

Harbour Board
27 April 2006 Public Minutes
Harbour Board
Port Administration Building, Sella Ness
Thursday 27 April 2006 at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

J G Simpson Capt D C Gray
I J Hawkins J C Irvine
E J Knight

Apologies:

G Johnston N McCracken
C Smith W Tait

In Attendance (Officers):

J T Dickson, General Manager, Ports & Harbours Operations
R Moore, Operations Manager, Marine
A Inkster, Port Engineer
S Summers, Administration Manager
H Tait, Management Accountant
D Haswell, Committee Officer

Chairperson:

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

Circular:

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

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Members' Attendance at External Meetings

The Chairperson advised that, as previously agreed by the Board at its meeting on 12 January 2006, he and the Piermaster – Scalloway, had attended the Norway Fish and Aqua International in Bergen. The Chairperson said that he had found the exhibition very disappointing.

The General Manager advised that he had attended a two-day conference entitled "The Government's Ports Policy" and the biannual conference of the International Harbour Masters' Association.

11/06 **Visit to Iceland, Fish Meal & Oil Factories**

The Board noted a report by the General Manager (Appendix 1).

The General Manager briefly introduced the report and provided Members with a photographic presentation of the visit following which Members noted the information provided.

12/06 **Ports Project Monitoring Report**

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

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As indicated in the report, the Port Engineer advised that the Department was awaiting a visit from the consulting engineer with regard to this project. It was hoped that the consulting engineer would be up from south very soon and the Port Engineer would continue to be in contact with him.

Walls Pier

The General Manager explained that a meeting about this project was being held this afternoon. Ports and Harbours were working very closely with the Economic Development Unit and, to date, 2 meetings with the stakeholders had been held. The Economic Development Unit and the Capital Projects Unit had requested a further meeting with the stakeholders following which a proposal would be submitted to the CPMT.

The General Manager added that since the report was written, proposals for the new pier at Uyeasound had been examined in more detail and, as he understood, this project was already included in the Capital Programme. Further work on the detailed design and costing would be done in order for the project to be considered for approval by the CPMT. The Economic Development Unit was heavily involved in this project because it supported the aquaculture industry in Unst.

Tug Replacement Programme

The General Manager said that Members should pay particular attention to the replacement programme. As stated, he had prepared a report for consideration by the CPMT and the CPMT had approved the initial funding to commence work with a view to building 2 new Voith tugs of 70 tonnes. This now required Council approval before the contract could go out to tender but there was sufficient budget available to proceed to proceed up to invitations to tender. A report would be presented to the Council on 17 May requesting approval to commence the tendering process for two new tugs. How they would be funded would be the subject of report from CPMT to the Council.

Mrs I J Hawkins said that the Member/Officer Working Group – Small Ports Marketing was trying to find out what facilities the industry required. In relation to Blacksness Pier, she said that requests had been received for ro-ro facilities and suggested that the Group should discuss this. Members agreed.

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Port Operations Report

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