

Clwb Cychod Cemaes – Charles Henry Ashley – Cemaes Boat Club

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September, 2018 in The Vigour

Present:

Richard Downs (RD)
Marilyn Downs (MD)
Sian Jones (SJ)
Norman Mason (NM)
Mike Whitlam (MW)
Janet Whitlam (JW)
Ellen Woodhouse (EW)
Mike Thompson (MT)

Apologies:

Laura Downs (LD)
Keith Muscott (KM)
Steve Bray (SBr)
Simon Drakley (SD)
Bob Trueman
Alun Pari Huws (APH)
Ian Smith
Elfed Jones

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record by those present.

Matters Arising

Despite having to cancel this year's Adventure, the Beach Party, Quiz and Carnival were all very successful events.

All other matters will be addressed through the agenda.

Chairman's Welcome

Richard thanked everyone for all their help over the summer. Some difficult choices had to be made to cancel the Adventure, but the alternative Weekend Sailings were very successful days and a number of people were able to take advantage of these.

Mike T gave a vote of thanks to everyone who had worked so hard.

Treasurer's Report

The current account balance is £5,577.31.

(£640 was received from Horizon to support the transport for the Adventure and we will need to discover what they wish us to do with this generous donation!)

Mike W reported that he would empty the Harbour Donation Box and pass the money to Simon.

Boatswain's Report

- Boat and tender are in good order
- New moorings are required for the new season
- There are some minimal requirements e.g. antifoul
- Norman will manage the maintenance teams by phoning people the night before
- We will keep the storage at Peibron Farm under review

- CHA will be sailed around to Amlwch on Saturday, 15th September, where a berth has been arranged. A crew of 15 has already signed up.
- Norman will arrange daily inspections until the boat is brought out on Sunday, 23rd September. A smaller number of volunteers are required for this task.

Secretary's Report

Marilyn mentioned that although she can take minutes, sometimes it is difficult for her to send out emails about crews and sailings because she is often away from home. She would address this later in the meeting when discussing the opportunities a new website could offer.

Membership Secretary's Report

Sian reported that the current membership now stands at 53. (Friends 13, Members 40). This is a much improved number of members and we will continue to promote membership through posters and social media.

Cemaes CIC

Marilyn gave an update about progress towards the Planning Application.

The Travel Plan requires more information, which will be collected this week.

There are also a number of events planned for the next two months (Pop Up Cinema, and Children's Disco Dome) to assist in raising funds and to engage the community.

There will be another Public Consultation meeting on Saturday, 20th October in the village hall (10.00am until noon) and hopefully there will be news about the planning application by this date.

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Social Events:

Wine and Cheese evening – 1st November

Ticket price was agreed at £5 for a glass of wine plus cheese/pate and biscuits.

Marilyn will prepare tickets and ask for volunteers to assist.

Christmas Dinner – Saturday, 8th December

As a new manager will be taking over The Harbour soon, Marilyn will go and see her and confirm arrangements and collect menus. Information will go out to members as soon as this is done.

Quiz Night

Following on the success of the previous two Quiz nights, Richard offered to find a date in January for another evening. As each evening generates over £100 in profits, this is a regular useful fund-raiser.

Website

Marilyn discussed the opportunity to develop a new website given that the Boat Club Funds were now looking quite healthy. After looking at different options a very good proposal had been received from Janet Cross (Monality Ltd). This is a local business which is also offering a good discount for local firms and clubs. The initial set up and development cost would be approximately £1,200 and an annual charge of £250-300 would cover all updates, etc.

The design of the new website will enable news to be current and to be added and edited by nominated members of the Boat Club. Emails can be sent quickly to all members, sailings can be organised and crews informed, etc.

The committee agreed that Marilyn can go ahead and contact Janet Cross to progress this development.

Fundraising Officer

The Boat Club still needs someone who will look at applying for appropriate grants and raising funds.

Marilyn will send this request out in the next email and also put onto Facebook.

Marilyn reported that the Shell grant is no longer available through the last contact that she had used. It is possible that it is no longer provided by Shell.

Proposal for trip next year to Conwy

We received an invitation this year to attend Lifeboat day at Conwy on August 4th.

Although we were unable to do it this year, we could possibly look at it for 2019 as it could only require a three stage sailing trip. We would speak to Alun to check the dates and investigate a possible support boat.

Lifeboat Day

Mike W raised the issue that despite there being a number of Boat Club present on the CHA, there was not much support to man the CHA stall, which was left to him and Steve Bray.

This seems to be an on-going problem where although members enjoy sailing and rowing, there are not enough volunteers who will also help with the more mundane tasks.

Next year, we will try to set up rotas to make it a fairer division of labour.

Donations

Sian reported that she had received £30 cash donation from Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Mike T reported that he intended to donate £25 towards the Boat Club for the alternative weekend sailings.

Meeting finished at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting: Tues 30th October at 7.30