falmouth	TB
Simon Cadman, Cornwall IFCA	SC
Shane Carr, Commodore RCYC	SCR
Toby Floyer, Cornwall Ferries Limited	TFL
Richard Gates, Falmouth Town Council	RG
Andy Grant, Keynvor Morlift	AG
Adam Harris, RNLI	AH
Nick Martin, Falmouth Pilots LLP	NM
David Nicoll, RNLI and Vice chair of HUG	DN
Ifor Pedley, Falmouth Harbour Master	IP
Charlie Ross, Pendennis Shipyard	CR
Francesca Rowe, Seawide Services	FR
Tristan Rowe, Head of Commercial Ops, Falmouth Harbour	TRW
Gaye Slater, Port of Falmouth Sailing Association (PoFSA)	GS
Luke Wills, Port Manager & Harbour Master, FDEC	LW

1. Welcome and Introduction

- All introduced themselves.
- Thank you to Richard Gates and the Town Council for hosting.

2. Apologies

Tony Arden, Senior Environment Officer, Environment Agency	TA
Miles Carden, CEO Falmouth Harbour	CEO
Chris Davis, RYA	CD
Tom Furse, HM Coastguard	TF
Peter Harvey, Flushing Sailing Club	PH
Tom Karsenburg, Graypen Shipping	TK
Steve Taylor, Falmouth Marine School	ST
Chris Turner, Harbour Master, St Mawes Pier & Harbour	CT
Andy Wright, Falmouth Harbour Commissioner	AWT

Absent Without Apologies

John Andrew, St Mawes Sailing Club	JA
Rob Churcher, Tamlyn Shipping	RC
Paul Ferris, Cornwall Council	PF
Jonathan Fielding, Falmouth Boat Co	JF
Michelle Hares, Falmouth Gig Club	MH
Chris Jones, Marine Manager, Cornwall Council	CJ
Claire Lewis, Wild Swimming Coach and Chair of Surf Life Saving Club	CL

3. Declarations of Interest

- None.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November 2024 and the Gylly Working Group Meeting held on 8th January 2025

- The minutes were approved with no amendments.
- The HUG were updated as follows:
 - Electric rib due to arrive in April
 - HVO will start being used by Atlantic later this month
 - Church Street car park investigations are continuing

5. Matters Arising

- Previously distributed for information.

6. Richard Gates, Falmouth Town Centre Manager

- RG updated the HUG on the increasingly wide range of facilities and events that Falmouth Town Council (FTC) are responsible for including:
 - Princess Pavilion, Pendennis Headland, toilets, Skatepark, most parks and gardens, play areas and cemeteries
 - Much support to local events including Shanty Festival, Falmouth Week shoreside
 - Very successful grant hunting process
 - Local government elections in May
 - Church Street Car Park is owned by Cornwall Council.
 - FTC has no legal interest in it.
 - Problem with pollution from top car park
 - Lower car park is sound

7. Harbour Directions

New Direction - Beach Safety Zone - Gyllyngvase Beach for consideration prior to consultation

a. Draft Direction

- Previously distributed for information.
- IP & DN outlined the draft proposal.
- Working Group made up of DN, IP, lifeguards, GSLSC & local wild swim teacher
- Safety zone to exclude vessels during daylight hours
- All within the 4 knot limits
- Will be marked by yellow buoys of some type
- Works well with lifeguard controlled zones
- Vessels can access beach adjacent to the safety zone
- There will be a consultation event at Gylly Beach Café on 26th February
- 28 day formal consultation required
- Hope to commence at Easter

ACTIONS:

Review name of zone (Beach Safety Zone/Beach Activities Zone)	All
Consider what to do about nets being left in the zone	All
Exemptions for special events	All
Seasonality for the zone	All
Send docs to Richard Gates to pass on to Falmouth Beach Management Group	IP

b. Consultation Notice

- Previously distributed for information.

c. Draft FAQ

- Previously distributed for information.

8. Pilotage Directions

- Previously distributed for information.
- Being agreed by FHC, FDEC, Ports of Truro and Penryn

ACTIONS:

- IP to meet with Charlie Ross at Pendennis Shipyard Ltd.
- IP to write to all shipping agents informing them of the new approach

9. Future Meetings Location and Timings

Tuesday 4th March 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025 at 18:00

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Meetings start at 14:00 unless indicated otherwise.