

**Cemaes Boat Club**  
**Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023**

**Present:**

Richard Downs  
Marilyn Downs  
Simon Drakley  
Graham Booth  
Mike Thompson

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

2. Apologies for absence were received from: Alan Thomas, Steve Bray, Ken Bramhall, Gerallt Jones, Steve Bray, Alun Pari Huws, Sian Jones

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (21.2.23):

All who had attended agreed that the minutes were accurate. They are available to read on the website.

Proposed: Graham Booth Seconded: Simon Drakely

4. Matters arising:

- Roof leaks at The Firs: These have now been repaired by DU thanks to Horizon and Marilyn will send a 'thank you' to Steve Roberts. However, there wasn't time to ask for delivery of the fire safes and cabinets. Graham will contact Steve and ask if it's possible to organise a collection date. Then the Boat Club will ask Jack Longman or John Pritchard to help with transport.
- The postcode has now been organised, but the Insurance Policy for building contents has still proved to be problematic. Graham offered to make enquiries.
- An inventory will be collated from the purchases list.
- It was decided to defer decisions about the logo to the next meeting.
- The knots training session will be arranged to take place on the boat.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Simon reported that there is currently £7,472.49 in the bank.

Stripe payments are now showing that membership payments are coming in via the website.

Marilyn reported that there has been a Local Giving donation from Ian and Kath Mobbs and that this type of donation should be publicised so that more

members are aware that we can claim Gift Aid. It was agreed that when Local Giving membership expires, it should be renewed as it is very good value.

6. Boatswain's Report:

Simon reported on the work that the maintenance team had been undertaking:

- Alun PH is going to come and look at the interior and finish the inside repairs.
- The exterior of the hull has been repaired and will be painted.
- The oars have been painted.
- Rudder has been cleaned and re-painted.
- Fenders have been cleaned and repaired.
- Gunwhale has been stripped back and is now ready for varnish.
- Brass plaques have been removed ready for cleaning
- Ballast barrels for buoyancy were discussed.
- The tender has been cleaned and repaired with fibre glass.

7. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn reported that she has received an acknowledgement from Ynys Mon Charitable Association for the £10,000 grant under their 'Small Grant Scheme'. (She has requested £9,000 for a RIB with 50hp engine and trailer, £800 for appropriate Power Boat Training course and £200 to assist with bilingual information.)

Marilyn reported that she has applied for a £500 grant from Local Giving for 2023. This can be used for the expenses for the Beach Party.

Marilyn has sent out an email to all members and subscribers about the new way of paying for membership.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

Sian had previously reported that the membership numbers for 2022 were:

Full members	47	Friends	16	One day sail	15	Total	78
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Renewals are now coming in for 2023.

9. Action Plan Report:

Graham suggested that we need to ask Alun PH if he could contact all local Lifeboat Station managers to request their involvement and support with CHA rowing activities during May when CHA has been moved to Holyhead.

10. Website and Facebook Report:

Members have been informed about the new system for renewing membership. They will now receive automatic two day reminders when their account is due to end.

Graham shared the costs of the website development which have come in just under budget.

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.

11. Future events:

- Launch Date – 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Dafydd Owen will be at The Firs for 07.00 and CHA will be towed to Cemaes beach (Traeth Fawr). Crew will need to wait until the tide lifts the boat off the trailer.  
Launch party / Membership promotion is now postponed until a later date at The Harbour. There could be a short presentation, with a finger buffet provided and music.
- Laura Downs is being asked to prepare sailing dates and Graham is shadowing as a learning objective. They will then be run past Norman before publication.
- Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 at The Firs. Marilyn will send out another email to remind everyone and ask them to let her know if they are able to attend.
- Beach Party – Marilyn will liaise with Carys Evans and organise a linked event with Cemaes Heritage Centre on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cemaes Carnival have offered to organise either a Treasure Hunt or Sandcastle building competition.
- Cemaes Carnival – Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This year, there will be a Carnival Queen for CHA.

12. A.O.B.

- Lifejackets. Graham reported his research into costs. All agreed that they should be purchased from Dulus Boats which is offering good prices and discount. Everyone thanked Graham for his efforts.
- Graham reported that some changes are required for the Constitution and he will send over suggestions to Marilyn in readiness for the AGM when it will need to be agreed. Marilyn will include a copy of the Constitution with proposed changes in her email to members re the AGM.
- CHA Bulletin boards – Marilyn will update the posters on the Pier and near the Beach Café.
- Mike T reported that on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 14.30 Llanfairynhornwy will hold a service to commemorate the loss of the Alert.
- Mike T reported that he will present a talk to the WI on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion took place about lowering the age for sailing to 14 but this could be discussed at the AGM.

- Graham reported that Ed (from The Stag) has offered to give a donation of £500 to Cemaes Boat Club next month.
- Logo links to the website should acknowledge all grants and donations from businesses and charities. Marilyn has acknowledged Local Giving and Magic Little Grants, but there are other logos to be included.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm.

13. Date of next meeting:

**Annual General Meeting: Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 at The Firs**

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