

Cemaes Boat Club

Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 12th October, 2021

Present:

Richard Downs

Marilyn Downs

Simon Drakley

Gerallt Jones

Richard Walton

Keith Muscott

Mike Thompson

Robin Thompson in attendance

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

2. Apologies for absence were received from:

Norman Mason, Austin Stevenson, David Thornton, Alun Pari Huws, Piers Beeland, Sue Beeland, Janet Whitlam, Mike Whitlam, Steve Bray, Sian Jones, Jack Longman.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (22.9.21):

All who had attended agreed that the minutes were accurate. They are available to read on the website.

Proposed: Richard Walton Seconded: Simon Drakley

4. Matters arising:

- Newsletter – Richard reported that he had written a news bulletin and that Marilyn had now published this as an Autumn update on the website and Facebook Page.
- CCIC response – Richard reported that the response from Cemaes CIC had been positive and that they were now pursuing alternative options. This had also been published on their Facebook Page so that the community had been informed about the necessary change of direction.
- Noticeboards and donation box – Richard reported that we are still awaiting a decision from the council and will proceed once permission is granted.
Richard asked for assistance when we are ready to install.

- Advertising flags/banners – Simon reported that he is seeing his contact about this tomorrow. Gerallt has the 'pull up' display unit with him and will pass over to Simon after the meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Simon reported that there is £3682.44 in the current account. A donation had been received from the Local Giving link.

6. Boatswain's Report

- Saturday maintenance has progressed really well and a significant amount of work completed. Richard reported that he had visited and was very impressed with the progress of the team. Simon reported that CHA is now being varnished and the bow and stern have received their first coat of paint.

7. Secretary's Report

- Marilyn reported that she had made an application to Local Giving for a 'Magic Grant' of £500. If granted, this could be used to put on a community event with a guest speaker (as suggested by Gerallt at the last meeting) to encourage participation in sailing/rowing activities on CHA. Marilyn will make enquiries about costs of speakers, etc.

During the winter months, Mike Thompson also offered to give a lecture on CHA or NCI. Simon suggested that there might also be interest in a talk about MonSar.

8. Membership Secretary's Report

- Sian had sent a report that membership numbers are the same as at the previous meeting:

Full members 26	Friends 8	Total 34
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9. Website / Facebook Report

- Marilyn reported that she had updated the website with Richard's Newsletter – this links with the CHA Facebook page. She went on to explain that she had sent out the CCIC Facebook post at the same time to coordinate the dissemination of information.

10. Future events:

- Christmas Dinner – The Gadlys - December 11th.
Marilyn will ask for provisional bookings and send out menus and further details as soon as possible to all members. Gerallt suggested that this is an opportunity to also try and get people who aren't members or friends to sign up on the night by leaving a pen and membership notice on each table.

11. A.O.B.

- Remembrance Day. A wreath will be laid on behalf of the CHA by Richard on Remembrance Day. A donation of £20 to 'Poppy Appeal KNA10' funds will be passed by Simon to Sian for collection by Piers, who will leave the wreath for eventual collection by Richard at The Gallery.
Mike Thompson reported that he will be taking the Service at church then at Cemaes Cenotaph.
- RNLI Bi-Centennial 2024.
Richard informed everyone about the RNLI Bi-Centennial, and referenced a previous email from Alun Pari Huws and the RNLI magazine. There was an enthusiastic discussion about possible activities that CHA could become involved in, including taking CHA across to Llandudno, organising a sponsored relay of rowing with RNLI crew from different stations around the island, setting up a special event in Cemaes Bay in association with the local RNLI group.
It was felt that as CHA is a historic RNLI lifeboat that there could be a lot of media interest in jointly organised events.
Marilyn will write to all the different RNLI stations with possible suggestions offering the Boat Club's engagement and participation in possible joint activities.
- The Firs
Richard reported that a further offer had now been received from Horizon that was seen by the solicitor as a much better lease arrangement. They are still very keen to offer the site for community use. Rather than refuse, it was suggested that a visit to the site should be arranged so that an informed response could be made to this latest offer.

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th November – 7.00pm The Vigour