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Meeting

ABERDOVEY HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.30 am, TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2019

Location

Neuadd Dyfi, Aberdyfi, LL35 0NR

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MEMBERSHIP:

Gwynedd Council:

Dewi Owen Anne Lloyd Jones Mike Stevens

Co-Opted Members:

Councillor Bob Tyrrell Nick Dawson **David Williams**

Huw Evans

Nigel Willis **Desmond George Councillor Brian Bates**

Guy Shaw

Aberdyfi Community Council Member of Outward Bound Wales Member of Aberdyfi & Improvements Committee

Member of the Cardigan Bay Fisheries

Association

Member of Aberdyfi Boat Club Member of the Dyfi Yacht Club

Member of the RNLI

Member of Aberdyfi Rowing Club

Observers:

Peter Read Dr John Jones-Morris

Councillor Rob Triggs Ioan Thomas

Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee Porthmadog Harbour Consultative

Committee

Barmouth Town Council

Cabinet Member for Economic Development

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declarations of personal interest

3. MINUTES 4 - 7

To receive and confirm the minutes of a meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee held on 13 November 2018.

4. REPORT BY THE SENIOR HARBOURS OFFICER

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To receive and consider the report of the Senior Harbours Officer.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee is likely to be held on 12 November 2019.

Agenda Item 3

Minutes of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee meeting held on 13 November 2018 at Neuadd Dyfi, Aberdyfi

PRESENT

Cllr Mike Stevens (Gwynedd Council), Cllr Bob Tyrrell (Aberdyfi Community Council), Mr Brian Bates (RNLI), Mr Al Crisp (Outward Bound), Mr Guy Shaw (Aberdyfi Rowing Club), Mr Dave Williams (Aberdyfi Improvements and Advertisement Committee), Mr Desmond George (Dyfi Sailing Club), Mr Nigel Willis (Aberdyfi Yacht Club)

Observers: Mr Neil Storkey (Clerk/Observer on behalf of Aberdyfi Community Council)

Cllr Rob Triggs (Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee)

Also in attendance:

Officers

Llŷr Jones - Senior Economy and Community Manager

Arthur F. Jones - Senior Harbours Officer
Bryn P. Jones - Maritime Officer - Beaches
William Stockford - Aberdyfi Harbour Master
Siôn Owen - Member Support Officer

Mererid Watt - Translator

Apologies: Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones, Mr Barry Davies (Maritime and Country Parks

Officer)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: to elect Councillor Dewi Owen as Chair of this Committee for 2018-19.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones as Vice-chair of this Committee for 2018-19.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL CONNECTION

No declarations of personal connection were received from any member present.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee that took place on 22 March 2018 were submitted.

Resolved: To accept and approve the minutes as a true record.

4. HARBOUR SAFETY

The item was submitted by the Senior Harbours Officer, noting that it was an opportunity for the Committee to note any harbour safety matters or observations on the Harbour Safety Code.

It was noted that the code had been the subject of discussions, and that the Sailing Club had held beneficial informal discussions with the harbours officers regarding safety matters. It was added

that Aberdyfi had been busy over the summer, but that no significant accidents or problems had been encountered.

5. THE MARITIME OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Update on Harbour Management Matters

The Senior Harbours Officer submitted his report, noting the following main points:

- That the number of boats on the moorings had reduced slightly in 2018, but that the figure was relatively static.
- That the number of customers had reduced across Gwynedd harbours, which reflected the economic climate.
- That 53 power boats had been registered in Aberdyfi in 2018, the same number as in 2017. An increase had been seen in the numbers of power boats registered in Tywyn, from 9 to 14.
- That the number of personal water crafts had increased across Gwynedd harbours, with an increase from 28 to 50 in Aberdyfi and from 3 to 6 in Tywyn.
- It was emphasised that the Committee's members were welcome to discuss the Harbour Safety Code with the service.
- That summer 2018 had been a very busy period, but it was saddening to report that the number of cases of abuse against officers had increased.
- The service hoped to employ an additional full-time harbour assistant for Porthmadog, Aberdyfi and Barmouth harbours, subject to the funding available.
- It was expected for harbour fees to increase in line with inflation in 2019, with a small underspend anticipated in the harbours budget.

