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HARBOURS, DOCKS, PIERS AND FERRIES

The Fowey Harbour Revision Order 2001

Made 14th June 2001

Coming into force 18th June 2001

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Whereas the Fowey Harbour Commissioners have applied for a harbour revision order under section 14 of the Harbours Act 1964[1]:

And whereas no objections to the application have been made pursuant to paragraph 3(2)(a) of Schedule 3 to the said Act:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions (being the appropriate Minister under subsection (7) of the said section 14[2]), in exercise of the powers conferred by that section and now vested in him[3], and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order -

Citation and commencement

1. - (1) This Order may be cited as the Fowey Harbour Revision Order 2001 and shall come into force on 18th June 2001.

(2) The Fowey Harbour Orders 1937 to 1980 and this Order may be cited together as the Fowey Harbour Orders 1937 to 2001.

Incorporation of provisions of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847

2. Sections 15, 48, 53, 56, 58 to 60, 62 to 65, 67, 69 to 83, 85 to 88 and 96 to 111 of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847[4] (so far as applicable and not inconsistent with the Fowey Harbour Orders 1937 to 2001) shall be incorporated with this Order.

Interpretation

3. In this Order -

"appointing body" means the Commissioners or the Restormel Borough Council;

"the Commissioners" means the Fowey Harbour Commissioners;

"the new constitution date" means 1st September 2001.

Constitution of Commissioners

4. - (1) On and after the new constitution date, the Commissioners shall consist of -

(a) six appointed by the Commissioners;

(b) three appointed by Restormel Borough Council after consulting with Cornwall County Council, Caradon District Council, Fowey Town Council, Lanteglos Parish Council, Lostwithiel Town Council, St. Sampson Parish Council, St. Veep Parish Council and St. Winnow Parish Council; and

(c) the Chief Executive for the time being of the Commissioners.

(2) Each Commissioner appointed under paragraph (1)(a) and (b) above shall be a person who appears to the Commissioners or the Restormel Borough Council to have special knowledge, experience or ability appropriate to the efficient, effective and economic discharge by the Commissioners of their functions including in particular (but

without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) special knowledge, experience or ability in one or more of the following matters -

- (a) commerce;
- (b) maritime activities;
- (c) health and safety;
- (d) management;
- (e) public relations and community issues;
- (f) industrial relations;
- (g) shipping, fishing or cargo handling;
- (h) accountancy or financial management;
- (i) boating and other water related leisure activities;
- (j) environmental matters affecting harbours; and
- (k) any other skills and abilities considered from time to time by the Commissioners to be relevant to the discharge by them of their functions;

and each appointing body shall secure, so far as reasonably practicable, that the Commissioners appointed by them will, between them, have special knowledge, experience and ability in a broad and complementary range of matters relevant to the efficient, effective and economic discharge by them of their functions.

(3) In making an appointment under paragraph (1)(a) or (b) above or article 8 below, each appointing body shall act in accordance with any guidance issued by the Secretary of State from time to time with respect to the exercise of such functions.

Appointment and terms of office of first Commissioners

5. - (1) The first appointments under article 4(1)(a) or (b) above shall be made on, or as soon as reasonably practicable after, 18th June 2001.

(2) The Commissioners shall appoint the persons who are, at the date when they make the first appointments under paragraph (1) above, the chairman and vice-chairman of the Commissioners to be two of the first of such appointed Commissioners and they shall hold office as Commissioners from the new constitution date until 30th April 2004; and on and after the new constitution date shall be the chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Commissioners.

(3) Of the remaining first such Commissioners appointed by the Commissioners -

(a) two shall hold office from the new constitution date until 30th April 2002;

(b) two shall hold office from the new constitution date until 30th April 2003;

as the Commissioners shall specify when they make each of those appointments.

(4) Of the Commissioners appointed by Restormel Borough Council -

(a) one shall hold office from the new constitution date until 30th April 2002;

(b) one shall hold office from the new constitution date until 30th April 2003;

(c) one shall hold office from the new constitution date until 30th April 2004;

as the Council shall specify when they make each of those appointments.

