

Clwb Cychod Cemaes – Charles Henry Ashley – Cemaes Boat Club

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November, 2019 in The Vigour

Present:

Richard Downs (RD)
Marilyn Downs (MD)
David Thornton (DTh)
Ian Barnwell (IB)
Mike Thompson (MT)
Steve Bray (SB)

Apologies:

Mike Whitlam (MW)
Janet Whitlam (JW)
Norman Mason (NM)
Piers Beeland (PB)
Simon Drakley (SD)
Sian Jones (SJ)
Austin Stevenson (AS)
Alun Pari Hughes (APH)

Chairman's Welcome / review

Richard welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 14.10.19

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Ian Barnwell

Seconded: David Thornton

Matters Arising

- **Mike Thompson CHA Lecture on 23rd January 2020**

David suggested that this could be held at **Llanfechell Café** and that he would make enquiries about the date and the possible use of a screen and projector.

(Action DT)

Marilyn will send her slide show about CHA to Mike and also advertise as soon as the venue is confirmed. **(Action MD)**

- **Progress with The Firs**

There is no further information about this yet.

All other matters arising would be dealt with through the agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Simon did not attend the meeting, but the previous balance reported on 14.10.19 was **£5,518.47**.

Boatswain's Report

- Boat Lift Out

After some discussion about the lift-out, it was agreed that some notes for the forthcoming CHA Manual would be helpful in order that further lift-outs could follow good practice. In this way, different crew would be able to repeat the actions.

Ian offered to send in his observations about areas that he felt could be improved. **(Action IB)**

Richard would check with the Insurance Policy to ensure that the activity was fully covered. **(Action RD)**

Ian and David both expressed their concern that the condition of the trailer was very poor and not fully roadworthy. This would be discussed in detail before the boat is moved again and appropriate actions to remedy or replace agreed.

- Keel inspection

Mike T reported that the Coxswain of the Holyhead Lifeboat had offered to tow CHA around to Holyhead so that an inspection could take place.

- The rigging and ropes would be inspected and replaced as necessary during maintenance and a pulley system for the masts organised before the next mast lift.

The future movement of masts needs to be discussed and agreed with the Boatswains and Coxswains so that a clear system can be sorted. If this is practised and photographed, this could then be put into the Manual. Marilyn will try and organize a meeting / email discussion as appropriate so that a small working party can agree the way forward. **(Action MD)**

Secretary's Report

Marilyn reported on the CHA Local Giving Page. The money raised through this portal so far is £392.50. This includes Match Funding of £134 and Gift Aid of £24.50. There is a small cost where Local Giving deducts a fee for their services – to date this is £15.56. At the moment, the page is free until May 2020 when we would be charged £75 if we decide to continue with it.

Marilyn also reported that she has been in touch with John Harrison, who very kindly supported us through his past employee connections with Shell. This enabled us to apply for a grant of £350, which we received this year. Marilyn will re-apply in January 2020. **(Action MD)**

Membership Secretary's Report

Sian reported that we now have:

46 full members

11 friends

7 x 1 day sails

Website / Facebook report

Website update:

Marilyn reported that she will be working on this over the winter months and discussing improvements with Janet at Monality as discussed at our last meeting.

Facebook update:

This is regularly kept updated and all social events are advertised.

Cemaes CIC update

Cemaes CIC is still waiting for the confirmation regarding the purchase of Capel Bethlehem.

As the Capel Bethlehem building project will now be phased, where the development of the Heritage Centre/Boathouse will be Phase 2, a joint meeting was suggested for December 5th with the Directors of CCIC so that a full update on the proposal can be given.

Marilyn reported on the visit by Keith Fitton to the CCIC meeting held on 15th October. (Also attending were David Williams and Walter Thompson). They presented their idea of developing a Boathouse and Café at the far end of Cemaes Beach and showed some hand drawings of their idea. The CCIC Directors asked whether Cemaes Boat Club knew about this proposal and suggested that they should contact the Club officially and present a full business plan and financial strategy in order that the proposal could be properly evaluated. In the meantime, Cemaes Boat Club is fully committed to the Capel Bethlehem Project, which has so far taken two years in its development.

Future Events:

- **Christmas Dinner – 7th December – The Gadlys – 7.00pm**

£17.95 for 2 courses £21.95 for 3 courses

Marilyn has sent out the menus and received a number of bookings (35 so far). She has paid a deposit of £400 and will send out a reminder email with a request for donations for the raffle. (**Action MD**)

AOB

- **Core Crew Training**

Richard has given out the papers as necessary. It's now up to the working party to discuss and make recommendations before the end of February. (**Action PB, BT, MW, MT, KM**) Marilyn will arrange any email correspondence on their behalf.

Photos would be a useful tool to help with the document, which can again form part of the CHA Manual.

- Remembrance Day Wreath for CHA. Richard will present this on behalf of the Boat Club. (**Action RD**)
- CHA Stock – Marilyn reported that there is very little stock left now, but that we also need a new supplier. David offered to visit Amlwch to price up their stock. (**Action DT**)
- Ian and David mentioned the importance of trying to encourage young people to take part in Cemaes Boat Club. It was agreed to try to develop this aim further for 2020. Marilyn would contact Hafal again. (**Action MD**) Piers would be asked to investigate whether the Sea Scouts would be interested. (**Action PB**) Stuart Wallace would be asked about any interest from outward bounds groups. (**Action SB**) Marilyn will investigate whether there is an opportunity to look at some lighter weight training oars. (**Action MD**)

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Next Boat Club Meetings in The Vigour:

Thursday 5th December with Cemaes CIC at 7.00pm

MD: 13 /11/19