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BARMOUTH HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.30 am, TUESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 2019

Location

**Parlwr Mawr, Theatr y Ddraig, Barmouth Community Centre, Jubilee Road,
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MEMBERSHIP:

Gwynedd Council:

Louise Hughes
Eryl Jones-Williams
Gethin Glyn Williams (Chair)

Co-Opted Members:

Councillor Rob Triggs
Councillor R A Williams
Dr John Smith
Wendy Ponsford
John Johnson

Mark James
Martin Parouty
Vacant Seat Arthog Community Council
Vacant Seat Three Peaks Yacht Race
Committee

Barmouth Town Council
Barmouth Resort Improvement Group
Barmouth Viaduct Access Group
Merioneth Yacht Club
Barmouth and Cardigan Bay Sea Fisheries
Association
Royal National Lifeboat Institution
Barmouth Harbour & Estuary Users Group

Observers:

Peter Read
Dr John Jones-Morris

Ioan Thomas

Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee
Porthmadog Consultative Harbour
Committee
Cabinet Member for Economic Development

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

3. MINUTES

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To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting of the Barmouth Consultative Committee held on 23.10.2018

4. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

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To consider the Senior Harbours Officers report

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee will be held on 22nd October 2019

BARMOUTH HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE 23/10/18

PRESENT:

Members: Cllr. Gethin Glyn Williams (Gwynedd Council), Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams (Gwynedd Council), Cllr. Louise Hughes (Gwynedd Council), Cllr. R Triggs (Barmouth Town Council), Cllr. Mark James (RNLI), Mrs Wendy Ponsford (Member of Merioneth Yacht Club)

Officers: Barry Davies (Maritime and Country Parks Officer), Glyn Jones (Barmouth Harbour Master), Lowri Haf Evans (Member Support Officer) and Mererid Watt (Translator)

Others invited: Mike Scott (Fairbourne Amenities Trust) for item 8 only.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Ioan Ceredig Thomas (Cabinet Member - Economy), Dr John Smith (Barmouth Viaduct Access Group), Mr Martin Parouty (Barmouth Harbour Users Group) and Mr Mike Ellis (Three Peaks Race Committee)

1. CHAIR

RESOLVED to re-elect Councillor Gethin Williams as Chair of this Committee for the year 2018/19.

2. VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED to re-elect Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams as Vice-chair of this Committee for 2018/19.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

The following members declared a personal interest in the following items for the reasons noted:

- (a) Cllr. Gethin Williams – member of the Community Trust
- (b) Mrs Wendy Ponsford – member of the Yacht Club, member of the Community Trust
- (c) Cllr. Rob Triggs – member of the Community Trust, member of the Yacht Club

Members did not vote on the matters that dealt with their personal interest.

4. MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 March 2018, as a true record.

Glynda O'Brien (Member Support Officer) was wished a happy retirement and she was thanked for her contribution and service to the Committee over the years.

Matters arising from the minutes:

(a) Maintenance

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer to ask the Senior Harbours Officer and the Harbour Master about the winter maintenance work programme.

(b) Events

It was accepted that there was room for improvement with the process of reminding organisers to contact the Maritime Service first to get permission to hold activities and to strengthen day-to-day arrangements.

It was reported that discussions had taken place regarding the Motorcross event clashing with Gwynedd Half Term holidays and the lack of communication between the organisers and Barmouth Town Council. It was noted that Mr Arnold (Motorcross organiser) required confirmation of the dates for 2019, before December in order to organise the event. It was added that it was not possible to change the date for 2018 as the Motorcross events programme across the country had already been published. A suggestion was made that October half term weekends (Gwynedd) should be avoided and Remembrance Sunday should also be considered.

The 9/10 or 16/17 of November were suggested in order not to clash with half-term. It was noted that the event was important for the area and they did not want to lose it. The need to confirm the dates with Mr Arnold before December 2018, was emphasised.

(c) Fairbourne Emergency Telephones

It was highlighted, following the Committee's decision to express to the relevant Cabinet Member their wish to dispose of the emergency telephones due to a lack of use, that this had not occurred. Prior to disposal, it was suggested that there should be further consultation with the Coastguard and the RNLI regarding the use of the telephones.

(ch) FLAG Activities (Fisheries Local Action Group).

It was reported that the activities had been successful and it was proposed to expand the venture in the future. All who had been part of the arrangements were thanked.

