

**Cemaes Boat Club**  
**Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022**

**Present:**

Richard Downs  
Marilyn Downs  
Graham Booth  
Laura Downs  
Paul Beales  
Steve Bray  
Mike Thompson  
Elfed Jones

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from:  
Simon Drakley, Sian Jones, Richard Walton, Norman Mason, Alun Pari Huws, Louise Burman, Piers Beeland, Sue Beeland.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (4.10.22):  
  
All who had attended agreed that the minutes were accurate. They are available to read on the website.  
Proposed: Graham Booth                      Seconded: Steve Bray
4. Matters arising:
  - Banners –It was agreed that this should be organised for January/February 2023 and that some more quotes will be arranged before a decision is made.
  - Mike T reported that the WI had cancelled his proposed talk. It will be rescheduled and he'll keep us informed when this will happen.
5. Treasurer's Report:  
  
£13,171.03 was reported at the last meeting. Simon is still waiting for a statement update.  
The 'Walk the Plank' donation for the 'Green Spaces' event has not arrived yet, but Simon has received a confirmation email that there will be a donation eventually.

The Hughes Gray account is now set up for purchases and it means that materials for maintenance and storage can be bought quickly and at discount.

6. Boatswain's Report:

Richard had spoken with Norman who reports that The furs is an ideal location and that the maintenance work will progress well there.

- Heaters may be needed especially if there are training sessions. Richard offered a gas one for the Club to use.
- Security has been enhanced and doors are more secure.
- The burglar alarm will be put in asap
- We are still waiting for Mike Fox to undertake an inspection.
- The boat has a small hole on the starboard side
- Water has been drained out and the deck opened up to dry out the bilges.
- Blue oars needed to be sanded and repainted.
- Generators need to be sorted out. One needs servicing and Mike will ask his contact Andy Edwards if he can come up on a Saturday to assess what needs to be done. If Andy is unable to do this, then Laura and Graham suggested contacting Belle Engineering (Sheen) in Buxton. Gerallt Jones has also offered to look and see if he has a spare generator. We may eventually need to buy a new one if all these avenues are explored without success.

7. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn reported that, as requested, she had written a letter of complaint to Llanbadrig CC concerning the behaviour of Mr. David Williams and his contact with the crane company regarding the lift out of the boat.

She reported that she had received a reply from the Council that suggested Cemaes Boat Club could take this complaint to the next stage, which would be the Ombudsman. It was agreed that this would be the possible next step if there is any further interference in the business of the Boat Club.

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 not progressed much since the last meeting, but there are a few ideas coming through which will help to form the next stages.

A lot will happen in the spring ready for next year's sailing.

RNLI are still looking at different options on their own stations for the 2024 celebrations.

It is a possibility that CHA could be taken to Holyhead for rowing with the RNLI and that this opportunity could be tied into a keel check.

10. Website and Facebook Report

Graham reported that he is working with Janet Cross to develop the ideas for improving the website as agreed at the last meeting.

Some updates have been done and paid for.

Connections are being set up for members if the boat moves to different areas to make it easier to share information.

As BBC CountryFile did not show much of the Amlwch Port light show on their programme, Marilyn would put the YouTube link on our own Facebook page.

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.

11. Future events:

- Christmas Meal at The Gadlys. 10<sup>th</sup> December

Marilyn reported that this has been very popular and so far 31 guests have signed up. It was booked initially for 40 people and she will contact The Gadlys to find out if the numbers can be increased and whether the Function Room would be available.

- Marilyn will send an invitation to other community groups and supporters of CHA – e.g, Cronfa Padrig, Community Council, Dafydd Owen Peibron Farm, Steve Roberts, Andy Hulme at Lynas Shuttle.

- It was suggested that some music would be welcome if it was unplugged. Marilyn will contact The Gadlys and Mike will contact his musical friends.

- Noson Allan event – Spring 2023. Marilyn is still investigating suitable groups that would be available. E.g. 'Alaw' – Welsh Folk and Celtic musical trio.

12. A.O.B.

- We need a Boat Club representative to present the wreath on behalf of the club. Steve Bray offered. Elfed will provide a wreath for the cost of £20. Marilyn will sort out the CHA insert.

- Laura asked if anyone had a mini Christmas tree for displaying the raffle. Steve Bray said he could provide an LED tree. (An electric extension will be needed).

- Mike T mentioned that he is a contact liaison with the Anglesey Maritime Volunteer Service. This is a registered charity and a lot of equipment has been stored, which may be possible to access.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

13. Date of next meeting:

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am 'Open Morning' at The Firs

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm in The Vigour

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