Questions and observations arising from the discussion:

- Disappointment was noted as power boat fees were expected to increase
- That the power boat launch area was very inconvenient and muddy, and that it would be beneficial if another slipway could be used.
- Concern that the number of mooring occupancy had reduced, and the risk that Aberdyfi Harbour was possibly being left behind.

In response, the Senior Harbours Officer noted:

- That the current power boat launch area was the safest location. Whilst acknowledging that it was an inconvenient site, it was a safe site and no money was available for improvements.
- That the level of mooring occupancy had reduced across the United Kingdom, and he noted that Barmouth Harbour had seen the largest reduction in Gwynedd. Mooring users tended to move to harbours where better facilities were available. It was possible to consider improving the facilities of Aberdyfi Harbour, however, caution would be needed to avoid harming its character.

(b) Harbourmaster's Report

The Harbourmaster submitted his report, noting the following main points:

- That Aberdyfi Harbour had been inspected by Trinity House on its safety and navigation arrangements, and it was found that appropriate arrangements were in place.
- That the course of Aberdyfi Harbour navigation channel had narrowed and had moved northwards. This had caused a lot of adaptation work in order to aid navigation and ensure its safety. Emphasis was placed on the importance of contacting the harbour's office in order to obtain up-to-date information about navigation safety.
- That maintenance work had been carried out, and he asked for observations on the maintenance programme scheduled for the winter of 2018-19.
- That safety signs had been placed in Tywyn and Aberdyfi following a detailed review carried out jointly with the RNLI.

- That the condition of the timber walkway was now beyond repair and that its future was uncertain in the current financial and budgetary climate. Whilst temporary measures were in place to protect the dunes, the service would consider all possible options to protect the path in the future.
- That the service was still waiting for persons who had items on the common/storage land to dispose of them. Whilst this was disappointing, discovering that other members of the public continued to dispose of waste materials on the site was a cause of further disappointment. Work to improve the site would be carried out early in 2019.
- That work had been done to tidy the quay, with the intention of clearing redundant equipment from the area. More equipment and fishing pots would be moved from the quay in the future.
- That work had been done to identify the owners of containers that had been located in the harbour area, after concerns had been raised about their condition.
- That the condition of the Railway bridge, which provided access to Bryn Llestair, had deteriorated in such a way that it had to be closed. The service was waiting for a structural report on its condition before making a decision on its future.
- He gave thanks for the assistance that he had received to attempt to resolve the problems that had arisen around the harbour.

Observations and questions arising from the discussion:

- Harbour staff were thanked for their work over the busy summer.
- Had navigation problems arisen due to the change in the channel's path?
- The safety signs installed jointly with the RNLI were praised. It was suggested that information about the rip-tide should be included on the signs in order to bring the hazards to the attention of swimmers.
- That it was reasonable to take down the signs over the winter so that they were not damaged by the winter's inclement weather.
- That it was important for the sand dunes on the path leading to the beach to be protected. If it would not be possible to install a new timber walkway, there would be a risk that the gap in the dunes could open up and affect the defences offered by the dunes from the sea.
- Hoped that the Common/Storage Land would be cleared and safeguarded soon. It was noted that the Sailing Club was offering to help clear the site.
- Concern was expressed about the condition of the quay wall as its condition had deteriorated further and as it helped protect Aberdyfi from sea damage.
- That the appearance of the quay was important, as it needed to be attractive to visitors, as well as be safe.
- That closing the bridge leading to Bryn Llestair, due to its condition, had been supported by its regular users, despite the fact that this had had considerable impact on the activities of Outward Bound Wales.
- As the Outward Bound Wales centre was considered to be a school, would it be possible to install a pavement along the nearby road, in order to facilitate access? He added that this posed a potential risk to the Council if it was found that it had failed to comply with its duties to ensure safe access to schools.

In response, the Maritime and Country Parks Service officers' in attendance noted:

- That the channel's path had been affected by the dry weather, which had reduced the impact of Afon Leri and had returned it to its natural course. He added that the nature of the bar could make access to the harbour difficult, however, it was also becoming apparent that the skills and knowledge of some boat owners did not meet the required standard. Many efforts were being made to ensure that every buoy was in the correct position.
- That a quote was required from a contractor for the rebuilding of a new timber walkway, before a final decision was made. The need to protect the sand dunes from erosion was reiterated.

