

Clwb Cychod Cemaes – Charles Henry Ashley – Cemaes Boat Club

Minutes of the AGM held on 3/4/2018 in The Vigour

Present:

Gerallt Jones
Nia Jones
Piers Beeland (PB)
Sue Beeland (SB)
Richard Downs (RD)
Marilyn Downs (MD)
Alun Pari Huws (APH)
Steve Bray (SBr)
Keith Muscott (KM)
Jack Longman (JL)
Laura Downs (LD)
Norman Mason (NM)
Simon Drakley (SD)
Sian Jones (SJ)
Mike Thompson (MT)

Apologies:

Mike Whitlam
Janet Whitlam
Ian Smith
Alwyn Kay
Michael Brookes
Elfed Jones
John Harrison
Alun Pari Huws
Austin Stevenson
Bob Trueman

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were agreed to be a true record by those present.

Proposed: Piers Beeland

Seconded: Simon Drakley

Chairman's Report

Piers thanked everyone for attending the AGM. He also recorded the Boat Club's thanks to the RNLI and Coastguard for their watchful care and support over the past year.

As he has been Chairman now for 3 years, he had already notified the meeting that he would be standing down due to his commitments with other groups, such as the Poppy Appeal. He thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Simon Drakley proposed a vote of thanks for everything that Piers has done for the Boat Club, which was endorsed by everyone.

Treasurer's Report

Simon presented a full set of accounts to everyone.

The balance at the end of the financial year was £2,057-69.

However, £1,200 will be coming back into the account within the next few weeks. This was 'loaned' to Cemaes CIC on a temporary basis to pay for surveys until their bank account could be opened. The annual Shell Grant of £350 courtesy of our link with John Harrison will need to be re-applied for **(Action MD)**

Easy Space website has been paid this year to keep the website domain name going and current investigations are being made about developing a new website, which will have significant costs to set up.

Simon raised the point that a new bank mandate is required and proposed that Norman Mason and Steve Bray should be the second signatories.

The mandate will require two signatures from the three nominated signatories – the Treasurer (Simon) being one of the two.

Marilyn proposed a vote of thanks to Simon for all his hard work and excellent book-keeping. Seconded - Richard Downs

Membership Secretary

Current membership stands at 48:

Friends 8

Members 39

Single sail 1

This was a drop of 17 from the previous year and it was agreed that it should be an aim of the Boat Club to increase membership numbers. Membership subscription raises the bulk of funds available and if the membership drops then this will impact on the bank balances. After discussion it was agreed to keep membership fees at the same price as it was felt that raising the cost could put people off.

Sian is now ready to send out renewal requests for members and all members would be required to fill out membership details and would be contacted if necessary to confirm that all data was correct. **(Action SJ)**

Sian was thanked for her support for the Boat Club through her role as Membership Secretary.

Proposed: Richard Downs

Seconded: Gerallt Jones

Secretary's Report

Marilyn thanked everyone for their continued support and assistance in her role as Secretary.

She reminded everyone about the need to be aware of data protection rules when sending out emails. There have been significant changes recently to the laws on data protection and GDPR compliance (General Data Protection Regulation) is becoming very important – particularly in the use of electronic data. All members must be aware of how we use their data (emails, mobile numbers, etc.) and it must not be shared.

Marilyn went on to mention the success of the Facebook Page and links that had been made with other groups such as 'Historic Lifeboats'. This may create a lot of interest regarding future members and possible crew for future sailings.

Simon proposed a vote of thanks for the work that Marilyn has done in her role.

