

Cemaes Boat Club

Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 10th October, 2023

Present:

Richard Downs
Marilyn Downs
Mike Thompson
Simon Drakley
Steve Bray
Graham Booth

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

2. Apologies for absence were received from: Sian Jones

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (12.9.23):

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:

- Monsar have a guest speaker (Dai Davies) on Friday and Simon will find out if it possible for him to give a similar talk for Cemaes Boat Club in the village hall. A Friday night in January 2024 was suggested. Simon will investigate and liaise with Steve Bray.
- Simon gave a report about the occasion of Norman's committal. It was a very poignant day and CHA was accompanied by the RNLI Christopher Pearce from Cemaes Bay around the coast to Llanbadrig. Watched by a small group who had gathered on the cliffs, Graham piped the Bosun's Whistle for attention and Simon gave a short reading followed by The Lord's Prayer. Once the wreath was laid on the water and the ashes scattered by Gareth Mason, there was a short sail and a final whisky toast once the CHA was moored in Cemaes Harbour.
Alan Thomas took some lovely photographs from RNLI Christopher Pearce and once permission has been given by the family, Marilyn will incorporate them into an article for the website.
- The 23rd September final sail was also very successful with a full boat. CHA had an excellent voyage to Bull Bay before returning to Porth Wen, where the sails were dropped and the boat was anchored. Crew took turns at taking the helm during the voyage and it was a very worthwhile training experience. Alun Pari Huws has written an article about the day for the website and included some photographs

- Mike Thompson reported that some mooring issues were raised at the last Harbour Committee. David Williams had explained at their meeting his concerns that our mooring was too loose.

It has been pointed out by Cemaes Boat Club previously that the rear tie chains need replacing. The Harbour Committee is reportedly now planning to do this, but it was felt that this action should be properly minuted by the Harbour Committee and that Mike Thompson should request this at their next meeting. It would be very useful for this work to be done before the boat goes back next year and Cemaes Boat Club could put a work party together to assist.

We will address the ropes once the chains are done.

- Trifolds - Simon has spoken with the printers and reported that the trifolds can be reprinted correctly for £240. All agreed that Simon should go ahead.

5. Treasurer's Report:

There is currently £6,396.46 in the bank account

£96 extra was received from donations toward the wreath. It was agreed that Simon would approach the local nurses to arrange for this to be given as a contribution in thanks for their support to Norman.

Marilyn handed Simon a £50 cash donation for the CHA from her brother, Colin Matthey, who had recently stayed in Cemaes and observed the final sailing.

Simon had reported that he was having a problem dealing with Stripe (our current on-line banking system) because the Boat Club is not a business.

Janet has now suspended Stripe temporarily to try to resolve this. Stripe has some money that they won't release until this is sorted out.

Simon has extended the boat insurance to the end of October.

6. Boatswain's Report:

Graham and Simon are liaising about the lift out. Simon has talked to Mark Francis and a proposed date is 25th October.

He will check with the Woodhouses about a possible tow. Simon will bring the Walkie Talkies which will be useful to assist with communications in the harbour.

Mike Thompson expressed his concerns that he considers 'spreaders' are required for the lift out. A discussion about spreaders took place. It was finally agreed that this was not necessary and that it was down to the correct positioning of the lifting straps to support the boat.

A small work party will be organised to prepare the trailer before lift out and grease the bearings.

7. Secretary's Report:
Marilyn will write a news article for the website which will be a review of the season's activities. This will include Norman's committal and will contain appropriate photographs once permissions are given.
8. Membership Secretary's Report:
Nothing additional to report.
9. Publicity / Social Media:
Marilyn will put a news item on the website and Facebook regarding summer events and thank everyone for their support.
We need new posters in the noticeboards, with current information about the boat and winter maintenance, etc. Marilyn will do this with Sian's help.
10. Future events:
 - Christmas Dinner:
Laura Downs is organising this for Saturday, 9th December (1830 for 1900). Marilyn will help to get items for the raffle. Laura has spoken to The Gadlys regarding the menu and has arranged a discount for those staying overnight. As soon as details are confirmed, an email will be sent out to all members.
11. A.O.B.
 - Simon mentioned an 'In memoriam' for all past crew members.
 - Simon reported that we will need to buy a grease gun and grease.
 - Steve Bray offered to coordinate the Remembrance wreath for November 11th ceremony.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of next meetings:

Tuesday, 14th November @ 7.00pm – The Vigour

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Appendix A

Beach Party and Carnival 2023

Expenses:

TEN (Licence)	21.00
Insurance	66.88
Swizzells	18.99
Prizes	39.12
	14.00
	40.52
Drinks	<u>182.88</u>
	383.39

Income:

Beach Party	Tombola	116.00
	Donations	66.00
	Coconut Shy	46.10
	Lucky Dip	47.50
	Name Teddy	15.60
	Sweets in Jar	10.50
	Higher/Lower	32.00
	Pick a Pop	22.70
	Big Mouth	37.00
	CHA Stall	16.00
	Treasure Pool	12.98
Bar	152.00	
Buy Back	44.00	
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Carnival	Higher/Lower	14.40
	Pocket Money	18.00
	Prize for float	<u>50.00</u>
		82.40
TOTAL INCOME		700.78
Less Expenses		<u>383.39</u>
TOTAL PROFIT		317.39
Plus GRANT(LocalGiving)		<u>500.00</u>
		817.39

Summer Activities have raised a total of 817.39 for CHA Funds and also raised the profile of Cemaes Boat Club in the community.