- That it was not easy to manage access to the Common/Storage Land and prevent flytipping, and he asked anyone who had any information to contact the Council or the Police.
- That the Harbourmaster was collaborating closely with the harbour's commercial users in order to ensure a safe and attractive site.
- The future of the Quay was subject to the Council's new asset plan. It was being monitored and assessed on a regular basis and Gwynedd Consultancy was working on a business case to safeguard it as a part of their flood prevention work. It was not yet clear what the cost of the required work would be; however, when the funding became available, it would be possible to move quickly.
- Removing the existing bridge leading to Bryn Llestair and installing a new bridge in its place would cost approximately £100,000. Discussions had been held with Network Rail as the bridge crossed a 'live' railway and there would be a need to collaborate with them in order to complete the work. The service was aware of the importance of the bridge to local users and Gwynedd Consultancy was working on an assessment of the bridge.
- Tribute was paid to the service's staff for their hard work over the busy summer season.

(c) Harbourmaster's Office

The Senior Harbours Officer noted that the existing site of the Harbourmaster's office was unsuitable as the facilities in the building did not respond to modern requirements. A room was now available in the Dyfi Centre and it was intended to move the Harbourmaster's office there. Moving the office would mean that the Harbourmaster would have better facilities, as well as a better view over the harbour and better facilities for offering first aid, if required.

In response, it was noted that moving the office would deprive a local business of potential space in an area where there was a real need to attract jobs. However, it was noted that the Harbourmaster's office was small, and it was hoped that the Council would be able to generate income from the current office once the Harbourmaster had moved.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee's next meeting was scheduled for 5 March 2019 at Neuadd Dyfi, Aberdyfi.

The meeting commenced at 10:30am and concluded at 12:10pm.

CHAIR

Agenda Item 4

MEETING	Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	5 th March 2019
TITLE	Update on Harbour Management Matters
AUTHOR	Senior Harbours Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committees main function is to consider, discuss and advise on matters relating to the management, safety and development of the Harbour and to receive Member's observations on matters relating to Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide a brief update for the attention of the Committee on harbour matters for the period November 2018 to March 2019, in order to receive feedback from the members on safety matters and the operational matters of the Harbour.

2. Aberdyfi Moorings

- 2.1 In accordance with previous years, it is anticipated that the mooring contractor will commence to place moorings in the harbour under the control of the harbourmaster towards the end of March. It is not known at this stage how many boats will be launched before the Easter period.
- 2.2 It is essential that the moorings contractor submits a Mooring Quality Certificate to the Harbour Master prior to the mooring of any boat. This is a requirement under the Harbour By-law.

3. Port Marine Safety Code

- 3.1. The Port Marine Safety Code ('PMSC') sets out a national standard for every aspect of port marine safety. Its aim is to enhance safety for everyone who uses or works in the port marine environment. It applies to all Statutory Harbour Authorities.
- 3.2 The Code represents good practice as recognised by a wide range of industry stakeholders and Gwynedd Council understands that a failure to adhere to good practice may be indicative of a harbour authority being in breach of certain legal duties.
- 3.3 It is necessary for the Service to receive the comments and views of Consultative Committee Members on the suitability of the Port Marine Safety Code relevant to the harbour activities conducted at Aberdyfi Harbour including navigational aids, suitability of by-laws, safety matters and general day to day work, in order that the Harbour Safety Management System encompassed within the code may be reviewed.
- 3.4 As previously reported between the 19th and 21st September 2017, a thorough inspection was carried out by auditors from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency on the existing safety arrangements and systems of Gwynedd Municipal Harbours in order to ensure

compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code. As a follow up to their previous review, a return visit to Gwynedd has now been arranged during the period 4-6th March 2019.

3.5 A revised edition of the Port Marine Safety Code for the Harbours of Gwynedd encompassing the enhancements suggested by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency Inspectors has been completed. Internal Health and Safety audits of all harbours including Aberdyfi harbour has recently been completed and an external audit of the existing Safety Management System for the harbours of Gwynedd is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2019 by the newly appointed Designated Person Captain M. Forbes.

