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**Harbour Board
Meeting Room, Port Administration Building, Sella Ness
Thursday 7 August 2003 at 10.30 a.m.**

Present:

J G Simpson	J C Irvine
I J Hawkins	G Johnson
E Knight	C Smith
W Tait	

Apologies:

W A Ratter	J Smith
R Watt	

In Attendance (Officers):

J T Dickson, General Manager, Ports & Harbours Operations
A Inkster, Superintendent Engineer
H Tait, Management Accountant
S Summers, Assistant Finance Services Manager
D Haswell, Committee Officer

Also:

R Hurding - Observer

Chairperson:

Mr J G Simpson, Chairperson of the Board, presided.

Circular:

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Minutes:

The minutes of meeting held on 12 June 2003, having been circulated, were confirmed.

Members' Attendance at External Meetings

There was nothing to report.

14/03 Nomination of Representative of Lerwick Port Authority to the Harbour Board

The Board considered a report by the Head of Legal and Administration (Appendix 1) and, following a brief discussion, on the motion of Mrs I J Hawkins, seconded by Mr J C Irvine, approved recommendation 7.1(b), namely to amend the Harbour Board's Remit and Representation by the removal of the reference to the LPA representative. The Board further agreed to recommend to the Council that the General Manager, Ports & Harbours be given delegated authority to approach other harbour

users in an attempt to find another individual for appointment to the Board and, in this regard, the Board's Remit and Representation should be amended to read "5 Other Harbour User Nominees" as opposed to the existing reference to 4 Other Harbour User Nominees.

15/03 **Symbister Peerie Dock**

The Board considered and noted a report by the General Manager, Ports & Harbours Operations (Appendix 2).

In response to a question from a Member, the Chairperson advised that quite a few small boats used the dock. In his view, it was part of heritage of the community and he would like to see it repaired.

With regard to the possible sources of funding, the Superintendent Engineer advised that a pre-application had been submitted to the Lottery Heritage Fund and it was likely a response would be received within the next fortnight advising if the application would qualify. If it did qualify, the application would take approximately 6 – 8 months to process.

In response to a suggestion from a Member as to the possibility of a Company limited by guarantee or a Trust being established in order to secure funding, the Chairman advised that all possible sources of funding were being examined.

In response to a question, the Assistant Finance Services Manager advised that the Council's Marine Insurers had said that the damage to the pier was caused by wear and tear and, therefore, it would not qualify for an insurance claim.

Mrs I J Hawkins moved that the Board approve the recommendation in the report with the addition that the possibility of a Company or Trust being established should be examined. Mr J C Irvine seconded and the Board agreed.

16/03 **Ports Project Monitoring Meeting**

The Board noted a report by the Port Operations Manager (Appendix 3).

17/03 **Port Operations Report**

The Board noted a report by the Port Operations Manager (Appendix 4).

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Assistant Finance Services Manager explained that the invoices in respect of Scalloway Harbour for May had been issued. The invoices for June would only show up in July.

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It was noted that the reference to the Coastguard Tug, which did not pay any dues, in the graphs could be distorting the figures for Scalloway and it was agreed that it should be removed from the graphs to see if a truer picture of the figures emerged.

The General Manager, Ports & Harbours Operations said that the Department was concerned about the continuing decline in the amount of fish going through the market at Scalloway. There was also concern about the long-term future of the market as only a small proportion of available chilled space was being used. He advised that Officers were looking into this.

CHAIRPERSON