

**Cemaes Boat Club - Clwb Cychod Cemaes**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021**

**Present:**

Richard Downs  
Marilyn Downs  
Sian Jones  
Jack Longman  
Laura Downs  
Simon Drakley  
Richard Walton  
Mike Thompson  
Keith Muscott  
Piers Beeland  
Sue Beeland

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Steve Bray, Elfed Jones, Gerallt Jones, Norman Mason, Kath Mobbs, Ian Mobbs , Alun Pari Huws, Austin Stevenson, Mike Whitlam, Janet Whitlam

**2. Acceptance of previous AGM Reports (2019 and 2020 - available on website)**

Proposed : Mike Thompson Seconded: Keith Muscott

**3. Chairman's Report**

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He recorded his special thanks to the maintenance team who had re-commenced work at Peibron Farm now that the Covid 19 regulations were allowing small groups to work together outside. Richard minuted his thanks to Dafydd Owen for enabling the boat to be stored at the farm for all this time on a secure site, and for now allowing a small team to pursue the maintenance programme.

It has been a particularly difficult two years for the Boat Club and as we come out of lockdown we will be able to go forward and make it our ultimate aim to get Charles Henry Ashley back in the water for 2022.

Richard also minuted his thanks to Carys for enabling Cemaes Boat Club to hold the AGM meeting inside with appropriate safety restrictions. Carys's support for the Club has been steadfast over the years and we are very grateful for this.

The number of members has reduced over the past year - possibly because there has been no

sailing - and there has been a consequent reduction in Boat Club funds, especially as no social or fund-raising events have been allowed. As we look towards 2022, we should plan for an exciting re-launch.

Future meetings for members can now be arranged and Richard is happy to host these outside in the garden if the weather is good.

Richard finished by encouraging members to support the Cemaes CIC's Bonus Ball games and to attend the Outdoor Sales events at Capel Bethlehem.

At this point, Simon Drakley gave a brief report on the work of the maintenance team and explained that the stern has been repaired using mahogany. Norman Mason is currently well enough to take part and has been supported in the work by Simon Drakley, Richard Walton, Gerallt Jones, Mike Thompson and Steve Bray.

Gerallt has machined the rudder fittings and made new bolts and tooling to fit them. Alun Pari Huws will also be assisting by ensuring the work is completed on the inside of the boat. It now only requires one more piece to line everything up before it is all sorted and painting and varnishing can be undertaken. Marilyn mentioned that Alun Pari Huws had contacted the Boat Club to offer his assistance when the inside of the boat requires work as he will need to crawl below decks! Alun especially wanted to record his thanks to Simon for his assistance, with Norman, in keeping the maintenance going.

Simon reported that Norman wished to record his concern that the CHA ropes had been required to be lifted from the harbour. The Harbour Committee had decided that as CHA would not be using the mooring this season, the space was needed for other boats and that the ropes would need to be removed.

This will mean that the ropes will now require re-laying before CHA can be launched in 2022.

Richard reported his subsequent communications with the Secretary of the Harbour Committee, Tim Turner, who had explained the liability of other boats using the CHA moorings, but who had given the Harbour Committee's minuted assurance that the ropes will be relaid by them before CHA is returned to the water next season.

#### **4. Treasurer's AGM Report**

Simon reported the accounts to the meeting.

On 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 the balance was £2,962.76.

The cost of boat storage for two years is £1,800.

The insurance at £387.45 is slightly cheaper as the boat is not in the water, but he has kept the policy with Bay Marine for continuity purposes. If we wished to change to a different provider, it would require a boat inspection, which is not really appropriate at the moment.

Simon mentioned that he thought the cost of the website was quite expensive, but there was general agreement that this was still a very useful way of making sure that information about

Charles Henry Ashley reaches a worldwide audience. Once the boat is back in the water, this is the best way to organise the sailing dates and crew. It was agreed that a Crewing organiser was no longer required because the booking system would enable the Coxswain of the day to see which crew were available.