4. Staffing Matters

4.1 As reported in the previous meeting, the service is now in a position to confirm that a full time assistant harbourmaster post is to be created at Aberdyfi Harbour, to assist the harbourmaster with his duties and responsibilities. The post holder will also be required to work in the harbours of Barmouth and Porthmadog as and when required. Applications from prospective candidates are to be invited through the media and following an interview procedure, it is intended to have the successful candidate in post by the Easter period 2019.

5. Financial Matters

- 5.1 A summary of the harbour budget and current financial situation up to the end of the financial year is to be provided at the meeting.
- 5.2 During this period it was necessary to commit financial resources for the following:-
 - Maintenance of lands
 - Maintenance of harbour patrol vessel
 - Tools and equipment for maintenance

Fees and Charges 2019/20. Details of the mooring fees and charges for Aberdyfi Harbour for the period 2019/20 are enclosed. Powerboat and Personal Watercraft launching and registration fees have not, as yet, been sanctioned, but they are not expected to be significantly different from the previous year.

6.0 **Harbourmaster's Report.** The Harbourmaster at Aberdyfi will provide a summary of the Navigational and Operational matters undertaken and encountered during the period October 2018 – March 2019 inclusive, including maintenance issues. A copy of his report is attached.

Harbwr Aberdyfi Harbour 2019/20

	2018-19	2019-20	
Eithrio T.A.W			Prices exclude V.A.T
Trwydded angorfa blynyddol fesul medr, neu rhan o fedr + Tollau Harbwr. Pob Cwch	29.15	30.32	Mooring licence per metre per annum, or part of metre + Harbour Dues. All Craft
Tollau Harbwr y fedr – pob cwch	5.25	5.46	Harbour Dues per meter – all vessels
Ffi Trwydded Angorfa Stad Y Goron-pob angorfa (Eithrwyd TAW)	25.50	26.52	Crown Estate Mooring License-all moorings (VAT exempt)
Taliadau llithrfa cychod pŵer dros 10HP (eithrio BDP)	Fel rhestr lansio	Fel rhestr lansio	Slipway charges power boats over 10HP (not PW)
Cychod bychain peiriant uchafswm 10HP Dyddiol Tymhorol	Fel rhestr lansio	Fel rhestr lansio	Small boats engine max 10HP Daily Seasonal
Cwch ymwelwyr – Dyddiol neu rhan o ddiwrnod			Visiting Vessels – Daily or part of day
Cwch Ymweld-Daliwr Angorfa Harbyrau Gwynedd	5.00	5.00	Visiting Vessels-Gwynedd Harbour Mooring Holders
Cwch Ymweld-Pob Cwch Pleser arall	8.33	8.33	Visiting Vessels-All other pleasure vessels
Cychod cario teithwyr y fedr + Tollau Harbwr	26.23	27.28	Passenger carrying vessels per metre + Harbour Dues per meter
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Pysgota/Siarter/Masnachol y flwyddyn + Tollau Harbwr fesul medr y flwyddyn	26.23	27.28	Fishing/Charter/Commercial per meter + Harbour Dues per meter per annum
Cychod masnachol yn ymweld a'r harbwr y dydd neu rhan o'r dydd	56.36	58.61	Commercial vessels visiting per day or part of day
Storio tymor yr haf yn ardal y Cei neu diroedd eraill y fedr yr wythnos neu rhan wythnos 01 Ebrill – 30 Medi	6.80	7.07	Summer Storage on Quay or other land per meter per week or part of week 01 April – 30 September
Storio tymor y gaeaf yn ardal y Cei neu diroedd eraill y fedr y mis neu unrhyw rhan o fis 01 Hydref – 31 Mawrth – isafswm ffi 7 medr	5.82	6.05	Winter Storage on Quay or other land per metre per month or any part of month - 01 October - 31 March - min charge 7 meters.
Rhent Llogi Angorfa Aberdyfi	259.47	269.85	Mooring Rental Aberdyfi
Diddymu cais angorfa. Gorddewisol	Rheol/Rule 1/18	Rheol/Rule 1/18	Cancellation of mooring application. Discretionary.

