

**Cemaes Boat Club**  
**Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**  
**At The Firs**

**Present:**

Richard Downs  
Marilyn Downs  
Graham Booth  
Simon Drakley  
Mike Thompson  
Steve Bray  
Alan Thomas  
Gerallt Jones  
Richard Walton  
Sue Beeland  
Piers Beeland  
Norman Mason  
Louise Burman

1. Richard welcomed everyone to The Firs and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from:  
Sian Jones, Elfed Jones, Alun Pari Huws
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (1.8.22):  
  
All who had attended agreed that the minutes were accurate. They are available to read on the website.  
Proposed: Steve Bray                      Seconded: Alan Thomas
4. Matters arising:
  - Banners – Simon will get prices and report back.
  - Mike made a suggestion that CHA should carry a fire extinguisher.  
After some discussion, it was resolved that it may not be necessary.
5. Special Agenda Item - Action Planning for the future

The Proposed Action Plan for the future of Cemaes Boat Club that had been prepared by Graham Booth and Steve Bray was discussed.  
The following suggestions and views were raised:

- Training sessions could take place in The Firs
- Alun Pari Huws diagram of CHA could be put on display at The Firs plus other display boards for training purposes. These could be replicated onto the website as a Training page.
- Health and Safety audit sheets could be published on-line.
- Membership issues. There is already a structure to promote membership that is working better and has increased membership this year, but there is a need to spread the net wider. e.g. approach sailing clubs, sea scouts, etc.
- Visibility of the boat needs to be improved
- RNLI 200 years' celebrations are an opportunity to promote CHA. Phil Hen has offered to video with the drone and this footage could be shared
- Need to reassess people's skills so that they can take on some of these additional roles
- Set up some sub-committees who can pursue elements of development
- Mike Fox survey of boat may show up some problems that need to be repaired and this will set the programme for maintenance and an appropriate repair scheme can then be set up. CHA may require a lift at Holyhead Boatyard to inspect the keel. Norman and Simon would investigate this.
- Consideration of sponsorship to cover expensive schemes.
- Marketing strategies were discussed. A corporate image would be more professional. Clothing, mugs, etc. Website could take over the sales.
- All publicity materials can be stored at The Firs for ease of access.
- Lectures and talks can be scheduled into an annual programme.
- The Annual General Meeting will need to record any changes in the structure of the organisation – sub committees, new roles, etc.
- Graham and Steve will coordinate all of this and contact every member separately to collect all ideas and suggestions.

## 6. Treasurer's Report:

Following recent fund raising events at the Beach Party and Carnival, the bank account is now £13,171.03.

There will also be a 'Walk the Plank' donation. (We will need to alert people that filming will be coming on BBC Countryfile.)

## 7. Boatswain's Report:

The provisional date to take CHA out is the last weekend in September (date to be confirmed.)

A few sections of the boat do need some repair, but we will need to wait for Mike Fox to give a full condition report before a maintenance plan can be prepared.

Simon requested that crew should not stand on the cork strake as they enter the boat but use the ladder provided.

Steve will liaise with the team and purchase all the equipment needs for The Firs via Huws Gray.

Dafydd Owen will sort out the trailer, but it will be repaired next year.

Photographs can be taken to show Cronfa Padrig what has been purchased and the Boat Club will return any funding not used.

8. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn mentioned some website improvements where one person can book places for three crew.

9. Membership Secretary's Report:

Sian had reported that membership numbers were:

Full members 47	Friends 14	One day sail 14	Total 61
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This is a significant and welcome increase in numbers since the start of the season.

Marilyn suggested that now was the time to look at the age range for membership and possible insurance requirements if younger crew are allowed on board. This will need to be agreed at the next AGM and membership forms adapted accordingly.

10. Future events:

- Christmas Meal at The Gadlys. Marilyn will make enquiries.
- Noson Allan event – Possible folk evening in autumn in The Harbour and a speaker for the spring. Marilyn will investigate and come up with some suggestions. Piers mentioned Conrad Jones (author) as a possible speaker.

11. A.O.B.

- Shipshape Network– following the recent submission to the National Historic Ships, they had offered that a local representative could assist with maintenance. Mike Thompson offered to follow this up.
- Insurance required for building and contents of The Firs. Simon would look at the terms of the lease and make necessary arrangements.

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm at The Vigour

Meeting closed at 20.00

Following the meeting, members returned to The Vigour where a presentation was made to Carys of a framed photograph of her displaying the RNLI medal she received on Lifeboat Day.

(Many thanks to Gerallt for the photograph and Sian for organising the frame.)

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