



Greystones Harbour
Meeting with Harbour Users
Meeting No. 3
May 26th 2008

Present: Niall Ferns, (Coastguard), David Kerr (Wicklow Aquatics), Eugene Mc Hugh (Sea Scouts), Keith Simpson (Sailing Club), Bernard Byrne (Rowing Club).

Sispar: Brendan Sheehy, Olympia O’Dea, Sean Quirke, (Wicklow County Council)
Alan Tully (Sisk Lagan JV).

Apologies: Billy Kinsella (Fishermen), Dermot Macauley (Ridge Angling Club).

Sean Quirke opened the meeting.

Keith Simpson from the Sailing Club asked if the slip could be extended as some members experienced difficulty getting into the water. It is not possible to launch off the shingle.

The issue of giving additional space adjacent to the slipway to the club members was discussed. Brendan Sheehy stated that additional space could be given to them in the interim period; however once the main drainage commences the area will revert to Sisk Lagan JV once again. A request for additional space for an event which is scheduled to take place on 14th June was made. Keith Simpson from the Sailing Club and Alan Tully from Sisk Lagan JV will discuss this issue and the issue of extending the slipway further.

Residents from the North Beach Road have complained about club members blocking access to their property. The sailing club requested that ‘No Parking’ signage be erected on the sailing club fence and on the hoarding. The possibility of setting out Garda cones was also discussed.

The signage which was in place at the top of the slipway will be reinstated once works on the hoarding are finalised. Signage stating that the use of Jet Skis is prohibited close to the shore will also be reinstated. It is possible to launch the jet skis from the slipway, however once in use they have to maintain a safe distance of 50m from the shore.

Sispar informed the meeting that the bus stop is to be moved from its current location in the near future. Arup, Consultant Engineers, are pursuing this through Bus Eireann. Sispar were willing to carry out the works but were not authorised to do so by Bus Eireann.

Brendan Sheehy informed the meeting about the project progress to date. 70 blocks have been cast and some were due to be placed in the water today, 26th May. It was noted also that weather conditions were not favourable on the day.

The issue of the electric cable which was restricting access to the slipway was discussed. The ESB were contacted immediately the issue was raised; they are due to return to site in the next days to resolve the issue.

A request was made to view the animation for the project. It was agreed that the clubs would be accommodated. At the Liaison Committee Meeting which took place after the Harbour Users Group Meeting it was agreed that the animation would be uploaded to the website. It was stated that the feedback from members of the Chamber of Commerce in relation to the animation was very good.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 15th July, prior to the Liaison Committee Meeting. At this meeting the programme will be discussed in addition to launching facilities.