Harbwr Aberdyfi Harbour 2019/20

Cynnwys T.A.W	2019-20	Prices include V.A.T	
Trwydded angorfa blynyddol fesul medr, neu rhan o fedr + Tollau Harbwr. Pob Cwch	36.38	Mooring licence per metre per annum, or part of metre + Harbour Dues. All Craft	
Tollau Harbwr y fedr – pob cwch	6.55	Harbour Dues per meter – all vessels	
Ffi Trwydded Angorfa Stad Y Goron-pob angorfa (Eithriwyd TAW)	26.52	Crown Estate Mooring License-all moorings (VAT exempt)	
Taliadau llithrfa cychod pŵer dros 10HP (eithrio BDP)	Fel rhestr lansio	Slipway charges power boats over 10HP (not PW)	
Cychod bychain peiriant uchafswm 10HP Dyddiol Tymhorol	Fel rhestr lansio	Small boats engine max 10HP Daily Seasonal	
Cwch ymwelwyr – Dyddiol neu rhan o ddiwrnod		Visiting Vessels – Daily or part of day	
Wwch Ymweld-Daliwr Angorfa Harbyrau Gwynedd	6.00	Visiting Vessels-Gwynedd Harbour Mooring Holders	
Cwch Ymweld-Pob Cwch Pleser arall	10.00	Visiting Vessels-All other pleasure vessels	
Sychod cario teithwyr y fedr + Tollau Harbwr	32.74	Passenger carrying vessels per metre + Harbour Dues per meter	
Pysgota/Siarter/Masnachol y flwyddyn + Tollau Harbwr fesul medr y flwyddyn	32.74	Fishing/Charter/Commercial per meter + Harbour Dues per meter per annum	
Cychod masnachol yn ymweld a'r harbwr y dydd neu rhan o'r dydd	70.34	Commercial vessels visiting per day or part of day	
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unrhyw rhan o fis 01 Hydref – 31 Mawrth – isafswm ffi 7 medr		part of month - 01 October - 31 March - min charge 7 meters.	
Rhent Llogi Angorfa Cyngor – ffi blwyddyn	323.81	Council Mooring Rental – annual charge	
Diddymu cais angorfa. Gorddewisol	Rheol/Rule 1/18	Cancellation of mooring application. Discretionary.	

<u>Ffioedd Lansio a Chofrestru Cychod Pŵer & Badau Dŵr Personol</u> Powerboats & Personal Watercraft Launching and Registration Fees

01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020

Holl ffioedd yn cynnwys TAW / All fees inclusive of VAT

Ffi Adnewyddiad (Trwyddedau Bach)		Renewal Fees (Small Permits)			
Ail-cofrestru Blynyddol		Annual Re-registration			
Ceisiadau Llestr Newydd (Trwyddedau Mawr a Bach)		New Vessel Applications (Large and Small Permits)			
Cofrestru Blynyddol		Annual Registration			
¬ Ffi Lansio		Launching Fees			
Lansio dyddiol - Llithrfeydd/Traethau Cyffredinnol Lansio dyddiol - Traeth Morfa Bychan (yn cynnwys parcio)	£10.00 £13.00	Daily launch - General Slipways/Beaches Daily launch - Morfa Bychan Beach <mark>(includes parking)</mark>			
Trwydded Lansio Blynyddol (1 Ebrill – 31 Mawrth) Cynnwys Ffi Cofrestru	£150.00	Annual Launching Permits (1 April – 31 March) <u>Inclusive of Registration Fee</u>			
Only Postal Applications are accepted at the Main Council Offices in Pwllheli. In Person applications will be processed on the day at any of the Council's harbour offices, or during the summer season at the main resort beaches.					
Trosglwyddo / Ailddodiad		Transfer / Replacement			
Ceisiadau drwy'r post yn unig i <u>Swyddfa Forwrol y Cyngor ym Mhwllheli</u>		Postal application only to the Council Maritime Office in Pwllheli			
Cychod llai na 10 HP (Dim Ffi Lansio)		Vessels under 10 HP (No Launch Fee)			
Ffi Cofrestru Blynyddol – <u>Ceisiadau Mewn Person yn Unig</u>		Annual Registration Fee – <u>In Person Application Only</u>			
Yn Swyddfeydd yr Harbyrau neu ar y Prif Draethau gyda'r cwch ar gael er ei archwilio	£30.00	At the Harbour Offices or at the main Resort Beaches, with the vessel available for inspection			

MEETING	Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	05 March 2019
TITLE	Harbourmasters Report
AUTHOR	W.A.Stockford Aberdyfi Harbourmaster