Terms of office of subsequent Commissioners

6. A Commissioner appointed under article 4(1)(a) or (b) above (other than a Commissioner appointed under article 5 above) shall, unless appointed to fill a casual vacancy and subject to articles 7 and 9 of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to, this Order, hold office for the period of three years from 1st May next following his appointment.

Declaration to be made by Commissioners

7. No person shall act as a Commissioner until he has made the declaration set out in Schedule 1 to this Order (or a declaration to that effect); and a person shall cease to be a Commissioner if he fails to make that declaration within three months of the date of his appointment.

Casual vacancies

8. - (1) A casual vacancy arising in the office of a Commissioner appointed by the Commissioners or the Restormel Borough Council shall, unless it is not reasonably practicable to do so, be filled by the appointment of a Commissioner by the Commissioners or the Council (as the case may be) in accordance with article 4(2) and (3) above and, in the case of an appointment by the Council, after consulting in accordance with article 4(1)(b) above.

(2) A Commissioner appointed to fill a casual vacancy under this article shall, subject to articles 7 and 9 of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to, this Order, hold office during the remainder of the term for which the Commissioner whom he replaces was appointed.

Disqualification of Commissioners

9. If the Commissioners are satisfied that a Commissioner -

(a) has without the permission of the Commissioners been absent from the

meetings of the Commissioners -

(i) for a period during which three such meetings have been held; or

(ii) for a period of three consecutive months,

whichever of these periods is the longer; or

(b) has become bankrupt or made an arrangement with his creditors; or

(c) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness from discharging the functions of a Commissioner; or

(d) is otherwise unable, unwilling or unfit to discharge the functions of a Commissioner;

the Commissioners may declare his office as a Commissioner to be vacant and thereupon his office shall become vacant.

Indemnity insurance for Commissioners

10. The Commissioners may enter into, and pay premiums for, a contract of insurance to indemnify the Commissioners jointly or severally against personal liability arising from any act or omission of the Commissioners or of any of them; not being an act or omission which the Commissioner or Commissioners in question knew to be a breach of his or their duty or, concerning which, he or they were reckless as to whether it was such a breach.

Incidental provisions relating to Commissioners

11. On and after the new constitution date the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Order shall have effect with respect to the Commissioners.

Publication of Commissioners' annual statement of accounts

12. As soon as reasonably practicable after their annual statement of accounts is prepared, the Commissioners shall -

(a) make available a copy of the statement for a period of three months at the offices of the Commissioners for inspection free of charge by members of the public and shall, subject to the payment of a reasonable charge, supply a copy of the statement to any person who requests to be supplied with a copy; and

(b) send a copy of the statement to the Restormel Borough Council.

Borrowing powers

13. - (1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the Commissioners may from time to time borrow upon the security of their assets for the time being or of their revenues or both their assets and their revenues, by any methods they see fit -

(a) such sums of money as they think necessary not exceeding two million pounds (or that sum as adjusted in accordance with article 15 below); and

(b) with the consent of the Secretary of State, such further sums of money as they may require.

(2) In calculating the aggregate sums of money borrowed by the Commissioners under paragraph (1) above, there shall be excluded any sums borrowed for the purpose of repaying within twelve months of the date of borrowing any sum for the time being outstanding by way of principal on any amount previously borrowed.

(3) Moneys borrowed by the Commissioners under this article shall be applied only to purposes to which capital money is properly applicable.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3) above, but without prejudice to the generality of that paragraph, purposes to which capital money is properly applicable shall be deemed to include -

(a) the payment of any interest, falling due within five years immediately following the date of borrowing, on any sum of money borrowed by the Commissioners under this article; and

(b) the repayment, within twelve months from the date of borrowing, of any sum for the time being outstanding by way of principal on any amount previously borrowed.

Temporary borrowing powers

14. The Commissioners may borrow temporarily, by way of overdraft or otherwise, such sums of money as the Commissioners may require but the total amount outstanding at any one time of money so borrowed shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand pounds (or that sum as adjusted in accordance with article 15 below).

RPI adjustment of borrowing limits

15. - (1) On each anniversary of the new constitution date the sums mentioned in articles 13(1)(a) and 14 above shall be adjusted in line with any movement (calculated to one decimal place) in RPI which occurred during the year ended on 31st December immediately preceding the anniversary in question.

