

# **Clwb Cychod Cemaes – Charles Henry Ashley – Cemaes Boat Club**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 in The Vigour**

### **Present:**

Richard Downs (RD)  
Marilyn Downs (MD)  
Sian Jones (SJ)  
Norman Mason (NM)  
Mike Whitlam (MW)  
Janet Whitlam (JW)  
Simon Drakley (SD)  
Keith Muscott (KM)  
Steve Bray (SBr)

### **Apologies:**

Laura Downs (LD)  
Bob Trueman  
Mike Thompson (MT)  
Gerallt Jones (GJ)  
Alun Pari Huws (APH)  
Ian Smith  
Austin Stevenson  
Michael Brookes  
Elfed Jones  
Piers Beeland

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

### **Matters Arising**

- Simon has received a letter from HSBC regarding the mandate and is still waiting to find out if the mandate has been sorted out.
- Steve Bray has contacted the RNLI. Moorings - Norman has contacted Amlwch, Simon will contact Menai Bridge, Richard will contact Caernarfon.
- Richard will contact the Rowing and Sailing Clubs, check Publicity and organize minibus times.

All other matters will be addressed through the agenda.

### **Chairman's Welcome**

Richard thanked everyone for their attendance and for their support for the recent Quiz Night which had been very successful and enjoyable.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The current account balance is £4,729.95. Money has now been received from Cemaes CIC to cover the invoices paid for surveys at the beginning of the year.

## **Boatswain's Report**

- Boat and tender are in good order
- Norman has been discussing the possibility of future storage at Peibron Farm with Dafydd, who despite the current building works is happy for the boat to be stored at the farm. However, he is insisting on new control measures and there must be a strict limit on the number of people on the site at any one time. There must be no more than three or four people with Norman. Norman will be in charge of managing this with Dafydd's agreement.

## **Secretary's Report**

Marilyn reported a message from Austin about publicising membership with posters that he would assist with distributing. A poster has now been created by Sian, and will be displayed in the shop and village. **(Action SJ/MD/AS)**

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

Current renewed membership stands at 50. Friends 12, Members 38.

Sian has removed somebody from her list who doesn't want to receive emails, but has donated the membership money.

## **2018 Adventure to Caernarfon and back.**

Richard has spoken to Alwyn Kay and the engine part is now fixed and he is doing an oil change before August 17<sup>th</sup> in readiness.

His insurance will be sorted out by this weekend and there should be no difficulty in him acting as support vessel for all stages.

## **Further tasks:**

- Contact with the different mooring locations will be undertaken by Norman (Amlwch), Simon (Menai Bridge) and Richard - Mark Shackleton (Caernarfon). **(Action NM, MT, RD)**
- Contact with rowing and sailing clubs will be undertaken by Richard. (i.e. Bull Bay, Sean McGloughlin at Beaumaris, Royal Welsh at Caernarfon) **(Action RD)**
- Contact with RNLI stations has been undertaken by Steve Bray who has now contacted Stuart Wallace. Richard will follow up by contacting each individual station with more detailed information. **(Action RD, SB)**
- Horizon are paying the costs of the minibus transfers and this money has been put into the bank account already. Marilyn will coordinate the transfers. **(Action MD)**
- Publicity will be through posters, social media, emails and press. Marilyn will design a poster for distribution as well as posting on Facebook. **(Action MD)** Sian offered to print off posters if Marilyn would forward them. **(Action MD, SJ)**
- Press, newspapers, Anglesey Radio, S4C, BBC Wales will be contacted by Richard. **(Action RD)** Bob Trueman has been very active in writing an article for inclusion in Cheshire Life, amongst others. Dave Williams of Beaumaris Echo has also been contacted about doing some filming. Richard and Marilyn will compile a generic file about CHA that can be sent out to everyone for distribution. **(Action MD, RD)**

## Cemaes CIC

The Capel Bethlehem Project is finding it very difficult to apply for the full funding for the project and in order to secure the grants to purchase the land, it has been agreed that the best way forward is to split the project into 2 stages. This means that the Restaurant and Holiday let will be developed in Phase 1 and the Visitors Centre/ Boathouse will be developed in Phase 2.