The Town Councillor noted that he could not attend FLAG Group meetings in the area and he suggested that membership should be offered to someone else. It was confirmed that the FLAG Group's wish was for any one member from Barmouth Town Council to be a representative.

(d) Sand Clearance

It was stated that it was not possible to see the sea from Barmouth, and it was noted that following meetings with Gwynedd Consultancy it was not possible to remove the sand. However, it was highlighted that positive statements had been made in a magazine stating that the beach was an excellent resource, the seawall was popular and the channel was clear.

(dd) Dredging

It was anticipated that only Victoria Dock and Pwllheli Harbour would be dredged.

(e) Arthog Community Council - controlling the in-flow of traffic

With a substantial flow of tourist traffic into the area, it was reported that a meeting had taken place with the Transportation Department and it appeared that nothing had been done in response. It was highlighted that Arthog Community Council was working with a Group in Fairbourne to try and reinstate some of the issues which included action to prevent overnight parking. It was confirmed that the relevant Cabinet Member received a copy of the Committee agenda and was therefore aware of these issues.

In response to a comment that Bala Town Council had employed an enforcement officer themselves, it was suggested that Councillor Louise Hughes should contact the Town Councillor for relevant details of the enforcement act in order to raise the matter at the next Arthog Community Council.

(f) Damage to railings outside the Dora building

It was reported that Gwynedd Council had shouldered the burden of paying for the damage. It was added that discussions had taken place with the owner with a warning that if there was further damage then the Council would take action to recover the costs.

5. HARBOUR SAFETY

It was noted that no issue regarding harbour safety had been submitted within the period, however, attention was drawn to the concern that young children were climbing along the buildings, boats, pots and fishing tackle in Aberdyfi. A comment was made that it should be ensured that the site was safe and a request should be made to the owner of any fishing tackle to complete a risk assessment.

6. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

(a) Senior Harbours Officer's Report

A report was presented by the Senior Harbours Officer giving a brief update on Harbour matters for the period from March 2018 to October 2018. Following an exceptional Summer, with a significant increase in numbers visiting the area, it was reported that the Service's resources were not sufficient to respond to all the issues and this was highlighted as a high risk. It was added that one fatal accident had occurred and the response to the Coroner had been implemented. It was also noted that staff had to deal with very difficult situations and in response to this it was highlighted that a meeting had been organised with the Coastguard to discuss the situation further. It was reported that the Service was under pressure.

In response to a question regarding the reduction in the number of moorings, it was reported that this was a pattern that could be seen in other natural harbours. It was added that the industry itself was suffering, but despite the reduction this did not have an impact on the economic benefit when looking at the whole situation e.g. a positive increase was seen in the number of powerboats. The Harbour Master noted that a change in culture was one reason for the reduction in the number of yachts and the need for power and speed had increased. It was added that customers needed to 'buy a resource' such as moorings as an item and that the current process was protracted.

To address this it was suggested there should be a way of facilitating payments and a request was made for a report to the next meeting listing the possible options available.

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer added that a review was being undertaken by the Service asking why mooring owners had left and a report on the findings would be submitted (to all Harbour Committees) in March 2019.

In the context of installing moorings, it was highlighted that Barmouth Town Council had considered funding the costs of moorings and they intended to raise money for pontoons. The need to confirm the arrangements for ownership was highlighted and it was suggested that the Town Councillor should meet with the Senior Harbours Officer and the Harbour Master to discuss this further. In terms of dredging, an operational licence would be required. As the Council's budgets were tight and were facing further cuts, it would not be possible for the Council to fund the dredging of the Harbour. It was suggested that the Town Councillor should consult the Maritime and Country Parks Officer to agree on a letter to be sent to Natural Resources Wales to be able to operate. It was suggested that the community was willing to raise the money.

Barmouth community was praised for its willingness to collaborate and to get the best for the town in light of the cuts to Gwynedd Council budgets. They should be applauded and congratulated on their good work.

It was reported that the Coastguard Agency's inspectors had been due to revisit the Service in October as a follow-up to the inspection in 2017. However, due to unexpected circumstances, it was noted the visit had been postponed until March 2019. There would be an invitation to all Members of the Consultative Committee to attend the meeting in Porthmadog.

