

Cemaes Boat Club - Clwb Cychod Cemaes
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 5th April, 2022

Present:

Richard Downs

Marilyn Downs

Sian Jones

Elfed Jones

Laura Downs

Graham Booth

Simon Drakley

Mike Thompson

Gerallt Jones

Richard Walton

Piers Beeland

1. Apologies for Absence

Peter Hammond, Jack Longman, Keith Muscott, Steve Bray, Norman Mason, Morg Flocks, Nigel Flocks, Alun Pari Huws, Austin Stevenson, Mike Whitlam, Janet Whitlam, Sue Beeland.

2. Acceptance of previous AGM Report (9.6.2020 - available on website)

Proposed : Sian Jones

Seconded: Laura Downs

3. Chairman's Report

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

'They say that every cloud has a silver lining and although the CHA has been out of the water for the past two seasons, it has also been beneficial to us, giving ample time to really get to grips with repairs under the guidance of our veteran Boatswain, Norman Mason.

Thanks once again to the team who have worked all year on the boat, Simon Drakley, Steve Bray, Richard Walton, Mike Thompson, Paul Beales, Graham Booth and Alun Parry Huws. Special mention for Gerallt Jones for the invaluable donations he has made by fabricating parts for the boat and his continued attendance at meetings. I'd also like to thank those other officers and members who have supported and attended our meetings during the year, especially Marilyn, our Secretary and Sian Jones, our membership secretary, not forgetting the sterling work of our Treasurer, Simon Drakley.

At the conclusion of the maintenance, Mike Fox has inspected the boat, as is required for our insurance and said that it was in good order and that the standing rigging was good for another 12 years. (Let's hope that we can sail the boat for that long!)

We are planning that Charles Henry Ashley will return to the harbour on Tuesday, 3rd May.

Mooring ropes will need to be relaid first and Norman will be supervising this work. Sailing dates have been planned thanks to Mike Thompson's assistance and will be released on the website from April 1st so that crews can start to book (and membership fees for the 2022 year collected).

Our membership has to some extent dwindled over the lockdown period, as to be expected, but now is the time to renew and we hope that everyone will do so as from April 1st.

Thanks also to Carys for allowing us to continue having our meetings, at no charge, in the Vigour hotel, our spiritual home.

During the year, we parted company on the best of terms from Cemaes CIC, for reasons explained in detail on the website and in the minutes of monthly meetings since last summer. Therefore, Marilyn has progressed the possibility of eventually building our own boathouse on land at Neuadd Farm land, using techniques pioneered by the Noust Boathouse project in Tiree, Scotland. She has been in contact with Architects from the North Wales Society of Architecture and Kirsty Cassels from HOME (who was part of the Noust project) who have put her into direct contact with the relevant people to further the scheme and apply for possible grants.

In the meantime, we have obtained our long delayed occupancy of the Firs, having overcome the legal obstacles that originally prevented us from signing the lease. A great deal of work behind the scenes by Steve Bray – and the support of members of Llanbadrig Council – helped this achievement. This has come at the most opportune time, as Daffyd Owen is wanting to develop our present storage at Peibron Farm.

Horizon have been very generous with their terms, not only offering us the building but also paying for our solicitors. They have also given us two steel welding tables and two large wooden ones for our projects. I'd also like to thank Gareth Mason for transporting these for us. Steve Bray has compiled a wish list of items including water storage equipment and a generator which he has submitted to Cronfa Padrig as an application for funding assistance.

Our own weather proof notice boards have been purchased and hopefully by now will have been installed on the harbour wall and on the café in the car park by the firm of T. J. Pritchard and sons, whom we wish to thank as well.

The Boat Club was represented on Remembrance Day in November, with the presentation of a wreath at the village War Memorial, whilst the open air service was conducted by our own Mike Thompson.

Even though we have been in lock down, as the community started to open up, we have been able to put on the occasional social fundraiser and thanks to Eirlys Mason and her team of volunteers, the Tombola Stall in August made nearly £300 towards much need funds. We were also able to host a Christmas Dinner at The Gadlys – and a raffle on the night helped to raise another much needed £200.

The next, crucially big event is on FRIDAY MAY 13th, when we host Dilwyn Morgan, S4C TV and Radio Cymru personality, at the Gadlys Hotel for an evening of humorous anecdotes, partly but not exclusively, to do with his sailing experiences. Tickets will be £18 per head, which includes a sit down meal, a raffle and the chance to boost Boat Club funds. Please check the website or apply to Marilyn

now and buy tickets for your friends and family as well. If you use social media, please publicise. The room is limited to 50 people, so it's a case of first come, first served.

