

Clwb Cychod Cemaes – Charles Henry Ashley – Cemaes Boat Club

Minutes of the AGM held on 26/3/2019 in The Vigour

Present:

Richard Downs (RD)
Marilyn Downs (MD)
Janet Whitlam (JW)
Alwyn Kay (AK)
Steve Bray (SBr)
Laura Downs (LD)
Norman Mason (NM)
Simon Drakley (SD)
Sian Jones (SJ)
Richard Walton (Wally)
Keith Muscott (KM)
Jack Longman (JL)
Mike Thompson (MT)
Mike Whitlam (MW)

Apologies:

Piers Beeland (PB)
Sue Beeland (SB)
Steven Durbar
Alun Pari Huws (APH)
Michael Brookes (Salty)
Jon Yates
Bill Yates
Gerallt Jones
Nia Jones
Ian Smith
Elfed Jones
John Harrison
Austin Stevenson
Bob Trueman

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed to be a true record by those present.

Proposed: Keith Muscott

Seconded: Steve Bray

Chairman's Report

Richard firstly thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the Annual General Meeting. He went on to thank all the Officers for their hard work over the year, and included a special thank you to Simon, Norman, Mike Whitlam, Bob Trueman, Laura, Alwyn Kay and Marilyn for their individual contributions and continued support for the Cemaes Boat Club. He went on to talk about some of the setbacks that the Club had faced over the past year. The Adventure didn't happen because of events outside our control, but there were some significant positives that still came out of it. The weekend sail/row still managed to

introduce some new people to the Boat Club and both days were extremely enjoyable. Always a learning experience!

Other positives were the many social events which were all excellently attended and made a lot of money for the funds - e.g. the Beach Party, Christmas Dinner, Wine and Cheese Night, and finally the popular Quiz Nights.

The Website development and Facebook Page have also been very positive and this social media presence has enabled the Boat Club to promote Cemaes, Charles Henry Ashley and make many contacts across the country.

It is good news that membership increased slightly after the last year's AGM and this demonstrates that the actions taken (posters by Sian and business cards from Gerallt) have had an impact.

The Boat Club has strong links with Cemaes Community Interest Company (Cemaes CIC) and Steve Bray, Jack Longman, Mike Whitlam and Marilyn Downs are all Directors.

Marilyn recently attended training with Michelle Humphreys about Local Giving, which is a crowd funding opportunity that Cemaes CIC has signed up for and this is something that Cemaes Boat Club could access as well.

Richard went on to thank Carys and her support by continuing to allow us to use The Vigour for meetings and events. It is also very positive news that CHA is welcome to use Piebron Farm until alternative storage is built! Richard recorded thanks to Dafydd Owen for this.

Links with the charity Hafal have been maintained and we will look to include further young people on sailings in this forthcoming season.

The Grant with Shell has been agreed and will shortly be sent to us. This is due to John Harrison being an ex-employee and can be accessed on an annual basis.

With forthcoming membership fees and lots of social fund-raising activities ahead, the Boat Club looks to be financially strong.

And we still have the Conwy Trip to look forward to!

Treasurer's Report

Simon presented a full set of accounts to everyone and reported that the balance at the end of the financial year was £3,272.70.

Income over outgoings for the year was approximately £1,000 and all large commitments had been met, including the cost of the website development and the storage of the boat at Peibron farm.

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

Proposed – Marilyn Downs

Seconded - Richard Downs

Membership Secretary

Sian reported that current membership stands at 53 in total. (13 Friends and 40 Members.)

This is an increase of 5 on the numbers reported at the previous AGM and it was agreed that the strategies that were put in place have had an impact, but this needs to continue. (Posters, Visiting Cards, Social Media, Website, etc.)

Sian went on to show some posters that she had designed and intended to put up. They needed some small alterations to reflect membership charges first.

Marilyn would send out notification to everyone to remind that membership fees are due from April 1st. Emails are received by Sian when payments are made, but Marilyn would contact Janet Cross at Monality and make arrangements for Simon to receive these as well. Marilyn would ask for people to use their name as reference when doing the Bank transfers so that Simon can cross-reference. **(Action MD)**

Sian offered to assist with anyone who wanted to call into the shop to do their membership application on-line for them. **(Action SJ)**

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

Proposed: Marilyn Downs

Seconded: Laura Downs

Secretary's Report

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

The new website had been a large project to undertake and it is looking very professional thanks to the super design skills of Janet Cross at Monality Marilyn reported that she had further work to put on the site about the history and that she will put on links with Old Gaffers Association and The National Ships Register.