The planning application has covered the full building project.

Upon completion of Phase 1, applications will be made to fund the second phase of the Visitors Centre/Boathouse. The full project will take a little longer to complete, but this way will enable Cemaes CIC to demonstrate that the project can be sustained.

## Social Events:

- Beach Party – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> August  
Steve queried if we could get the boat over to the far end of the beach and back. After discussion it was agreed that it was not possible because of the tides and it will involve too many people who are required to run the games and activities. The Tombola needs bottles of wine.  
The road to be closed off with a sign by The Gadlys. There will be no access apart from the classic cars.  
Friday at 9.00am the grass area will need to be strimmed – Norman, Jack, Richard, Steve.  
Jack's trailer will load up tables and other equipment required.  
Marilyn will send out a plan to everyone who has volunteered. **(Action MD)**
- 12<sup>th</sup> August Lifeboat day. It would be appropriate to take CHA out to meet them if this can be organized. This is already on the August Doodle with a 9.40 muster. We will need a good crew for the boat and also someone to volunteer for a land stall.
- Quiz – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. As the Quiz was a successful evening, another Quiz will be arranged by Richard for Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August.  
The charge will be £3 a head and a maximum of 4 to a team. Richard will prepare the questions and Marilyn will publicise. All are asked to support. Donations of raffle prizes and winning prizes will be requested. **(Action RD, MD)**
- Carnival – 27<sup>th</sup> August. Float for Cemaes Boat Club – theme is 'The Sea'. It was agreed that we should try to do this using Richard's tender and sourcing a trailer and car to tow. This could become a grotto for a Mermaid and draw attention to the global plastic pollution problems!  
Marilyn will coordinate and ask for volunteers to help. **(Action MD)**
- Christmas Dinner - 8<sup>th</sup> December - The Harbour Hotel has been booked.

## Website development

This is still an important development to pursue despite the success of Facebook and Social media in advertising the Boat Club's activities. Simon and Marilyn will liaise and report back to the committee on the costs involved. **(Action SD, MD)**

## Future fundraising – need Fundraising Officer

The annual Shell Grant of £350 courtesy of our link with John Harrison will need to be re-applied for, but Marilyn reported that she hasn't had any time to pursue this. She has emailed Shell to request further information but received no response yet. **(Action MD)**

Richard stressed that the Boat Club needed to raise funds and that the post of Fundraising Officer needed to be filled urgently.

This is a post that could be undertaken by any member who felt able to support at a distance, and did not necessarily require attendance at each meeting.

As no-one has offered to take on this role Sian suggested advertising it on Facebook.

Marilyn will try to do this before the next meeting and report back. **(Action MD)**

## **AOB**

- Norman raised the issue that the Core Crew should have at least 6 experienced people who have sailed or rowed on CHA and built up their knowledge and understanding of the boat. If there are too many novices in relation to experienced crew it makes it very difficult to manage. The Risk Assessment must be followed to create the right balance.
- Mike Whitlam raised an issue about the Adventure being cancelled. In the ensuing discussion, Richard and Norman responded by clarifying the reasons that the decision to cancel had been made.
- Janet raised a point about the Doodle, which didn't seem to be working as a method to raise a crew because members are not filling it out. Marilyn explained that at the moment she was emailing the monthly doodles to all members on behalf of Mike Thompson. Marilyn will remind everyone to fill in the doodles even if they are unable to attend. **(Action MD)**  
It was suggested that people could be phoned individually on the Friday night before a sail if there was a shortage of crew, but this was seen as problematic and there were no volunteers to undertake this task.
- Norman informed everyone that the boat will need to be taken out at the end of September this year.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

**Next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in The Vigour**

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