(2) Any adjustment referred to in paragraph (1) above, shall be recorded in the next following annual statement of accounts prepared by the Commissioners.

(3) In paragraph (1) above, "RPI" means the general index of retail prices for all items published in the monthly publication of the Office for National Statistics known as "Monthly Digest of Statistics", or any successor from time to time of that index.

Consultative bodies

16. - (1) The Commissioners shall establish one or more consultative body or bodies which the Commissioners shall consult on all matters substantially affecting the management, maintenance, improvement, conservation, protection or regulation of the harbour and its navigation.

(2) The Commissioners shall make arrangements for every such consultative body to meet not less than twice a year.

(3) The Commissioners shall take into consideration any matter, recommendation or representation which may from time to time be referred or made to them by such a consultative body whether or not that consultative body has been consulted by the Commissioners on the matter, recommendation or representation so referred or made.

(4) The consultative body or bodies established pursuant to this article shall consist of such number or numbers of persons appointed by the Commissioners as the Commissioners shall from time to time consider appropriate.

(5) Appointments to a consultative body established under this article shall be made by the Commissioners in accordance with a scheme prepared by them for that purpose and the scheme shall provide for the appointment of persons who, in the opinion of the Commissioners, are representative of persons having an interest in the functioning of the harbour.

(6) Any such consultative body may determine its own quorum and procedure and shall appoint a chairman.

(7) An individual member of any such consultative body may, on giving notice in writing to the chairman of that body, send a substitute to any meeting of the body.

(8) A member of such a consultative body shall hold office for the period of three years from the date of his appointment and at the end of that period shall be eligible for reappointment.

(9) A member of such a consultative body may resign his office at any time by notice in writing given to the chairman of the Commissioners.

(10) In this article "the harbour" has the meaning given in section 3 of the Fowey Harbour Order 1937[[5](#)].

Repeals

17. On the new constitution date the enactments mentioned in the first and second columns of Schedule 3 to this Order (which include spent enactments) shall be repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

Stephen Reeves

Head of Ports Division Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

14th June 2001

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 7

FORM OF DECLARATION BY COMMISSIONERS

FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS FOWEY HARBOUR ORDERS 1937 TO 2001 DECLARATION

I, [FULL NAME] do solemnly declare

(1) that I will faithfully and impartially, according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute all the powers and authorities vested in me as a Fowey Harbour Commissioner by virtue of the Fowey Harbour Orders 1937 to 2001;

(2) that I have read and understood the notes entitled "Note for Guidance of Commissioners on the Disclosure of Financial and Other Interests" and "Duties of Commissioners" and that I will comply with the requirements as to the disclosure of such interests, laid down by paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 to the Fowey Harbour Revision Order 2001, and in particular that:

(a) I have disclosed to the Chief Executive details of every financial or other interest such as is mentioned in those notes;

(b) I will in future notify the Chief Executive of any alteration in those interests, or any new interest, such as is mentioned in those notes, which I may acquire.

Made and signed in Fowey, on the	_____
_____	(signature)
day of	_____
_____	_____

Witnessed by the Chief Executive	
as a Fowey Harbour Commissioner	(signature)

Note: - Where the declaration is to be made by the Chief Executive, the Form shall be amended so that, for references to "the Chief Executive", there are substituted references to "the Chairman"

SCHEDULE 2

Article 11

INCIDENTAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMMISSIONERS

Appointment of chairman and vice-chairman of Commissioners

1. There shall be a chairman of the Commissioners who shall be appointed by those of the Commissioners who are appointed under article 4(1)(a) or (b) or 8 above from among their number.

2. The first chairman appointed under article 5(2) above shall, subject to paragraph 7 below, and unless he resigns his office as chairman or ceases to be a member, continue in office as chairman until his initial term of office as a member has expired.

3. Subject to paragraph 7 below, every chairman subsequently appointed under paragraph 1 above shall, unless he resigns his office as chairman or ceases to be a Commissioner, hold office for a period of three years.

4. There shall be a vice-chairman of the Commissioners who shall be appointed by those of the Commissioners who are appointed under article 4(1)(a) or (b) or 8 above from among their number.