Members' attention was drawn to the Service's intention to employ a full time harbour assistant to work in Barmouth, Aberdyfi and Porthmadog harbours. In response, it was stated that the service should carefully consider where the posts were advertised and there was also a suggestion to seek apprenticeships. A request was made for the Service to share the advertisement with the Town Council.

(b) Harbour Master's Report

A report was presented by the Harbour Master detailing navigational, operational and maintenance matters. Attention was drawn to the need to undertake more work on the following:

- Barmouth beach safety signage had been successful although there was need for more similar signs in the Harbour due to the increase in the number of people who walk through the Harbour.
- That the fishermen's compound needed to be cleared and the area should be re-lined. It was suggested that a new contract should be created with a condition to keep the site clean.
- That the Compound Road land could be used for parking. Clarity was required on who the landowner was and enforcement arrangements needed to be checked.
An application had been made by the Committee for a traffic order on the land as there were 16 spaces available. A parking space could be offered with the Fishermen's Compound for an additional cost.
- Management of harbour pontoon - A member of the Barmouth Viaduct Access Group to arrange a meeting with the Harbour Master to discuss this further.

- Winter boat storage - need to encourage users to stay. A request for the Harbour Master to get ideas from Harbour users for possible incentives.
- Events - it was necessary to ensure that the events were recorded by Gwynedd Council Events Manager as successes.

RESOLVED to accept the reports.

8. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(a) Consider allowing a representative of Fairbourne Amenities Trust as a co-opted member on the Committee.

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer referred to the Harbour Committee Terms of Reference and confirmed that the membership was:

- up to 4 local members of Gwynedd Council
- The Gwynedd Council Cabinet Member who is responsible for the Harbour Authority portfolio
- One member of the Town Council
- Up to 7 other members representing the various interests of the harbour users

Since the current membership of Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee was complete an additional request would be beyond the Council's enforcement framework.

It was highlighted that Arthog Community Council had an empty seat and it was suggested that one representative could be appointed that would represent both bodies.

It was noted that the Barmouth Viaduct Access Group representative had resigned and that it was the Group's responsibility to elect a new representative.

It was noted that the Three Peaks Race representative also wished to resign and that it was that Committee's responsibility to elect a new representative.

It was emphasised that there was a responsibility on the above bodies to inform the Maritime and Country Parks Officer or the Member Support Officer of the new nominations.

Mr Mike Ellis (Three Peaks Race Committee) was thanked for his distinguished contributions to the Committee over the years.

9. NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting will take place on 26th March, 2019.

The meeting commenced at 10.30am and concluded at 12.30pm.

MEETING	Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	26 March 2019
TITLE	Update on Harbour Management Matters
AUTHOR	Senior Harbours Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee's 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 Barmouth 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 October 2018 to March 2019, in order to receive feedback from the members on safety matters and the operational matters of the Harbour at Barmouth.

2. Barmouth Moorings and Boat Registration

- 2.1 As the season approaches mooring application forms have been sent out, with a limited number returned thus far. From enquiries at the harbour office, it is hoped that the number of vessels on moorings within the harbour for the forthcoming season will increase on last year's figure of 72 vessels.
- 2.2 The Service wish to remind Committee members that mooring application forms should be completed and returned to the Harbour Office at Barmouth as soon as possible, to allow for an effective administration process and suitable allocation of moorings.

3. Port Marine Safety Code

- 3.1.1 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.

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. 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 and to regularly receive observations on its contents, in order that it may be reviewed as relevant to the harbour activities, navigational aids, suitability of by-laws, safety matters and general day to day work at Barmouth Harbour.

- 3.1.2 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.
- 3.1.3 Following the review undertaken the Service received a report with suggested enhancements pursuant to the inspection which has been previously circulated to the Consultative Committee.

3.1.4 As a follow up to the initial visit, Capt Forkanul Quadar from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency visited the service on the 5th and 6th March, during which a visit to Barmouth Harbour was undertaken and a presentation made before the Porthmadog Harbour Consultative Committee. A further report from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency is now awaited by the Service following his visit.

4. **Staffing Matters**

4.1.1 As reported in the meeting, the employment period of the Barmouth Harbour Assistant (seasonal) ended on the 30th September 2018. The position of Seasonal Harbour Assistant for the forthcoming season is soon to be advertised and it is hoped to have the successful candidate in post by the beginning of May.