H 1 Navigational Issues

- 1.1 The course of the main navigational channel into the harbour of Aberdyfi remains under observation and still appears be heading in a Northerly direction. Low astronomical tides are predicted for the end of February and the beginning of March, allowing a better indication of the access to the river across the sand bar at the mouth of the estuary. Following a survey of the channel, the Service will then place the aids to navigation in suitable positions, so as to facilitate a safe passage across the bar.
- 1.2 Mariners are reminded of the need to navigate the channel three hours either side of high water and that contact should be made with the harbour office prior to any approach, to obtain the latest navigational information. Changes to any of the navigational aids will be circulated via Local Notice to Mariners.
- 1.3 There are currently three 'Local Notice to Mariners' in operation at Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 1.4 Notice to Mariners number 1/18 South Spit No 3 The Starboard aid to navigation is currently not on station and is awaiting deployment.
- 1.5 Notice to Mariners number 5/18 the starboard aid to navigation Bar Buoy No1 is not on station. The buoy parted from its moorings in strong winds and found its way over to Ireland. With assistance from the Harbourmaster at Wexford, Arklow Marine and a local Castletown resident, the buoy has since been recovered from Kilpatrick beach and will be returned to Aberdyfi harbour in early March. The Service would like to thank Mr Bartlett a commercial operator in the harbour for his assistance in this matter.
- 1.6 Notice to Mariners number 7/18 Aberdyfi Outer Buoy, the Navigation light on the Safe Water mark is currently unlit. A replacement light and bracket has been obtained for this buoy which will be installed as soon as is possible.
- 1.7 The Service advises that all navigational marks will be on station and fully operational as soon as practically possible, dependent upon the commitments of the mooring contractor in association with existing, weather and tidal conditions.

H 2 Operational Issues

2.1 Throughout the winter period vessel movements in the harbour and channel approaches have been limited. The Outward Bound Trust and Aberdyfi Rowing Club have remained operative. Movements have otherwise been limited to vessels seeking

- winter storage at the Ynys Las boatyard, fishing vessel movements and occasional personal watercraft use.
- 2.2 All commercial fishing activities are out of operation with a view to commencing work towards the end of February.
- 2.3 It has been a quiet period for the Aberdyfi lifeboat, with launches limited to operational training exercises.

H 3 Maintenance

- 3.1 Maintenance of the visitor's moorings will be carried out before the end of March to enable the mooring contractor to lay them before the Easter holiday.
- 3.2 Significant works have been carried out to the 'buoy store', including the removal of mezzanine flooring to enable more storage space.
- 3.3 Replacement of railings around Tywyn seafront 'bandstand'. Extensive work to improve the area of the central promenade. Painting of the railings will be carried out in warmer weather conditions.
- 3.4 RNLI safety signage. Works to reinstate the signage on Tywyn seafront and install the larger signs around Aberdyfi will be carried out before Easter.
- 3.5 Maintenance on the Aberdyfi harbour craft and stores.
- 3.6 Administration procedures including risk assessment processes

H 4 Other Matters

- 4.1 Golf Club Boardwalk. The future of the broad-walk remains uncertain at this time with particular regard to budgetary constraints. Discussions are currently on-going between the Service and Aberdyfi golf club, regarding ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the broadwalk which needs clarification before a decision can be made regarding its future and any expenditure that may be incurred.
- 4.2 **Picnic Island Bridge**. The situation regarding the bridge over the railway to 'Picnic island' remains the same as last reported. An inspection has been carried out and details of this information circulated to the Outward Bound Trust and the Community Council.
- 4.3 **Fishermans Compound.** A tender to erect a 2m high fence around the fishermen's compound has been awarded to the firm of North Wales Fencing at a cost of £8500.00 with a deadline set for the completion of works set at 30th April 2019.
- 4.3.1 The firm of C & A Asbestos Removal Ltd have been instructed to remove the illegally deposited asbestos waste present in the compound at a cost of £580.00 plus VAT plus £40.00 in respect of a waste consignment note. The Service is currently waiting for this matter to be completed