5. The first vice-chairman appointed under article 5(2) above shall, subject to paragraph 7 below, and unless he resigns his office as vice-chairman or ceases to be a Commissioner, continue in office as vice-chairman until his initial term of office as a Commissioner has expired.

6. Subject to paragraph 7 below, every vice-chairman subsequently appointed under

paragraph 4 above shall, unless he resigns his office as vice-chairman or ceases to be a Commissioner, hold office for a period of three years.

7. If those of the Commissioners who are appointed under article 4(1)(a) or (b) or 8 above are satisfied that the chairman or vice-chairman should cease to hold his office as such, they may terminate his office as such and appoint another Commissioner to be the chairman or vice-chairman during the remainder of the term for which the former chairman or vice-chairman was appointed.

8. - (1) On a casual vacancy occurring in the office of chairman or vice-chairman of the Commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled by those of the Commissioners who are appointed under article 4(1)(a) or (b) or 8 above at a meeting held as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs.

(2) A Commissioner appointed under this paragraph to fill a casual vacancy in the office of chairman or vice-chairman shall, unless he resigns that office or ceases to be a Commissioner, hold that office during the remainder of the term for which the chairman or vice-chairman whom he replaces was appointed.

Meetings of Commissioners

9. - (1) The first meeting of the Commissioners after the new constitution date shall be convened as soon as practicable by the Chief Executive for such date as he may fix; and he shall make arrangements for notice of that meeting to be sent by post to each of the other Commissioners.

(2) The Commissioners shall meet at least once in every other month.

Vacation of office by Commissioners

10. A Commissioner (other than the Chief Executive) may resign his office at any time by notice in writing given to the chairman of the Commissioners or, if that Commissioner is the chairman, the vice-chairman.

Reappointment of Commissioners

11. - (1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, a vacating Commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment as a Commissioner unless he has been disqualified from office under article 9 above.

(2) A vacating appointed Commissioner shall not be eligible for reappointment as a Commissioner where, immediately before the date in question, he has held office for three consecutive terms unless he is the chairman of the Commissioners.

(3) A chairman of the Commissioners who is an appointed Commissioner shall not be eligible for reappointment as a Commissioner where, immediately before the date in question, he has held office as a Commissioner for four consecutive terms.

(4) For the purposes of this paragraph, "term" does not include -

(a) a term referred to in article 5(3)(a) or (b) or (4)(a) or (b) above;

(b) the remainder of a term during which the Commissioner was appointed to fill a casual vacancy under article 8 above; or

(c) any term served by the Commissioner prior to the new constitution date.

(5) In this paragraph "appointed Commissioner" means a Commissioner appointed under article 4(1)(a) or (b) above.

Reappointment of chairman

12. - (1) A chairman of the Commissioners shall not be eligible for reappointment as the chairman where, immediately before the date in question, he has served as chairman for three consecutive terms.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, "term" does not include -

(a) a term served by the Commissioner as chairman under paragraph 2 above where that term is less than 3 years;

(b) the remainder of a term during which the Commissioner was appointed to fill a casual vacancy in the office of chairman under paragraph 8 above; or

(c) any term served by the Commissioner as chairman prior to the new constitution date.

Committees

13. The Commissioners may, consistently with their duties and subject to such conditions as they think fit, delegate any of their functions (other than the functions set out in subparagraphs (a) to (f) of paragraph 9B of Schedule 2 to the Harbours Act 1964[6]) to a committee of the Commissioners.

Proceedings of Commissioners and committees

14. The acts and proceedings of the Commissioners, or of any committee of the Commissioners, shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in their number or by any defect in the appointment, or the qualification for appointment, of any person as a Commissioner, or as chairman or vice-chairman, of the Commissioners or committee.

15. The quorum required for a meeting of the Commissioners shall be five.

16. - (1) If a Commissioner has any interest, direct or indirect -

(a) in any contract or proposed contract to which the Commissioners are or would be a party or is a director of a company or body with which the contract or proposed contract is made or proposed to be made; or

(b) in any other matter with which the Commissioners are concerned,

he shall declare that interest.

