

Cemaes Boat Club

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 22nd September, 2021

Present:

Richard Downs
Marilyn Downs
Simon Drakley
Gerallt Jones
Steve Bray
Sian Jones
Jack Longman
Piers Beeland
Richard Walton
Mike Thompson

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from:
Janet Whitlam, Mike Whitlam, Sue Beeland, Ian Smith, Elfed Jones, Norman Mason, Austin Stevenson, David Thornton, Ian Mobbs, Kath Mobbs, Morg Flooks, Nigel Flooks.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
All who had attended agreed that the minutes were accurate. They are available to read on the website (apart from the confidential item re Cemaes CIC which had been sent to Cemaes Boat Club members only).
Proposed: Steve Bray Seconded: Richard Walton
4. Matters arising:
 - Noticeboards and donation box
Marilyn reported the situation regarding Cemaes Boat Club notices and the refusal to include them in the Harbour Noticeboard. She has therefore now written to Llanbadrig Council to ask permission to install Cemaes Boat Club noticeboards (and collection boxes) on the beach kiosk and harbour wall next to the CHA information boards. Depending on the decision, work will commence in the next month.
 - Contact with National Historic Ships UK
Marilyn reported on the progress with the Marsh Volunteer Award, which she completed nominating Norman Mason.

5. Cemaes CIC (confidential item)

- A discussion took place about the Boat Club's relationship with Cemaes CIC and the Capel Bethlehem project.

Due to the problem with the additional retaining wall, the size of the Visitors' Centre is significantly reduced and will only accommodate the CHA with no space around it for any heritage display. This has an impact on the business plan and subsequently reduces the financial income that can support the future of the project.

The restricted space around the boat will also make any winter maintenance work impossible.

Cemaes Boat Club thanked Cemaes CIC – and in particular Michelle Humphreys – for all their hard work and commitment to develop the project. Everyone recognised that it was impossible to pursue the original aim due to the unexpected results of the survey that required the additional retaining wall.

A variety of alternative possibilities were discussed, but it was eventually proposed that it would be in the best interests of both groups if Cemaes Boat Club withdrew from the Capel Bethlehem project.

This would enable Cemaes CIC to explore other ways of funding the project.

Simon Drakley proposed the motion, which was seconded by Steve Bray.

9 voted in favour of the proposal and there was 1 abstention.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Simon reported on the success of the recent Tombola which raised nearly £300. Everyone was thanked for their generous donations and hard work – in particular Eirlys Mason.
- There is £3648.72 in the current account.

7. Boatswain's Report

- Both Norman and Simon reported on the tremendous work that the maintenance team have done over the past months. Richard had spoken to Norman on the phone – and Simon reported directly to the meeting.

Work on the stern and prow has been finished. Areas have been oiled and varnished. The rubbing strakes have been repaired.

The next task will be to paint the areas that have been repaired. The fenders have all been successfully cleaned by Wally and Alun. There is some work to be done on the tender.

The boat will need to be pulled out of the shed at Peibron Farm in order to re-fit the tiller. (Norman and Simon will speak to Dafydd Owen about this.)

It is proposed to ask Mike Fox to come and undertake a boat survey before she is re-launched next year.

8. Secretary's Report

- Marilyn had nothing to report as all items had already been discussed under matters arising.

9. Membership Secretary's Report

- Membership numbers are the same as at the previous meeting:

Full members 26 Friends 8 Total 34

10. Website / Facebook Report

- Marilyn reported that Janet Cross had generously waived the website maintenance fee for this last session due to the lack of fund-raising that Cemaes Boat Club had been able to do over the past year.

11. Future events:

- Christmas Dinner – The Gadlys for Dec 11th.
Marilyn will send out menus and further details nearer the date. Unfortunately, rooms at the Gadlys are now very expensive and only three family rooms remain for this date. A number of members are planning to stay at The Harbour instead.

12. A.O.B.

- Lifejackets – Marilyn reminded everyone that £550 given from Magnox (match funded) for lifejackets would need to be spent. However, the price has escalated as supplies have become difficult to source.
It was suggested that if there is a shortfall, we could apply for the difference to Cronfa Padrig

- Richard's news article has still not been written, but he will complete one as soon as possible. Simon offered to share photographs of maintenance with Historic Lifeboats Facebook page.
- Piers reported that he has organised a poppy wreath for Cemaes Boat Club to present on Remembrance Day.
- Advertising banners – Simon suggested a bilingual roller blind 'pull up'. Gerallt has one that he kindly offered to donate and Simon reported that he had a contact who could replace the material and add suitable graphics. Simon also offered to research the cost of 'feathers/flags' which might be more suitable for outdoor occasions.
- Mike Thompson reported that local MPs are keen to support the community. Piers suggested that the new Station Commander RAF Valley would possibly be interested. It was decided that the Boat Club should invite them to the re-launch in 2022.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th October – 7.00pm The Vigour

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

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