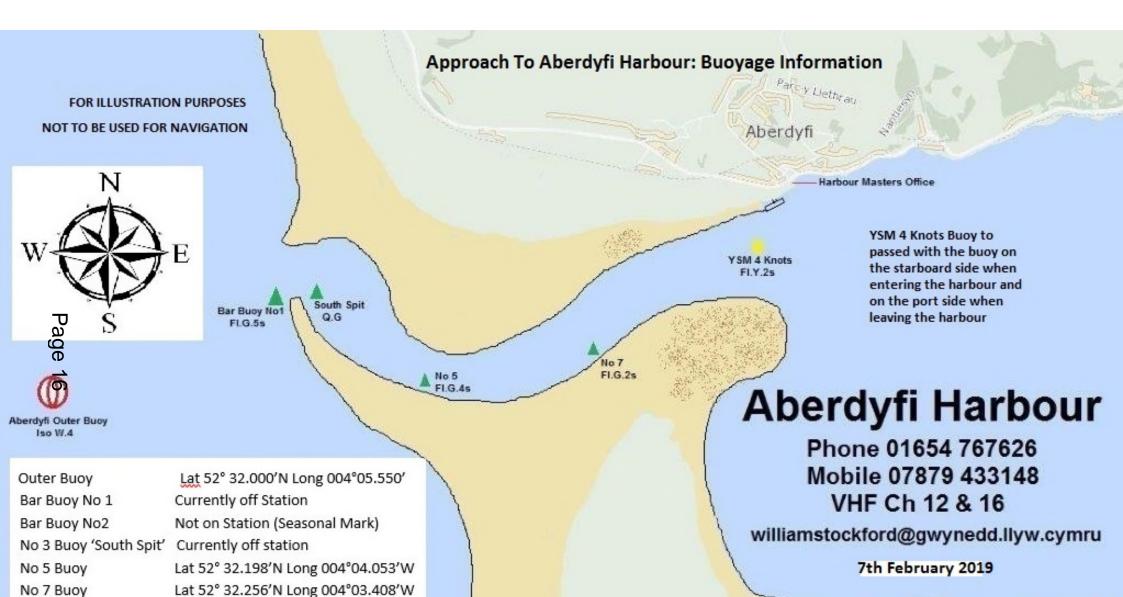
- 4.3.2 The Service has contacted the firm of Aber skips regarding the removal from the compound of illegally deposited fridges and freezers, which contain potentially dangerous gases together with other general waste. As this document is written the Service awaits a response, so that the work to remove the items can be undertaken.
- 4.3.3 Discussions have been held with local fisherman regarding the placement of fishing equipment and pots on the quayside. Upon the erection of fencing and clearance of waste from the compound, the fishermen will move and store pots and equipment in the compound area. The Service are grateful for the work that has already been started to clear and tidy the compound area by local fishermen and Dyfi Yacht Club.
- 4.4 **Vehicle Parking on the Quayside.** To enhance pedestrian safety on the quayside by means of a traffic separation scheme, vehicular access onto the quayside will not be permitted from the 1st April 2019, except for the purpose of loading or unloading equipment. No vehicle will be permitted to remain at rest on the quayside without the presence of the owner. This restriction includes the vehicle utilised by the harbourmaster which is to be re-located to a different area within the confines of the harbour.
- 4.5 **Containers on the Harbour.** The Service has written to those person with containers sited on the harbour to request their immediate removal due to the re-structuring and tidying of the harbour facilities. It is proposed to create a parking facility where these containers are stored for the benefit of commercial operators whilst working in the harbour and the Service vehicle utilised by the harbourmaster. The harbourmaster is tasked with producing a plan of the area which is to include an alternative storage area.

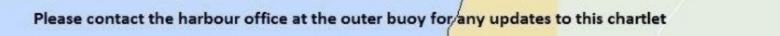
H5 Events

Dyfi Yacht Club have submitted their sailing season race programme. The Commodore trophy is to be held on the 22nd June same day as the PWC Gwynedd Blackrock Blast with a scheduled arrival in the harbour at 1300hrs and departure no later than 1400. Close management of this situation will be discussed with the Club Commodore and Sailing secretary.

Fisheries Loacl Action Group (FLAG), 'A Day on the Quay' event is programmed for 20th April.

The Service has received a request to hold a Swim event at Aberdyfi on the 6th July by Weswimrun Ltd. This event is yet to be approved as further information is required.





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YSM 4 Knots