

Cemaes Boat Club
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 9th May, 2023

Present:

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

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from: Steve Bray, Norman Mason
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (21.3.23) and AGM (15/4/23):

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

Proposed: Mike Thompson

Seconded: Alan Thomas

4. Matters arising:
 - Launch day – general feedback was very good. Graham reported that the team had achieved their aim and he had posted a video of the launch. It was agreed that it was a positive outcome.
 - AGM – It was felt to be a good idea to hold the AGM at The Firs and it was well attended.
 - Inventory - not yet completed.
 - Cabinets from Horizon – it was agreed that we should still try to organise this. Graham offered to get in touch with Steve Roberts and arrange to have them brought over by Dilwyn if possible.
 - Logo and merchandise – Gillian has looked at some ideas and provided information about her research with Seren.
(Beanies £10, Caps £10, Tee shirts £12, Sweatshirts £20, Fleece £28). It was agreed that she should ask for colour swatches or samples and that the original logo could be used with more accurately reddish coloured sails. The writing will have 'Charles Henry Ashley' over the top and 'Cemaes' underneath. This will need to be digitised at a cost of £45 and it was agreed that Gillian could use a budget of £150 to cover initial costs.

Other items that could be branded for sale are small/medium teddies £12/14 and a Shopper bag.

Gillian has organised some Prints to be bordered and framed and these could be sold for £20 and £35 respectively.

Sian showed another donated picture by Peter Lane and we could get some prints made up in the same way. Sian offered to ask about scanning and will help to sort this out.

- Knots training and instruction will be incorporated into sailing activities.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Simon reported that there is currently £5,446.18 in the bank (3.5.23).

Recent expenses are:

Website bill £782.94 and outlay for fuel and flares

It was agreed that Gillian Thomas will be the second signatory in her role as Deputy Treasurer and all agreed unanimously to request the move to electronic banking with HSBC.

Proposed Mike Thompson

Seconded Richard Walton

Simon will arrange another meeting at the bank in Llangefni to arrange this (with Chairman and Secretary) and make the appropriate alterations to the bank mandate.

Future commitments:

- Quote required for refurbishing the trailer.
- Insurance with Bay Marine for CHA £720

Horizon might be able to assist with help re contents insurance. Simon will ask them.

It was agreed that when Local Giving membership expires, it should be renewed as it is very good value. All agreed despite the increase in membership cost to £180.

Ed (from The Stag) has organised a donation of £500 from The A Team Shop to Cemaes Boat Club and Marilyn has sent a thank you card.

6. Boatswain's Report:

Graham reported that the launch and winter maintenance was excellent.

There had been regular attendance by volunteers working on CHA and all work was completed in time. CHA looked really good.

Regarding the trailer refurbishment, a few quotes are now needed for the necessary work and it will be done on the Firs site. Simon offered to arrange contact with Richard Williams for Graham.

Richard presented Graham with the Bosun's whistle that had been passed over from Norman Mason when he stepped down from his role as Boatswain.

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.)

There has been no response yet (the original application was 18/2/23) and she emailed again on 2/5/23.

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

Marilyn reported that she had been contacted by a member of a Boat Club from Shetland who had discovered CHA via the website. She had shared information about our insurers and constitution to assist them.
8. **Membership Secretary's Report:**

Sian reported that the membership numbers for 2023 were now:
Full members 31 Friends 14 Total 45 (One day sail 7)
9. **Action Plan Report:**

Graham suggested that we might be able to use an underwater camera to check on the keel and he will try to find out how much this could cost. He is still keen to go to Holyhead for the RNLi to take part in rowing activities.

Alun PH has booked to do 8 sails. Simon will also put his dates on and then Graham can arrange some surety for possible sails and adjust the sailing dates on the website accordingly.

Graham suggested the need to recruit experienced crew by going out to sailing clubs on the island and offering a talk or presentation, plus putting up posters about Cemaes Boat Club. We should also use Facebook and the website to ask for volunteers

Gillian talked about the trifold and changing/updating the pictures. She requested that someone would look at the text and she could do a mock up.

Graham will enable Gillian to have admin access to the website by contacting Janet at Monality.
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. A few glitches have been sorted out by Janet.

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

Sian showed the meeting a certificate that she has mocked up which could be available for people to be presented with after a one day sail.

11. Future events:

- Beach Party – Marilyn is liaising with Carys Davies and will organise a linked event with Cemaes Heritage Centre on July 23rd. Cemaes Carnival have offered to organise a Scavenger Hunt and Sandcastle building competition. It was suggested that we should ask Peter Lane to judge the sandcastle competition.
- Cemaes Carnival – Sunday, August 27th, 2023. This year, there will be a Carnival Queen for CHA. Wally is representing the Boat Club for the crowning of the Queens in The Harbour on Saturday May 20th at 3.00pm.

12. A.O.B.

- Wally went for a row with Traeth Buchan County Longboats and will encourage them to come and have a go with CHA.
- Suggestion to dress up as original RNLI? It was suggested that it might be possible that the knitting club could make some hats for us.
- Alan asked whether more photographs of the boat could be put onto the website. Graham suggested using the Members Posts facility.
- Alan reported that the Carnival Committee want to buy another marquee and asked whether it could be stored at the Firs. Unfortunately, the terms of the lease with Horizon are very strict and limit the use of the premises solely to Cemaes Boat Club.
- The gate at The Firs possibly needs adjusting to enable CHA to be manoeuvred in and out of the site more easily. Graham has spoken to Steve who has offered to talk to Horizon about this.
- The Cemaes Harbourmaster has raised an issue that the mooring for CHA is too long. Norman has explained that the Spring Tides make this necessary.
- Mike T reported that he will present a talk to the WI on June 12th and offered to do one in The Vigour as well.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 6th June @ 6.30pm

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