Seconded – Piers Beeland

Appointment of Officers

As there was only one candidate for each position there was no need for the full voting procedure to be applied. Officers were appointed as shown:

		Proposed	Seconded
<u>Chairman</u>	Richard Downs	Piers Beeland	Norman Mason
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Mike Whitlam	Marilyn Downs	Sue Beeland
<u>Treasurer</u>	Simon Drakley	Marilyn Downs	Steve Bray
<u>Minutes Secretary</u>	Marilyn Downs	Sian Jones	Steve Bray
<u>Sales Officer</u>	Vacancy		
<u>Membership Secretary</u>	Sian Jones	Sue Beeland	Richard Downs
<u>Training Officer (Sailing)</u>	Keith Muscott	Mike Thompson	Piers Beeland
<u>Training Officer (Rowing)</u>	Simon Drakley	Sue Beeland	Marilyn Downs
<u>Crewing Organiser</u>	Mike Thompson (Sian offered to support)	Marilyn Downs	Richard Downs
<u>Boatswain</u>	Norman Mason	Mike Thompson	Sue Beeland
<u>Deputy Boatswains</u>	Mike Brookes and Mike Whitlam	Norman Mason	Piers Beeland
<u>Publicity Officer</u>	Richard Downs (supported by Keith Muscott)	Piers Beeland	Marilyn Downs
<u>Website Manager</u>	Vacancy		
<u>Fundraising Officer</u>	Vacancy		

Thanks were minuted to Mike Brookes for all his help as Deputy Boatswain despite being ill.

Thanks were minuted to Laura Downs for her exceptional organisational skills and hard work in arranging the social events for the Boat Club.

AOB

Piers mentioned that the Boat Club should record a huge debt of gratitude to Keith Downs and he went on to suggest a number of ways that this could be recognised and acknowledged.

With Laura present at the meeting and becoming increasingly upset by the references to Keith, it was agreed that this would be more appropriate for a future, more private, discussion with Laura.

At this point Laura left the meeting.

Future Social Events:

- **Quiz - The Vigour (8th or 9th June – to be confirmed)**
- **Christmas Dinner -The Harbour Hotel (8th or 15th December - to be confirmed)**
- **Beach Party – 4th August**

Proposed New Boat House

An update was given about Cemaes Community Interest Company (Cemaes CIC). Marilyn, Sian, Mike W, Jack and Steve are all Directors of the new company and are involved in developing all aspects of the Capel Bethlehem Project. Public consultations are taking place and Marilyn has visited Ysgol Gynradd Cemaes to speak to the children in Assembly, involving them in a competition to design a logo for a cotton bag.

At this point the AGM concluded (8.30pm) and complimentary sausages and chips were provided by Carys - for which everyone vouched their thanks!

The following is the record of a short meeting that was held after the conclusion of the AGM with Richard Downs as Chairman

Adventure Plan for 2018

Richard read an email received from Bob Trueman to the meeting which contained suggestions about alternative sailings. Alun Pari Huws suggested that the passage plan could take CHA to Caernarfon via Beaumaris and then return the same way. This avoids possible worst weather situations to the south of the island and also the difficulties that Holyhead could still be facing. He offered to look at possible tides in second week July and would liaise about dates with Marilyn. Marilyn will contact Alwyn to check if he is available as a support vessel on the same dates. **(Action MD, APH)**

This will be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

Steve Bray mentioned that Horizon minibuses might be available if we contact them in plenty of time.

Hafal

Marilyn mentioned her contact with Dan Bartlett, who is a project leader for this group who work with young adults with mental health issues. A small group will be visiting Peibron Farm and the maintenance team and Mike Thompson had offered to give a short talk about the history of CHA. **(Action MT)** This group may become a very beneficial link for the Boat Club, particularly if it is agreed that we pursue charitable status.

Membership

Sian clarified that there should be one adult day free sail if there is an intention to join. She will make sure that this is publicised appropriately. It was suggested that a poster should be put up in Holyhead as there may be some new members who could be attracted. Sue, Sian and Marilyn would liaise about this and Marilyn would also post on the Facebook page. **(Action SB, SJ, MD)**

CHA Business Card

Gerrallt generously offered to organize a CHA business card and asked if photographs and information could be passed to him so that this could be arranged. **(Action GJ, MD)**

Help in Harbour

Mike Thompson reminded everyone that volunteers would be required to help paint the white lines in the Harbour. This is generally requested in the spring and he would let us know when. **(Action MT)**

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Next Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 23rd April at 7.30pm in The Vigour.
Future Meetings: Monday, 7th May