4.1.2 The Service is now in a position to confirm that two new full time Assistant Harbourmaster posts are to be created. One additional staff member is to be based at Porthmadog Harbour and the other is to be based at Aberdyfi. When appointed, the successful candidates will be required to work across all harbours as and when required, to assist with marine operations. It is also hoped to have the successful candidates in post by the beginning of May.

5. **Financial Matters**

5.1 A brief summary of the harbours budget and current financial situation up to the end of February 2019 is attached.

5.2 During this period it was necessary to commit financial resources for the following:-

- Maintenance of Navigation Aids and Beacons
- Maintenance of Council moorings
- Maintenance of harbour patrol vessel
- Maintenance of lands and benches.
- Maintenance of harbour Ladders and Railings

5.3 **Fees and Charges 2019/20.** The fees and charges for Barmouth Harbour together with the Powerboat and Personal Watercraft launching fees for 2019/20, are enclosed.

6.0 **Harbourmaster's Report.** The Harbourmaster at Barmouth will provide a summary of the Navigational and Operational matters undertaken and encountered during the period October 2018 to March 2019 which will include maintenance issues and events that occurred during the period. A copy of his report is attached.

Harbwr Abermaw Harbour
2019/20

Eithrio T.A.W	2018-19	2019-20	Prices exclude V.A.T
Trwydded angorfa blynyddol fesul medr, neu rhan o fedr + Tollau Harbwr – Pob Cwch gan gynwys Ysgraff	29.15	30.32	Mooring licence per metre per annum, or part of metre + Harbour Dues – All Craft including Ferries
Tollau Harbwr y fedr – pob cwch	5.25	5.46	Harbour Dues per meter – all vessels
Trwydded Angorfeydd Trwyn y Gwaith	26.50	27.56	Penrhyn Point Mooring License
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 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
Pysgota/Siarter/Masnachol y flwyddyn + Tollau Harbwr y fedr	26.23	27.28	Fishing/Charter/Commercial per meter + Harbour Dues per meter
Cychod yn ymweld a'r harbwr y dydd neu rhan o'r dydd	56.31	58.56	Commercial vessels visiting per day or part of day
Ffioedd Compownd Harbwr (y flwyddyn)– Pysgotwyr llawn amser	306.00	318.24	Harbour compound (per annum) – Full time fishermen
Ffioedd Compownd Harbwr (y flwyddyn)– Defnyddwyr masnachol harbwr	329.70	342.89	Harbour Compound (per annum) – Harbour commercial users
Ffioedd Compownd Harbwr (y flwyddyn)– Defnyddwyr masnachol eraill	380.95	396.19	Harbour Compound (per annum) – Other commercial users.
Ffi cosb – Glanhau Ysbwriel	84.99	88.39	Penalty Costs – Removal of refuse
Gordal-defnydd tir tu allan i'r ardal benodedig y M ² yr wythnos.	5.10	5.30	Surcharge – additional storage area outside of allocated plot - per M ² per week.
Storio tymor yr haf ar diroedd harbwr y fedr. Ffi fesul wythnos neu rhan wythnos 01 Ebrill – 30 Medi	6.80	7.08	Summer Storage on harbour land per meter per week or part of week 01 April – 30 September
Storio tymor y gaeaf ar dir yr harbwr y fedr. Ffi fesul y mis neu unrhyw rhan o fis 01 Hydref – 31 Mawrth – isafswm 7 medr	5.82	6.05	Winter Storage on harbour land per metre per month or any part of month 01 October – 31 March – min 7mtrs
Rhent llogi angorfa Abermaw (os ar gael)	259.47	269.85	Mooring Rental Abermaw (if available)
Diddymu cais angorfa. Gorddewisol	Rheol/Rule 1/18	Rheol/Rule 1/18	Cancellation of mooring application. Discretionary