It only remains for me to thank you all once again for coming and I hope we have a fabulous summer. See you on the water!

At the end of Richard's report the current Constitution was formally agreed.

4. Treasurer's AGM Report

Simon reported the accounts to the meeting.

On 31st March, 2022 the balance was £2,230.58

The cost of boat storage for two years has been paid as have outstanding bills.

After the agreement to change bank accounts, Simon will start to explore a transfer to Lloyds Bank where an account can be set up with no charges.

5. Boatswain's Report

Simon reported that Mike Fox has been to look at the boat.

There are still a couple of soft spots above the water line where water has come in behind the banding and created some slight problems. As a result, it may be possible to extend the length of the tender's mooring so that crew can get on board amidships.

Mike Fox has signed off the work that has been done. Rigging checks were very optimistic and standards good. There is a patch on the decking that will need replacing and when CHA is taken out in the Autumn and stored at The Firs, a thorough search will take place to identify any further areas for repair. Simon is happy for CHA to be sailed this year but not in any rough weather.

6. Secretary's Report

Marilyn had received many kind messages of support after she reported her diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer in 2020. She has been successfully signed off last October apart from daily medication. A fundraising walk for Maggie's Manchester raised £625 (plus an extra £128.75 Gift Aid!)

Marilyn reported how she tried to keep everyone up to date with news items and sending out emails. This is easy when all members are signed up via the website because she can use MailChimp which is linked to all subscribers (72).

Sailing dates have been prepared and the full list is now on the website.

After the AGM, this will go live ready for bookings to be placed. Janet Cross will be testing that the new system works without any glitches.

Marilyn will also request payments for this year's membership. The form has been updated and has been put on the website by Janet Cross.

Marilyn reported on a lovely email received from Bruce Brunning about his father's model of the CHA. This will make an interesting article for the website and she will write this up.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Sian reported that last year's membership was quite low and that since April 1st 2021, the membership stands at 28 full members and 8 friends. Total 36.

It was agreed that two members who have paid Full Membership later in the year should be carried over into 2022. (Peter Beales and Graham Booth)

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 2022-2023.

Chairman	Richard Downs Proposed Simon Drakley : Seconded Mike Thompson
Vice Chairman	Mike Thompson Proposed Marilyn Downs : Seconded Sian Jones
Treasurer	Simon Drakley Proposed Elfed Jones : Seconded Gerallt Jones
Boatswain	Norman Mason Proposed Simon Drakley : Seconded Mike Thompson
Minutes Secretary	Marilyn Downs Proposed Laura Downs : Seconded Simon Drakley
Membership Secretary	Sian Jones Proposed MikeThompson : Seconded Marilyn Downs
Training Officer (Sailing)	Keith Muscott Proposed Richard Downs : Seconded Marilyn Downs
Training Officer (Rowing)	Simon Drakley Proposed Richard Downs : Seconded MikeThompson
Deputy Boatswains	Steve Bray, Jack Longman Proposed Sian Jones : Seconded Laura Downs
Publicity Officers	Keith Muscott, Richard Downs Proposed Marilyn Downs : Seconded Mike Thompson
Website Manager	Marilyn Downs (supported by Sian Jones) Proposed Gerallt Jones : Seconded Laura Downs
Fundraising Officer	Vacancy
Sales Officer	Vacancy

8. Any Other Notified Business

- **Recruitment Event: Dilwyn Morgan at The Gadlys on Friday, 13th May at 7.00pm**
Posters have been printed, Facebook pages have been set up, Members have been emailed, and Website news updated. Tickets have been printed and Sian will now sell these at The Gallery. We want to encourage non-members to attend as much as possible because we want to recruit new members.

Marilyn is organising a raffle and searching for some good prizes from businesses a bit further afield, but other contributions are welcome.

Marilyn will send posters to all sailing groups and ask them to put a poster up on their noticeboards or to pass on to their members.

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- Discussion took place regarding crew contact lists and the easiest way to manage this.
- It was agreed that practice will be necessary for all skills and as many opportunities taken as possible to familiarise and enhance.
- A suggestion was made that a little outboard for the tender might be useful.
- Another suggestion was for Postcards / Pictures / Prints / Historic pictures.

Meeting concluded at 8.15pm with sausages in rolls!

Date of next meeting for Cemaes Boat Club will be Wednesday, 11th May in The Vigour