(2) If a Commissioner is present at a meeting of the Commissioners or of any committee of the Commissioners at which a contract or other matter in which he has an interest is to be considered he shall -

(a) as soon as is practicable after the commencement of that meeting disclose his interest;

(b) not vote on any question with respect to that contract or matter; and

(c) withdraw from the meeting -

(i) at any time if the Commissioners present by resolution require him to do so; and

(ii) while a decision on that contract or matter is being made.

(3) This paragraph shall not apply to any interest -

(a) which a Commissioner has in respect of the payment to the Commissioners of harbour dues;

(b) which arises in respect of the provision of harbour services or facilities affecting the trading community in general;

(c) which a Commissioner has as an employee of a public utility undertaking or as a shareholder, not being a director of a company, unless he possesses more than five per cent of the issued share capital of that company; or

(d) which the Commissioners present at the meeting by resolution declare to be too remote.

17. The person for the time being holding office as vice-chairman shall have and may exercise in the absence or incapacity of the chairman all the functions of the chairman.

18. If at any meeting of the Commissioners neither the chairman nor the vice-chairman are present the Commissioners present at the meeting shall choose one of their number to be the chairman of the meeting.

19. - (1) Every question at a meeting of the Commissioners or of a committee of the Commissioners shall be decided by a majority vote of the Commissioners present and voting.

(2) If at any meeting of the Commissioners or of a committee of the Commissioners there is an equality of votes on any question the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote which he may exercise for or against the status quo.

Authentication of seal and other documents

20. - (1) The application of the seal of the Commissioners shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman of the Commissioners or some other Commissioner authorised by the Commissioners to authenticate the application of the seal, and of the Chief Executive of the Commissioners or some person authorised by the Commissioners to act in his place in that behalf.

(2) The Commissioners may authorise a person to act instead of the Chief Executive under this paragraph whether or not the Chief Executive is absent or incapable of acting.

(3) Any notice, licence or other document given or issued by the Commissioners shall, unless the contrary intention is expressed, be sufficiently authorised if signed by the Chief Executive of the Commissioners or a duly authorised officer of the Commissioners.

Remuneration of Commissioners

21. The Commissioners may pay to the chairman and other Commissioners such salary, allowances and expenses as the Commissioners from time to time determine.

General

22. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the procedure and business of the Commissioners and of any committee of the Commissioners shall be regulated in such manner as the Commissioners may from time to time determine.

23. The Commissioners shall appoint a Chief Executive and such other persons as from time to time they think necessary or desirable for and incidental to the performance of their functions and pay to them such remuneration as the Commissioners think fit.

SCHEDULE 3

Article 17

REPEALS

<i>Chapter or number</i>	<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>
1937 c. lxxii.	Pier and Harbour Order (Fowey) Confirmation Act 1937.	Sections 4(1)(b), 7 to 15, 17, 36 to 45, 52 and 53.
1960 c. xxi.	Pier and Harbour Order (Fowey) Confirmation Act 1960.	Sections 6 and 7.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order reconstitutes the Fowey Harbour Commissioners as from 1st September 2001. It provides for the Commissioners to consist of a body of ten Commissioners with experience in relevant matters. Six persons will be appointed by the Commissioners and three by the Restormel Borough Council. The Chief Executive will also hold office as a Commissioner. Under the terms of the Order the appointed Commissioners will retire in rotation.

The Order also includes other provisions with respect to the Commissioners' constitution including provisions for the protection of the Commissioners from personal liability in the discharge of their functions. The Order increases the Commissioners' borrowing powers, amends existing statutory requirements as to the Commissioners' accounts and repeals or revokes certain statutory provisions.

Notes:

[1] 1964 c. 40; section 14 was amended by the Transport Act 1981 (c. 56), section 18 and Schedule 6, paragraphs 2 to 4 and 14, and by the Transport and Works Act 1992 (c. 42), section 63(1) and Schedule 3, paragraph 1.[back](#)

[2] For the definition of "the Minister" (mentioned in section 14(7)) see section 57(1).[back](#)

[3] S.I. 1981/238 and S.I. 1997/2971.[back](#)

[4] 1847 c. 16.[back](#)

[5] See 1937 c. lxxii.[back](#)

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[6] Paragraph 9B was inserted by the Transport and Works Act 1992 (c. 42), section 62(1) and Schedule 3, paragraph 9.[back](#)

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