The £350 Grant from Shell through our recommendation from John Harrison had also taken some time to register, but hopefully, this will be much easier if we are able to apply the following year as well.

Marilyn went on to suggest that Cemaes Boat Club registered and joined Local Giving, which is a charity that helps voluntary organisations attract donations. In Wales it is free for one year (normally the cost is about £95) and as a start-up, the first £200 of donations would be match funded. Donations also attract Gift Aid and it would mean that we would not need to pursue charitable status. Marilyn would set it up on behalf of the Boat Club. This was proposed by Simon, seconded by Steve and agreed by everyone present. **(Action MD)**

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

Seconded – Richard Downs

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	Laura Downs	Alwyn Kay
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Mike Whitlam	Marilyn Downs	Mike Thompson
<u>Treasurer</u>	Simon Drakley	Richard Downs	Sian Jones
<u>Minutes Secretary</u>	Marilyn Downs	Richard Downs	Mike Thompson
<u>Sales Officer</u>	Vacancy		
<u>Membership Secretary</u>	Sian Jones	Marilyn Downs	Richard Walton
<u>Training Officer (Sailing)</u>	Keith Muscott	Mike Thompson	Richard Downs
<u>Training Officer (Rowing)</u>	Simon Drakley	Laura Downs	Sian Jones
<u>Crewing Organiser</u>	Mike Thompson	Richard Walton	Janet Whitlam
<u>Boatswain</u>	Norman Mason	Steve Bray	Jack Longman

<u>Deputy Boatswains</u>	Jack Longman and Mike Whitlam		
<u>Publicity Officer</u>	Keith Muscott (supported by Richard Downs)	Keith Muscott Marilyn Downs	Steve Bray Richard Walton
<u>Website Manager</u>	Marilyn Downs (supported by Laura Downs)	Mike Thompson	Alwyn Kay
<u>Fundraising Officer</u>	Vacancy		
<u>Towing Master</u>	Alwyn Kay	Norman Mason	Simon Drakley

AOB

The Lifeboat Festival in Conwy (July 19/20) was briefly discussed and planning for this will proceed once a safe berth has been secured in the Conwy Marina. Alwyn noted the dates and will check if he is available for support with Kayotic.

Norman and Alwyn reported that Holyhead RNLI have expressed their interest in Cemaes Boat Club bringing CHA over to Holyhead. If necessary a swinging mooring can be arranged and the crew can be brought off with the club launch.

Simon discussed the issues that had been experienced while bringing the boat out at Amlwch Port last year. It was suggested that this October arrangements could be made to crane CHA out instead. The possible cost would be in the region of £500 and Norman and Alwyn would explore this by contacting Bob and Mark Frances.

At this point the AGM concluded (8.10pm) 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

Boatswain's Report

Norman reported that all big jobs have been done. The deck repairs are excellent and a further area will be replaced next year. Norman thanked everyone who had helped with the maintenance programme.

He raised a possible problem with the published launch date which may need to be changed to a slightly later day. He will confirm this as soon as possible so that any crew signed up for the launch can be notified. **(Action NM)**

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.

Marilyn gave a brief update about Cemaes Community Interest Company and the funding for the project. Planning permission has been granted and Cronfa Padrig have awarded a grant of £159,000 towards the purchase of Capel Bethlehem. A further funding stream

(WCVA) is also available and Cemaes CIC will be notified if it has been awarded this money in April. At this point, the purchase of the land and buildings will be able to proceed. Steve mentioned a forthcoming Heritage Workshop Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on June 7th in the Village Hall.

All interested people have been invited to come along and contribute and further invitations will include the general community. The meeting is to collect information and ideas about the CHA exhibition and artefacts and to find out what people want to see in the CHA Visitors Centre. Members of Cemaes Boat Club will also be welcome.

Laura suggested some useful contacts e.g. Llangefni archive, and would send over the details. Also the Watson library had given the Boat Club a book about the Watson Class boats.

Membership - Terms and Conditions

A discussion was held to clarify the £10 charge for one sail.

It would be publicized (via the website) that this £10 charge would be refunded from the cost of transfer to membership status. All agreed to this clarification.

Future Social Events:

- **Quiz - The Vigour (Thursday, 6th June)**
Richard and Marilyn will organize another Quiz Evening at The Vigour and publicise this through social media. (**Action RD/MD**)
- **Beach Party and Vintage Car Rally – (Saturday, 27th July)**
Marilyn will liaise with David Meecham who is organizing the Vintage Car Rally this year. (**Action MD**)

Hafal

Marilyn has re-contacted Hafal and will encourage them to engage with the sailing programme this year. (**Action MD**)

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th April