

Minutes of a Meeting of the NEW QUAY Harbour Users Consultative Committee held remotely via video-conference on Thursday, 19 October 2023

Representing Ceredigion County Council: Councillor Keith Henson (Chairman)
Councillors Elizabeth Evans and Matthew Vaux

Officers in Attendance: Gerwyn Jones, Owen Morgan, Katy Spain and Dana Jones

Harbour Users: Norman Robertson, Chis Seal, Owen Jones-Williams. Stephen Webb, Carl Rich, Jonathan Price Jones, David Nicholson, Jonathan Evans, Brett Stones, David Barnes, Mike Masters, Patricia Lewis, Sandra Cosslett

(6.45pm – 7:50pm)

1. **Apologies**

Councillor Jennifer Davies, New Quay Town Council apologised for her inability to attend the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 March 2023**

It was AGREED that minutes of the meeting held on the 16 March 2023 were confirmed as true record.

3. **Harbour Services Update**

Owen Morgan, Harbour Manager outlined the content of Calm Waters 5 and Members noted the content. The following arose from its content: -

- Harbour Management Policy – consultation had now ended, and all responses would be considered through the democratic process, (Scrutiny and Cabinet). A request was made that all Stakeholders be informed of all changes prior to implementation. It was confirmed that stakeholders would be advised of the new Policy once it had completed the democratic process and its content confirmed. Disappointment, however, was expressed that Stakeholders should have been part of the input to the content of the policy at the start of its revision. It was confirmed that stakeholders were being engaged via the consultation process and that the number of responses indicated that this consultation had reached and engaged them.
- Chris Seal requested if he could view a report on the mother chains at New Quay Harbour following an inspection of the chain that was done as part of the maintenance work carried out in the Spring. Owen Morgan confirmed that there was no formal report, but the inspection identified some remedial works were necessary and some links were replaced.
- Harbour Users were complimentary to the work of the Street Cleaning Team through the summer period in keeping New Quay beach and pier clean and litter free. This positive feedback was in line with a lot of other feedback received regarding how well the arrangements put in place had

worked over the Summer months which also included the litter picking efforts of the Harbour Team.

- It was confirmed that mooring holders must comply with deadlines relating to the submission of application forms and payment of any due invoices as noted on the documentation sent to them. Failure to do so would result in moorings being reallocated in accordance with the Policy. Mooring holders were also reminded of the need to ensure that their vessel was on the mooring by the date in line with the Policy.

4. **Mooring Waiting List**

It was agreed to note the mooring waiting list as presented. A request was made that the type of boat mooring would be inserted on the list. Members also received clarification on how the list was actioned.

5. **Issued raised by Harbour Users**

- It was reported that the new Port Waste Management Facilities were in place and that we were awaiting MCA approval of the plan supporting these facilities. It was confirmed that these arrangements were for leisure mooring holders only and that commercial operators continue to have a duty to manage and dispose of their waste themselves. Access to the facilities would be by arrangement with the Harbour Service and information would be shared with mooring holders on how to access once the facilities were open. The facilities would be reviewed on an ongoing basis and should any abuse of the facilities take place (e.g. waste being fly tipped at the entrances to the facilities or non-accepted waste being deposited) it may result in the removal of the facilities.
- A discussion was had around buoys which are used by mooring holders to temporarily secure their tenders when accessing their vessels. Owen Morgan requested that owners of these buoys reviewed their locations to ensure they were not causing any obstruction or hazard to other vessels using the harbour. Owen Morgan advised that should there be any further questions or concerns relating to the buoys contact can be made by the appropriate communication channels to discuss further. Dredging would be considered subject to budget availability harbour users discussed dredging methods that could greater contribute to its effectiveness.
- The possibility of obtaining grant funding for resurfacing the concrete base of the pier to improve access for wheel chair users. The Harbour Manager explained that the Pier was a Cadw listed structure and that there may be limitations on what could be done, especially if a project

affects the pier's appearance. Owen Morgan to email the relevant service areas to enquire about possible grants and consents.

- A meeting would be held between harbour users, Harbour Manager and Councillor Matthew Vaux to discuss leaving boats on the pier over the winter period.
- Harbour Fees would be approved following the County Council's wider budget setting process.
- Job descriptions of all Harbour employees would be provided to the Harbour users for information.
- It was reiterated that boats should not be stored in Rock Street (Paragon) car park over the winter period only the Church St car park.