



Greystones Harbour
Meeting with Harbour Users
Meeting No. 4
July 15th 2008

Present: Niall Ferns, (Coastguard), David Kerr (Wicklow Aquanauts); Richard Lowe (Sailing Club), Bernard Byrne (Rowing Club); Derek Mitchell (Wicklow County Council); Dermot Macauley (Ridge Angling Club).

Sispar: Paraic Keogh; Brendan Sheehy, Olympia O’Dea, John Crowley (Sisk Lagan JV).

Apologies: Billy Kinsella (Fishermen), Sean Quirke, (Wicklow County Council); Alan Tully (Sisk Lagan JV); Eugene Mc Hugh (Sea Scouts).

Derek Mitchell opened the meeting.

Project progress to date was discussed. Brendan Sheehy informed the meeting that Sispar are relatively happy with progress to date. Progress was hampered due to poor weather conditions over the last two weeks and also due to technical difficulties. 40-50 blocks are currently placed in the water. The Kish base is expected to be removed in October depending on progress. At present it is providing protection from the elements. Drainage and ground works are due to start in November. The slipway will go in after the buildings have been completed. This will not be complete for at least 18months; with month 25 being the target for finishing this element of the works.

Niall Ferns requested that signage be erected to notify the public that access is required at all times for the Coast Guard. He also praised the helpful security staff on site.

The issue of launching facilities was discussed and it was reported that currently there are no issues in relation to this facility.

The bus stop has been moved. Richard Lowe from the Sailing Club wished to pass his compliments on to the Security personnel on site and to Pat O’Malley (foreman with SLJV).

The site will not be closing for the construction holiday period.

Facilities for the clubs and rescue services were discussed. A meeting will take place between OMP and Sean Quirke in the next days. The Greystones Ridge Angling Club are still reviewing the plans and have requested an additional week before contacting

OMP. It is hoped that the consultation process and any likely changes to the plans would be finalised by August 15th 2008. Michael Hussey has met with the OPW and Brendan Sheehy will contact Mr. Hussey in relation to same. A meeting between the architects and Sispar is scheduled for 19th August. A presentation will then be given to the clubs in late August or early September to update them on the revisions to the plans.

It should be noted that the Coast Guard should not be blocked and that a railed compound for the boats should form part of the plan. A clearway will be marked out when the development is finalised.

The possibility of including car parking restrictions in the Bye-Laws for the harbour was discussed. If the area is private a clamping company could be employed. At present there is no provision for helicopter landing during the development. It is thought that the helicopter could land in the public park when completed.

A request to put the website for the development on the hoarding was put forward. It should be noted that the web address (www.greystonesharbour.ie) is printed on the sign outside the Public Liaison Office.

The DVD/animation for the development was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 23rd September, prior to the Liaison Committee Meeting.

Note: Meeting deferred to 7th October

