

Cemaes Boat Club

Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 16th November, 2021

Present:

Richard Downs
Marilyn Downs
Gerallt Jones
Mike Thompson
Sian Jones
Steve Bray
Jack Longman

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

2. Apologies for absence were received from:

Norman Mason, Simon Drakeley, Richard Walton, Alun Pari Huws, Piers Beeland, Sue Beeland, Janet Whitlam, Elfed Jones

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (12.10.21):

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

Proposed: Steve Bray Seconded: Sian Jones

4. Matters arising:

- Remembrance Day: Richard had presented a wreath on behalf of Cemaes Boat Club and he thanked Mike Thompson who had conducted the service at the church before coming down to the Cenotaph. He reported that a number of Cemaes community groups also presented poppy wreaths and that there was a really good attendance.
Mike thanked Jack Longman and Steve Woodhouse who had cleaned and prepared the area in advance and had assisted with the service.
- Noticeboards and donation box – Richard reported that there had been a positive decision from the council and that two boards have now been ordered (£368.64). Simon has offered his assistance when we are ready to install.
- Advertising flags/banners – Simon reported that the pull up display unit will cost just over £40 to replace. He will look at prices for a 'sail type' unit and report back. (Richard reported that his own enquiries

were about £160 plus vat). Marilyn offered to look at possible design ideas.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Simon reported that there is £1882.44 in the current account.
- Not included in this total is a donation that has been received from the 'Local Giving Magic Grant' of £500.
- The cost of the poppy wreath was generously donated by Elfed.

6. Boatswain's Report

- Mike reported that painting is under way. The rudder is now in situ but there is some work on the bottom of the rudder to do. The tiller also needs a bit of work. Simon has taken out some rot and it is being filled.

The interior is looking very good. Seats are varnished, plus the floor.

Mike requested that it would be useful if Piers could be there to offer assistance/advice with the rigging when it is checked . Mike Fox will need to undertake a survey when all the maintenance is completed and there will be a financial cost for this to be met.

7. Secretary's Report

- Marilyn reported that she had written to Mr. Robert Williams at Neuadd Farm. This was to explore the possibility of Cemaes Boat Club building a boathouse on the farm's land at the far end of the beach. The response from Mr. Williams was very supportive. He had consulted with his family and responded that it was okay for the Club to explore the possibility of erecting a boathouse there. This generous offer could provide the Boat Club with a long term project to achieve a boathouse in a really suitable location. Marilyn had written back to Mr. Williams to thank him and highlight the type of building that could be achieved.
- Marilyn reported that she had responded to a request from Hempel Paints to provide an endorsement for their charitable report.

8. Membership Secretary's Report

- Sian reported that membership numbers had increased:

Full members 27 Friends 8 Total 34

Gerallt requested that Peter Hammond (recent joiner) would be sent information by Marilyn about the Christmas Dinner.

9. Website / Facebook Report

- Marilyn reported that she had put a Facebook post on for Remembrance Day and also photographs of the Remembrance Day Service.

10. Future events:

- Christmas Dinner – The Gadlys - December 11th.

So far there are 19 members and friends signed up and Marilyn will now extend invitations to the wider community and supporters. Marilyn thanked everyone who had brought raffle prizes and suggested that the raffle could be extended to include on-line participation so that more money could be raised rather than just relying on those who were present. She would promote this through social media and ask for £5 for 5 numbers that could be paid either by bank transfer or by dropping the money into the Gallery with Sian.

There were a good number of raffle prizes, but Marilyn and Richard would ask local businesses for their support as well.

- Recruitment Event using Magic Grant. This grant is to be used to promote physical activity and can be used to promote membership. To that end, Cemaes Boat Club would look to set up a special event in March 2022.

Possible speakers had been discussed at a previous meeting.

Gerallt offered to explore the possibility of inviting Dilwyn Morgan and Marilyn will make enquiries about inviting a representative of the RNLI. The evening could be located at a local hotel, with refreshments provided during an interval. The evening would also need to be advertised widely.

11. A.O.B.

- The Firs
Steve Bray had organised a site visit for Marilyn, Richard and Simon on Monday, 15th November. As a result they were able to see what a positive benefit this location could be. They reported that the site was large, dry and well maintained and would provide a very suitable location for the boat. Simon had previously had a discussion with Dafydd Owen, who is planning to develop the buildings that CHA currently uses, so it would be an opportune time to arrange to take on the lease.

After some discussion, it was agreed to go ahead and arrange this. Steve would contact Horizon to set this in motion.

The absence of water and electricity could be rectified by using a water storage system and a generator. Marilyn suggested that Cemaes Boat Club could approach Cronfa Padrig to assist with the purchase of these items, plus any additional requirements such as security cameras. The Boat Club's insurance would also need to be altered accordingly.

- The Noust Boathouse Project

Marilyn shared with the meeting some photographs of the Noust Boathouse Project which had taken place on Tiree in Scotland. This was a community based project that demonstrates how it could be possible to create a boathouse that would not be too costly. Marilyn offered to continue exploring this idea to gather further information.

The following link can be used to read about it and view images.

[The Noust Boathouse | AJ Buildings Library](#)

- RNLI Bi-Centennial 2024.

Marilyn reported that she had not yet written to all the different RNLI stations offering the Boat Club's engagement and participation in possible joint activities, but would do so as soon as she could.

12. Date of next meeting: Monday 13th December – 7.00pm The Vigour