

Harbour Board
08 June 2005 Public Minutes

**Reconvened Harbour Board
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Wednesday 8 June 2005 at 10.30 a.m.**

Present:

J G Simpson J C Irvine
I J Hawkins D C Gray
J Smith W Tait

Apologies:

E J Knight W A Ratter
N McCracken C Smith

In Attendance (Officers):

J T Dickson, General Manager, Ports & Harbours Operations
D Haswell, Committee Officer

Chairperson:

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

Circular:

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Minutes:

The minute of meeting held on 14 April 2005, having been circulated, was confirmed.

In response to a query from a Member, the General Manager advised that there had been an informal presentation to the Council by the fishmeal plant operator on 18 May 2005 which had been first class. The General Manager said he had been impressed with the size of the company and added that they were very experienced in their field.

Members' Attendance at External Meetings

The Chairperson provided Members with a brief synopsis of his attendance at the following meetings:

North Atlantic Fish Fair, Faroe

The Piermaster, Scalloway had also attended the Fish Fair. The Chairperson said he had been very impressed by the Shetland stand and commended Neil Henderson and Kevin Moreland of the Economic Development Unit for their work. The Shetland stand had been very busy and it had been a worthwhile exercise.

Fisheries Exhibition, Glasgow

Mrs I J Hawkins, the Piermaster, Scalloway and the Deputy Port Operations Manager had also attended the Exhibition. The Exhibition was a fraction of the size it used to be but there was still a lot of interest in the Shetland stand. It was unfortunate that there had not been any representatives from the North Atlantic Fisheries College (NAFC) at the Exhibition, neither had there been any

literature on the NAFC, because there had been a number of enquiries about the College. However, the enquiries had since been passed on to the NAFC.

Mrs I J Hawkins said that there had also been a lot of interest about the new Fresh Catch factory at Scalloway and the potential for the future at Scalloway.

14/05 **Ports Project Monitoring Report**

The Board noted a report by the Deputy Port Operations Manager (Appendix 1).

The General Manager provided an update on various projects as follows:

Dock Symbister

Costs had now been received from Arch Henderson which were slightly higher than had been estimated. A submission would be made to the Scottish Executive to try and secure more funding and the issue would also be brought to the CPMT. Members would recall that Historic Scotland had also been involved in this project and Historic Scotland were insisting that stone was used under the waterline.

Dolphin at Symbister

This project was now complete.

Walls Pier

Some remedial work will commence on the fendering in August.

Extension to Sella Ness Pier, Sullom Voe

It was hoped that Planning Consent for this project would be obtained by the end of this year. The most important issue for this project was the Environmental Impact Assessment because Sullom Voe was designated as a Marine Special Area of Conservation. Work was progressing quite well since a firm site for the plant had been agreed. Hopefully, a full report on progress would be presented to the Harbour Board in September.

In response to a question from a Member in relation to the expansion that may take place in Scalloway and the dredging that may be required in order to accommodate bigger vessels in the Harbour, the General Manager advised that a minimum approach channel depth of 9.5m opposite and to the west of the NAFC would be required. Consideration was being given to a channel of approximately 60m wide to cater for the largest craft concerned with the pelagic processing, the reefer vessels. Work on this issue was

continuing and Officers were currently collating all background information so that a report detailing costs and options could be presented to Members. Although the Economic Development Unit had not yet received a Business Plan from Fresh Catch, the General Manager did not think this would be problematic because Fresh Catch was a very successful company.

15/05 **Port Operations Report**

The Board noted a report by the General Manager (Appendix 2).

The General Manager provided Members with a brief update on Port Operations and Members noted the information provided. It was noted that a tiny crack on the gangway at Jetty 2 had been discovered during a routine inspection but would be repaired as soon as possible.

The General Manager also provided Members with information on the coloured graphs that had been tabled at the meeting (Appendix 2A) and explained that the difference in actual and estimated vessels for February and March compared to other months was because Sullom Voe Terminal was receiving more than the anticipated number of ultra large crude carriers.

The General Manager continued to say that there was a lot of activity at Scalloway Pier at the moment in relation to Foinaven FPSO and this would continue for the next few weeks. He added that the Piermaster, Scalloway and the Deputy Port Operations Manager were very active with regard to marketing Scalloway.

Mrs I J Hawkins said it was pleasing to see the activity in Scalloway and, looking to the future, more dredging would have to be done to attract more business.

CHAIRPERSON