

## Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

### Present:

Richard Downs  
Marilyn Downs  
Graham Booth  
Mike Thompson  
Sian Jones  
Jack Longman  
Richard Walton  
Simon Drakley

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from: Steve Bray and Piers Beeland.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (9.1.24):

Graham requested that the minutes should be adjusted to reflect the accuracy of a report from Mike Thompson concerning the Harbour Committee (Agenda Item 4 Matters Arising). Mike Thompson had also reported that 'the owner of 'Reel Action' has been warned about attaching to the CHA mooring rope and incorrectly siting the boat, creating a problem for other vessels using the harbour.'

Marilyn will adjust the minutes retrospectively. They are available to read on the website.

Proposed: Graham Booth

Seconded: Richard Downs

4. Matters arising:
  - Appointment of Officers at AGM - Steve Bray has notified Richard that he is resigning as Vice Chair due to his on-going illness. Richard requested that someone will need to step up to this position at the AGM. He informed the Committee that, if no one else comes forward, he will continue as Chairman for one further year and similarly, Marilyn will continue as Secretary until 2025 as it is such an important year for the RNLI.
  - Simon reported that we are covered through the boat insurance for public liability.
  - Simon will action the Trifolds printing (cost £250).
5. Treasurer's Report:

Simon reported that there is currently £5,113.77 in the bank account.

  - Condition Survey - A surveyor's report for CHA is required and Simon will contact Mark McGarry to arrange this for the last week in February. It will cost £495 and all agreed to this expenditure.

Future commitments include the partial cost of Buildings Insurance of £400 which will be matched by Horizon and also the Boat Insurance which will cost approximately £500.

It was agreed that any spending for general maintenance costs should be brought to Simon or Graham's attention for agreement. All other larger amounts will be agreed by Committee.

6. Boatswain's Report:

- Maintenance work report – Graham reported that work on CHA is progressing slowly following Alun's suggestions. However, it would be better if more volunteers could attend along with the regular group. Graham has a list of objectives that he has compiled and is hoping to complete this before April 20<sup>th</sup> when we are expecting a visit from the Lifeboat Enthusiasts' Society
- Repair with Memorial Plaque

Simon reported that Gerallt has created a brass plate to strengthen a repair that Simon is managing on the side of the boat. Simon suggested that this brass plate could be used as a memorial plaque for the following people: Ron Cox, Peter Wain, Keith Downs, Mac Ozanne, Bob Trueman, Peter Williams and Norman Mason. All agreed that this would be appropriate and Simon will contact Gerallt, who will organise the engravings.

7. Proposed Sailings/Events for 2024 RNLI Bicentennial

- Baton Relay - The proposed date for this is 23<sup>rd</sup> June and it will take place in Cemaes Bay with Moelfre and Holyhead lifeboats exchanging the baton. RNLI have suggested that CHA could also be in attendance. Simon will speak with the coxswains at Moelfre and Holyhead about the arrangements. As it will also be an opportunity for publicity for the Boat Club, Phil Hen may be available to provide photographs of the event.
- Round Island or Extended Trips  
After some discussion, all agreed that extended trips were more feasible as it is easier to get crew for shorter trips. These could be organised to Moelfre and Holyhead to coincide with their lifeboat days.  
It was suggested that we could also approach the wider group of RNLI volunteers for crew.
- Rowing Competition – All agreed it would be more significant if it could take place in Cemaes Bay. Simon offered to go to Moelfre to speak with their new Coxswain, but there will also be a new appointment at Holyhead who will need to be contacted.

8. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn reported that she has drafted a request for sponsorship to Bob Francis, which will be sent as soon as possible.

There had been a problem about a new member not receiving emails because although they had completed their membership form, they hadn't signed up to receive information through the website. Marilyn suggested that there could be a slight change to the membership form that could provide this link rather than requiring two separate actions. Graham offered to speak with Janet Cross about it.

9. Membership Secretary's Report:

Sian reported the membership numbers are:

Full 36 Friends 18

It was agreed that the club should actively promote membership as soon as we have a date for re-launch.

10. Publicity / Social Media:

- Publication of 2024 Sailing Dates – Graham will prepare a draft similar to last year and send this to Simon and Alun so that possible sails are only published where a Coxswain is in attendance.
- 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.
- Marilyn will write a newsletter to promote membership, maintenance and details of the RNLI Bicentennial planned events.

11. Future events:

- Lifeboat Enthusiasts' Visit 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Alun Pari Huws has been approached by the Lifeboat Enthusiasts' Society about the possibility of them visiting CHA when they are in Anglesey for their AGM. The date will be Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April and if CHA is not yet in the harbour, we will do a presentation in The Firs. Alun will keep everyone informed about their plans. Mike and Simon offered to do a presentation and we can offer light refreshments and sell any CHA stock.
- Talk by Dai Davies – date to be arranged by Simon and Steve.  
Simon reported that Dai Davies is not well at the moment and it will need to be postponed.
- Summer Lunch or Dinner Event at Lastra Farm - It was suggested that Marilyn should gauge interest for this event in her next newsletter. Under A.O.B., Laura Downs offered to assist with the organisation of the event, which could possibly take place on the same day as the RNLI Baton Relay.

12. A.O.B.

- Graham brought up that we need a serious discussion about future of the club and how we move forward. This discussion should cover Future Aims, Permanent Home, etc. and it could be an agenda item for the AGM (What does the future hold for the Boat Club?)

Marilyn will contact Neuadd Farm and the architects again and report back at the next meeting in March so that we can prepare a presentation for members.

- Mike reported that the Harbour chains/moorings are on the Agenda for the next Harbour Committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Date of next meetings:

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 7.00pm

**AGM** - Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

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