

**Cemaes Boat Club**  
**Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

**Present:**

Richard Downs  
Marilyn Downs  
Simon Drakley  
Alan Thomas  
Steve Bray  
Graham Booth  
Mike Thompson  
Richard Walton

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from:  
Sian Jones, Alun Pari Huws, Norman Mason, Keith Muscott

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 – Graham reported that one has now been purchased and cost £150.
- Steve Bray and Mike Thompson reported that the Remembrance Ceremony went very well and was well attended. Steve Bray presented the wreath on behalf of the Club. Sian was thanked for organising the insert on the wreath.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Simon reported that there is currently £9,322.10 in the bank.

From the Cronfa Padrig grant, the Club has spent £4,100 with Huws Gray so far. There is an outstanding bill for the purchase of a new generator to be paid.

The 'Walk the Plank' donation for the 'Green Spaces' event of £600 has been paid into the account.

6. Boatswain's Report:

- Richard had spoken with Norman and he updated everyone about Norman's health. Everyone expressed their best wishes to Norman who will soon be undertaking further chemotherapy.
- The Firs is proving to be a good maintenance centre now that lighting and power is available. There is also now a gas heater.
- There are a couple of leaks in the roof that have been reported to Steve Roberts the Environmental Officer for Horizon.
- Simon reported that we have been offered a fire safe double fronted cupboard and some filing cabinets, but we would need to collect them from the office at Wylfa. Simon suggested that someone could contact John Pritchard to ask if he could assist with moving them.
  
- The Boat Club is still waiting for Mike Fox to undertake an inspection before the full maintenance programme commences.
- The blue oars are being stripped before repainting.
- Mike Thompson has arranged for the paint from Hempel and Marilyn will send a letter of thanks from the Boat Club.
- Simon is still in the process of sorting out the burglar alarm which will be put in a.s.a.p. to comply with the insurance requirements.

7. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn reported that she has been contacted by Angela Rook, Associate Director of RNLI – after speaking with Alun Pari Huws - regarding events for the 2024 RNLI Bicentenary. Angela explained that the RNLI are in the process of investigating whether a 'flotilla' could be organised where current and historic lifeboats could sail together. An RNLI meeting in January will provide further information and Angela will keep us in the loop.

Simon, Steve and Graham reported that they had already spoken with Catherine Jones, Publicity Manager for RNLI local stations about possible rowing opportunities for crew to take part in. This could be filmed and used for publicity.

Discussion also took place about contacting Huw Searle who has a historic Motor Watson in Penrhyn Dock.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

Sian had reported that membership numbers were:

Full members 48    Friends 16    One day sail 15                      Total 79

Open Day might have also brought in a few more potential members.

## 9. Action Plan Report

- Open Morning was a great success and all who had helped were thanked - particularly Steve and Graham and those who had assisted by providing refreshments.

Thanks were recorded to Sian for all her help with posters and photographs which has made a really good display.

- Graham reported that he and Steve Bray have not progressed much further with the Action Plan 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.

The 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 could provide an opportunity for 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.

Maintenance on the website has been completed.

Sailing locations are now available from different locations.

Software for sailing dates – plug ins – have all been updated.

Membership work is almost completed.

Members will be able to review their details and when it is set up they will be able to pay for membership online.

The cost of these improvements has almost reached the limit of the £500 original budget.

It was proposed that an additional £250 should be made available to complete as much work on the website as possible.

Proposed Mike Thompson Seconded Steve Bray

Terms and conditions are required for the website and Graham is working on this.

Sian will be approached to ask if she will undertake the management of membership online.

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 there will be 54 people in the Function Room and that menu choices and payments have been completed.
- Music will be provided by 'Off the Cuff' and friends.
- Noson Allan event – Spring 2023. Marilyn is still investigating suitable groups that would be available.

12. A.O.B.

- Simon reported that he is pursuing some training for installation at The Firs. These are a line drawing of the boat and a pulpit that will enable the mast to be erected on the floor.
- There was a discussion instigated by Wally about the possibility of organising an outboard that could be used to assist with getting CHA out of the harbour. Mike mentioned that MVS has a RIB and an engine and he will make enquiries. A 40hp engine would be needed. Marilyn will look at possible grants.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 3rd January

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