

**Cemaes Boat Club**  
**Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

**Present:**

Richard Downs  
Marilyn Downs  
Simon Drakley  
Alun Pari Huws  
Steve Bray  
Graham Booth  
Sian Jones

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Thanks to Steve Bray for representing the Club at the Remembrance and Sian for doing the insert.
2. Apologies for absence were received from: Mike Thompson, Ken Bramhall, Laura Downs, Jack Longman

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (10.10.23):

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

Proposed: Steve Bray                      Seconded: Graham Booth

4. Matters arising:

Following investigation by Steve and Simon regarding the talk by Dai Davies, there are no available Friday dates in the Village Hall in January. However, The Gadlys can do Thursdays in January and they could also do a specially priced meal. This event has the potential to be a very useful fund-raiser. Simon and Steve will continue to make enquiries.

- Marilyn has written the news article for the website, which is a review of the last season's activities. When the article was published to the website, the link with Facebook had disappeared and needed to be reinstated by Janet Cross. Unfortunately the article could not be shared retrospectively.
- Mike Thompson had been actioned to request at the next meeting of the Harbour Committee that the CHA moorings should be replaced by them as agreed in order that this can be properly minuted for future reference. As Mike was unable to attend, this will be discussed at our next meeting.
- Trifolds - Simon will organise them for the New Year.
- Lift out review. Graham and Simon reported that everything went very well. The cost this year was £960. Marilyn will write a letter to Mark Francis to thank them and ask if they would consider supporting the Boat Club through sponsorship in the future.

- The Insurance opportunity by Horizon was discussed which will cover the insurance of the building and personal injury. Horizon has offered to cover the Boat Club for this year and have then requested that we pay half the cost (£400) from end of March 2024. Everyone agreed to accept this offer.
- Simon will check that our current insurance arrangements for the boat include public liability.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Simon reported that there is currently £5,406.96 in the bank account after paying costs of lift out.

However an unexpected bill was received from Dafydd Owen for £510 on 13/10/23 which refers back to towing costs for October 2022.

After some discussion about the lateness of receipt of the invoice, it was agreed that the bill should be paid.

Marilyn will write a letter of thanks to David Woodhouse for this year's tow and, if there are no charges as indicated, offer to reimburse for the cost of diesel.

Simon reported that Stripe has been fixed.

6. Boatswain's Report:

Graham reported that the boat had been power washed on site by Richard before being stored and that maintenance is starting on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. The internal barrels have been taken out so that everything can dry out and a full inspection can take place. A small amount of damage has happened to the cork belting during lift out which was caused by the lifting straps. Alun suggested that the risk of pressure from the lifting straps could possibly be mitigated in the future using something like scaffolding planks.

It was agreed that a full condition report is needed and that Mike Fox will be approached. Alun offered to pass the details of another contact, who does the same work.

The condition report would form the basis of maintenance work for the future.

7. Secretary's Report:

Bedwyr Reece, who was the recent speaker for the Cemaes Bay History Group has generously donated his £50 fee to the Boat Club. Marilyn will send him a thank you on behalf of the Boat Club.

Marilyn reported that raffle prizes for the Christmas Dinner have been difficult to source despite contacting a large number of island businesses. This appeal for donations has now been placed on Facebook and Sian has copied some leaflets that Marilyn will distribute around the village.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

Sian reported the membership numbers which now stand as:

Full 35 Friends 18 (One day sails 19)

9. Publicity / Social Media:  
As reported at the previous meeting, 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, 9<sup>th</sup> December (1830 for 1900). Marilyn has sent emails with all the details and also put it on Facebook.  
Laura had sent a report that 36 people had signed up so far (she has booked for 40).  
There are still 4 guests who need to pay their deposits and 17 who need to complete menu choices by November 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Only a small number of raffle prizes have been received so far, but Marilyn is still chasing this up. Steve Bray passed over a raffle prize and also offered to bring his small Christmas tree.
11. A.O.B.
- Alun Pari Huws reported on the RNLI Baton Relay arrangements for 2024. In this area the possible dates are either 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June or 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July. The baton would be exchanged between Moelfre and Holyhead lifeboats in Cemaes Bay and Cemaes Boat Club has the opportunity to take CHA out in attendance. All thought this would be very good for publicity. Simon offered to contact all the island stations by email to find out if there is a chance of going round the island again. He will liaise with Alun PH, who suggested tying this into regular exercise dates from the stations. Holyhead to Caernarvon is the hardest stretch because CHA would need to go round The Stacks at low water. Alun offered to will see if this is possible. If a voyage is planned CHA would need to have a support vessel. Simon reported that he may have a possible contact for this.
  - The offer of Corporate Membership for businesses was suggested by Alun, with a membership certificate that could be displayed. This idea will be investigated.
  - The CHA dinghy 'China Pete' needs to come out of the harbour and be transferred to The Firs, but at the moment Jack Longman can't do it. A suitable trailer needs to be sourced.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 7.00pm – The Vigour

MD 18/11/23