

Cemaes Boat Club
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 4th October, 2022

Present:

Richard Downs
Marilyn Downs
Graham Booth
Simon Drakley
Sian Jones
Mike Thompson
Richard Walton

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the Vigour and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from:
Norman Mason, Steve Bray, Elfed Jones, Alun Pari Huws, Louise Burman, Piers Beeland, Sue Beeland, Colin Salt, Ellen Salt, Jane Briggs
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (30.8.22):

All who had attended agreed that the minutes were accurate. They are available to read on the website.
Proposed: Simon Drakley Seconded: Graham Booth
4. Matters arising:
 - Banners – Simon had contacted Rachel Wigley Signs and Designs and received the following information about feather flags:
2.8m £95 plus VAT each
3.4m £110 plus VAT each
4.5m £125 plus VAT each
5.6m £140 plus VAT each
Plus base, choice of ground stake, water base, drive on base, wall fix.
This can be something the Boat Club should consider buying for 2023 but may need to get more quotes.
5. Treasurer's Report:

£13,171.03 was reported at last meeting. Simon is waiting for a statement update.

The 'Walk the Plank' donation for the 'Green Spaces' event has not arrived yet.

Simon has recently paid Janet Cross at Monality for the annual website fees and site development/training (£301.99)

Insurance – Everything at The Firs is secured, but a fire alarm is needed and the insurance company have informed Simon that a battery operated one is okay. A burglar alarm is priced on the Cronfa Padrig grant list. We can install fire alarms ourselves.

The Hughes Gray account is now set up for purchases.

Mike Thompson suggested a possible dummy CCTV camera might help to deter intruders as well.

6. Boatswain's Report:

- Lift out Report

Simon reported that this was quite successful and Mark Francis was also on site to check the operation. CHA was sited onto the trailer very well. The boat went in to the yard and was then washed and cleaned before being pushed into the storage shed.

Once inside CHA is easily manoeuvred by manpower.

The trailer is due to be refurbished next year and Rich Williams is another contact who may be able to undertake this work if Dafydd Owen is unable to do it.

However, when Simon was in contact with Mark Francis planning the lift out, he was informed that David Williams had also been in touch with the company and told them that the keel was broken and that the boat must not be lifted. Andy Hulme at Lynas Shuttle was also told this and in all probability, it has been passed on to other professional agencies that Cemaes Boat Club would be in contact with.

Mr. Williams' behaviour is continuing to bring the Boat Club into disrepute. Simon has spoken to Derek Owen about it and he suggested an official complaint should be made.

After discussion, it was decided that a letter should be sent to the community council because the Boat Club has answered all Mr. Williams' previous complaints.

(CHA is fully insured. CHA does not carry passengers. Mr. Williams is not a coastguard and his statement that he had been in touch with the chief coastguard in Liverpool with a complaint about Cemaes Boat Club is impossible because this unit has been closed since 2015.etc.)

This behaviour has now become vexatious and Mr. Williams should be asked to cease and desist.

Marilyn will draft this letter and send it to Simon before informing the community council.

Winter maintenance programme:

- Saturdays are preferred and work can take place from 9.00/10.00am
- Mike Fox will come along next week or the week after to offer advice on condition and required work. A small hole has already been found by Simon. Mike Thompson and Wally also offered their help.
- Gerallt will be making a pulpit for the main mast to be raised outside the boat. This will enable training to take place using the sails.
- It has been discussed and agreed with the Boatswain that red anti-foul will be used below the water line. Then above water it will be white and blue.

Mike T offered to organise the paint.

7. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn reported that she was sending out a Newsletter in the next few days and requested any items for inclusion. She would include a further request that members give permission to be contacted by Graham or Steve for Future Plan ideas.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

Sian had reported that membership numbers were:

Full members 48	Friends 16	One day sail 15	Total 79
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9. Action Plan Report

Graham reported that he and Steve Bray have spoken to 3 people so far They have also spoken to Catherine Jones – Publicity Officer for RNLI – about developing links with the RNLI.

Some ideas included RNLI rowing trials and a possible sponsored rowing competition in 2024

Phil Hen is Publicity Manager for Moelfre and might also offer ideas.

It was suggested that a motor Watson could be approached to be our safety support vessel for a trip to Conwy or around the island.

Nicholas Leech is another contact to approach.

Graham suggested that we should look at the sailing dates more carefully in 2023 to choose better tides and more mid-week sails. There were limited sails this year because of crewing problems and weather conditions causing quite a few cancellations.

10. Website and Facebook Report

The Facebook page is very active – there are lots of followers, shares, etc. Simon and Marilyn are admin and regular posts and photos are shared with other groups.

Graham will be taking over the management of the website from Marilyn and has had discussions with Janet Cross at Monality to look at ways that the website can be streamlined and made more manageable.

He presented Janet's report on these suggested improvements, with attached costs. All agreed that the ideas itemised would assist the Boat Club generally and members' experience of booking for sailing dates would be improved.

Graham and Marilyn would agree the priorities and a budget of £500 was proposed.

Proposed: Simon Drakley

Seconded: Sian Jones

11. Future events:

- Christmas Meal at The Gadlys. 10th December
Marilyn reported that this has been booked initially for 40 people and that the menu will be sent out this week with a request to secure a booking with a payment of £10 per head. Marilyn will collect all monies and deal with payments.
- Noson Allan event – Spring 2023. Marilyn is investigating suitable groups that would be available. E.g. 'Alaw' – Welsh Folk and Celtic musical trio.

12. A.O.B.

- Simon mentioned that MonSar would be holding a charitable event and he requested that he could offer two CHA 'Day Sail' opportunities as prizes. This was agreed.
- Mike Thompson informed the meeting that he will be doing a CHA lecture/talk to the WI on October 13th. Wally offered to accompany so that it could be bilingual.
- Mike Thompson also offered to do this for new members at the Firs.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

13. Date of next meeting: Monday, 31st October 7.00pm at The Vigour
Saturday 26th November 10.30am at The Firs