



Greystones Harbour  
Meeting with Harbour Users  
Meeting No. 1  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**Present:** GrainnNiall Ferns (Harbour Users Group),

**Sispar:** Brendan Sheehy, Olympia O'Dea, Sean Quirke, Wicklow County Council

Sean Quirke opened the meeting.

The harbour users are requested to submit a safety statement to Sispar.

It remains to be seen as to how club events fit in with the construction programme for the Greystones Harbour Development. It may not be possible to accommodate all users at all times.

Brendan Sheehy gave an overview of the site infrastructure, haul road etc. The initial works are to the causeway to enable machines access the work area. It is expected that the first block will be placed in the water around 15<sup>th</sup> April.

An effort will be made to accommodate trailers and trolleys. In 6-9 months time access to the slipway may change.

Access to the slipway has to be kept clear at all times in the event that the lifeboat would have to be launched. There will be a security guard on duty during the day who can assist the coastguard personnel in gaining access. The slipway will be open at night time so this will not be an issue.

One fisherman is currently using the harbour. He needs access to the pier to land whelks. This activity will have to cease come April or May as the rock armour will be cleared and it will be too dangerous for him to access the harbour. This individual is going to have to make arrangements to use Dun Laoghaire harbour, however it is a considerable trip for him. Sean Quirke asked that the individual would contact him directly to see if he can be accommodated.

The moorings will have to be taken out in the next days. Owners can contact Sispar to make arrangements to take out their own chains. Access at the weekend will be possible as there will be a low tide. Next weekend is also a possibility.

The Ridge Angling Club have competitions on Sunday. Tuesday night competitions also take place in August. Other clubs plan to have competitions in Greystones this year also. Such clubs are requested to e-mail Sean Quirke with a list of their proposed activities. The Angling club stated that there is currently no turning point for trailers at the end of the North Beach Road. It is expected that this will become an issue from

April onwards. If Burke's Yard is still accessible in April this should alleviate this problem.

Jet Ski use in the harbour could be an issue, even though they are technically banned. They require a slipway to land.

Huts in harbour are to be demolished. Some huts still have equipment in them.

During the season, the rowing club will need to cross the main road in front of the site. Their activities take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. They have requested a zebra crossing adjacent to the veterinary clinic and the building beside it. Currently a raised platform is installed.

Sailing club activities are scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday. Parking will be critical. It was raised as to whether safe areas to land above the high water mark are possible. Sispar are to request more detailed construction drawings from Arup. For 6 weeks from mid June to July sailing courses for juniors take place. For the first 3 weeks 60 participants are expected. For the next 3 weeks up to 40 are expected. The day courses run between 10a.m. and 4.30p.m. The sailing club are to look at the width of the footpath to see if it is wide enough to accommodate some of the boats. It should be noted that the bus bay is being relocated in the next weeks.

The latest schedule of site works was produced in December. It has changed by three weeks as Sispar to possession of the site 3 weeks later than expected. Once Sispar get the schedule of events from the clubs they will be able to ascertain as to whether they can accommodate the clubs.

All clubs are to e-mail a list of their activities to Sean Quirke. Sean will issue them with the safety statement and then they are to return their own safety statement to Sispar/Sean Quirke.

Another meeting is scheduled to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008, prior to the Liaison Committee Meeting.

