

Special Harbour Board
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Tuesday 18 November 2008 at 9.15am

Present:

A T J Cooper	L Boswell
A T Doull	E L Fullerton
I J Hawkins	R S Henderson
J H Henry	R C Nickerson
F A Robertson	J Tait

Apologies:

A Polson	C Smith
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Also:

C H J Miller

In Attendance (Officers):

R Moore, Harbour Master, Ports and Harbours
B Robb, Management Accountant
L Gair, Committee Officer

Chairperson:

Mr A T J Cooper, Chairperson of the Board, presided.

Circular:

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

29/08 Prioritisation of Infrastructure and Ports and Harbours Capital Projects

The Board considered a report by the Head of Environment & Building Services.

The Harbour Master briefly introduced the report and advised that this was the first time Ports and Harbours projects had been presented with Infrastructure projects. He said that Officers had brought the projects in a list that realistically indicated when the projects would come forward, but that it was for the Harbour Board to discuss their priority. He added that the costs were best estimates rather than final tender.

The Harbour Master advised that a maintenance budget for the Ports Administration building had been removed from 2008/09 as a reassessment of the legal and health and safety requirements was required, but it may be appear in 2009/10 with the largest charge appearing in 2010/2011.

During discussion on the various projects, it was suggested that the Water Main project be allocated a budget of £50,000 from 2010/11 into 2009/10 for design work

In response to queries, the Chairperson advised the Board that the South mouth of Skerries project appeared under transport to meet the needs of the ferry and that it was different from Walls as that pier was required for fishing as well as transport.

During discussions on the Peerie Dock, Symbister, the Harbour Master reminded Members that funding from the Scottish Government was no longer available this year

however he stated that there was another source of funding to be approached, but he could not guarantee that there would be any money available this year.

Mrs E L Fullerton referred to the 5 strategic objectives and was of the view that the Peerie Dock, Whalsay was emerging as a historic related project and asked whether it was a main objective of the Harbour Board. She queried whether it was a job for the Shetland Amenity Trust in conjunction with Historic Scotland. Mrs Fullerton said that she would prefer to see the £1.5m allocated to take forward the pier at Scalloway, until a decision was made on who should take on the Peerie Dock at Whalsay.

Mr F A Robertson advised that Arch Henderson had provided solution however none met Historic Scotland's approval as they all involved reinforced concrete. He advised that Nicholas Grove-Raines had designed the stabilisation of Hays Dock, were a leader in structural surveys and were highly regarded by Historic Scotland. He said that the dock was Listed and it may attract support from outside the Council and concurred with Mrs Fullerton view and said that this was more about preservation than commercial use and that the Amenity Trust were the experts in that area.

The Harbour Master reminded Members that the Council had a duty of care to harbour users and if something were to happen it would be the Council's responsibility. The Chairperson said that duty of care had been addressed with the agreement that barriers be installed, and that the Board would remain mindful of its duty of care.

The Chairperson said that the project required further consideration and consultation and that it was unlikely that the project would progress in 2009/10. Following a proposal from Mrs E L Fullerton that the project be set back to allow other projects to progress, the Board discussed and agreed by consensus the reallocation and reprioritisation of the following budget, with all other projects remaining the same:

Essential Asset Maintenance

Water Main, Scalloway	£50,000	2009/10	Design Work
Water Main, Scalloway	£250,000	2010/11	

Service Improvement

Peerie Dock Sumbister	Remove budget		
Walls	£100,000	2009/10	Detailed design
Scalloway Dredging	£3,000,000	2010/11	Stone from Scalloway Dredging to Walls Pier
Walls	£1,400,000	2010/11	
Walls	£2,000,000	2011/12	

In response to a query from Mr L Boswell, the Board were advised that the Tugs at Sullom Voe did not appear in the capital programme as they were funded from the Harbour Reserve Fund.

Mr R C Nickerson queried when the Sellaness Pier would be considered and suggested that it be used as a second decommissioning site. The Chairperson said that the Sullom Voe study would come first and a land use designation would be undertaken. He said

that a business case would then be made but in the meantime Sellaness would be left as it is.

The meeting concluded at 9.55am.

Chairperson