Other expenses have been for necessary boat maintenance and a new cover for the boat has been purchased to keep it clean.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

Marilyn had received many kind messages of support following her diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer and she thanked everyone who had been in touch. It was a difficult time, as it was for everyone else during lockdown. However, the treatment has concluded successfully and she reported that Richard was accompanying her on a walk on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June to raise money for 'Maggie's' – a cancer support centre that had been particularly helpful during her radiotherapy course.

Marilyn explained that it had been difficult to be proactive about Cemaes Boat Club business because Covid 19 regulations required us to stay away from Cemaes for over six months. However, now that the AGM has been able to move things forward, Marilyn will look at putting more news about CHA onto the website and social media.

## **6. Membership Secretary's Report**

Sian reported that last year's membership was quite low and that since April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, the membership stood at 25 full members and 4 friends.

Kath and Ian Mobbs had generously given a large donation through the Local Giving link which enables Gift Aid to be added. It was agreed that they should also receive honorary membership.

## **7. Appointment of Officers**

The following Officers were appointed to manage the business of Cemaes Boat Club according to the agreed constitution for the next year 2021-2022.

Chairman	Richard Downs Proposed Mike Thompson : Seconded Sue Beeland
Vice Chairman	Mike Thompson Proposed Richard Downs : Seconded Marilyn Downs
Treasurer	Simon Drakley Proposed Richard Downs : Seconded Sian Jones
Boatswain	Norman Mason Proposed Simon Drakley : Seconded Mike Thompson
Minutes Secretary	Marilyn Downs Proposed Sue Beeland : Seconded Laura Downs
Membership Secretary	Sian Jones Proposed Richard Downs : Seconded Keith Muscott

Training Officer (Sailing)	Keith Muscott Proposed Jack Longman : Seconded Richard Downs
Training Officer (Rowing)	Simon Drakley Proposed Marilyn Downs : Seconded Mike Thompson
Deputy Boatswains	Mike Whitlam, Jack Longman Proposed Richard Downs : Seconded Mike Thompson
Publicity Officers	Keith Muscott, Richard Downs Proposed Marilyn Downs : Seconded Sue Beeland
Website Manager	Marilyn Downs supported by Sian Jones Proposed Richard Walton : Seconded Laura Downs
Fundraising Officer	Vacancy
Sales Officer	Vacancy

Piers suggested that this would be an appropriate time to make sure that there are members who could 'shadow' the officers roles in order to plan for succession and some people offered to undertake this.

## 8. Any Other Notified Business

- **Report from Cemaes Community Interest Company (confidential)**

A report was distributed to all present about the work and progress of Cemaes Community Interest Company and the Capel Bethlehem Project. At the time of writing, Cemaes CIC was awaiting further drawings and information from the architect about the scheme and the impact of the position of retaining walls on the embankment. As soon as this information is received, a meeting will be arranged with members of Cemaes Boat Club.

- **Lease arrangements for The Firs**

The proposal was put to the meeting - and the draft points from Jon Cornelius' (solicitor) recent email explained.

There was considerable discussion that focused around the difficulties of taking on the lease. This included -

The personal liability difficulties

The assets of the Boat Club that could be lost - and did this include the Charles Henry Ashley Lifeboat.

The problems regarding lack of water and electricity, access and security.

It was eventually decided by a vote (10:1) that the lease at it stands should not be signed unless a better arrangement could be offered by Horizon. (There were 11 voting members present and the meeting was quorate with more than 25% of the members present. Membership is currently 31.)

All present appreciated that there has been every effort to try and facilitate the lease, but the complexities of taking on the responsibilities involved were too onerous.

## **AOB**

- Simon reported that there was a proposal to paint CHA white as before, but to then paint red anti-fouling below the waterline to assist with the preservation of the wood. This was agreed.
- Marilyn suggested that as there was not going to be a Beach Party this year, that we could possibly coordinate with all the other community groups and hold a fund-raising day. Marilyn would make contact and report back. Eirlys Mason has offered to run a Tombola Stall if an event is organised.
- Jack offered to run a CHA stall at Mona Showground at the Bank Holiday.
- Marilyn offered to find out about more information and costs for logoed advertising banners/flags for CHA.

Meeting concluded at 9.00pm

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