Harbwr Abermaw 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 gan gynnwys Ysgraff	36.38	Mooring licence per metre per annum, or part of metre + Harbour Dues – All Craft including Ferries
Tollau Harbwr y fedr – pob cwch	6.55	Harbour Dues per meter – all vessels
Trwydded Angorfeydd Trwyn y Gwaith	33.07	Penrhyn Point Mooring License
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 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
Cwch 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
Cychod cario teithwyr y fedr + Tollau Harbwr	32.74	Passenger carrying vessels per metre + Harbour Dues per meter
Pysgota/Siarter/Masnachol y flwyddyn + Tollau Harbwr y fedr	32.74	Fishing/Charter/Commercial per meter + Harbour Dues per meter
Cychod yn ymweld a'r harbwr y dydd neu rhan o'r dydd	70.27	Commercial vessels visiting per day or part of day
Ffioedd Compownd Harbwr (y flwyddyn)– Pysgotwyr llawn amser	381.89	Harbour compound (per annum) – Full time fishermen
Ffioedd Compownd Harbwr (y flwyddyn)– Defnyddwyr masnachol harbwr	411.47	Harbour Compound (per annum) – Harbour commercial users
Ffioedd Compownd Harbwr (y flwyddyn)– Defnyddwyr masnachol eraill	475.43	Harbour Compound (per annum) – Other commercial users.
Ffi cosb – Glanhau Ysbwriel	106.07	Penalty Costs – Removal of refuse
Gordal-defnydd tir tu allan i'r ardal benodedig y M ² yr wythnos.	6.36	Surcharge – additional storage area outside of allocated plot - per M ² per week.
Storio tymor yr haf ar diroedd harbwr y fedr. Ffi fesul wythnos neu rhan wythnos 01 Ebrill – 30 Medi	8.49	Summer Storage on harbour land per meter per week or part of week 01 April – 30 September
Storio tymor y gaeaf ar dir yr harbwr y fedr. Ffi fesul y mis neu unrhyw rhan o fis 01 Hydref – 31 Mawrth – isafswm 7 medr	7.26	Winter Storage on harbour land per metre per month or any part of month 01 October – 31 March – min 7mtrs
Rhent llogi angorfa Abermaw (os ar gael)	323.81	Mooring Rental Abermaw (if available)
Diddymu cais angorfa. Gorddewisol	Rheol/Rule 1/18	Cancellation of mooring application. Discretionary

Ffioedd Lansio a Cofrestru Cychod Pŵer & Badau Dŵr Personol
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)	2019/20	Renewal Fees (Small Permits)
	Ail-cofrestru Blynyddol	£35.00	Annual Re-registration
	Ceisiadau Llestr Newydd (Trwyddedau Mawr a Bach)		New Vessel Applications (Large and Small Permits)
	Cofrestru Blynyddol	£45.00	Annual Registration
	Ffi Lansio		Launching Fees
Page 13	Lansio dyddiol - Llithrfeydd/Traethau Cyffredinoll Lansio dyddiol - Traeth Morfa Bychan (yn cynnwys parcio)	£10.00 £13.00	Daily launch – General Slipways/Beaches Daily launch – Morfa Bychan Beach (includes parking)
	Trwydded Lansio Blynyddol (1 Ebrill – 31 Mawrth) <u>Cynnwys Ffi Cofrestru</u>	£150.00	Annual Launching Permits (1 April – 31 March) <u>Inclusive of Registration Fee</u>
	<p>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.</p>		
	Trosglwyddo / Aiddodiad		Transfer / Replacement
	Ceisiadau drwy'r post yn unig i <u>Swyddfa Forwrol y Cyngor ym Mhwllheli</u>	£45.00	Postal application only to the <u>Council Maritime Office in Pwllheli</u>
	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> Yn Swyddfeydd yr Harbyrau neu ar y Prif Draethau gyda'r cwch ar gael er ei archwilio	£30.00	Annual Registration Fee – <u>In Person Application Only</u> At the Harbour Offices or at the main Resort Beaches, with the vessel available for inspection

MEETING	Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	26th March 2019
TITLE	Harbourmasters Report
AUTHOR	A.G.Jones Barmouth Harbourmaster

1. Navigational Issues

- 1.1. Throughout the winter period the Navigational aids marking the channel approach to Barmouth harbour have remained on station. Storm 'Freya' however caused the starboard hand mark protecting the sewage outfall pipe at position 52°43.60'N 004° 04.42'W to be washed ashore. A Local Notice to Mariners has been issued regarding this navigational aid and it is hoped to have the buoy back on station as soon as possible in conjunction with Welsh Water and Trinity House.
- 1.2 The Service continues to monitor the need for a navigation mark to be placed at the Harbour entrance to afford protection to mariners, from a growing muscle bank inside the breakwater and plans remain in being, to place an additional navigational mark between the Perch Rock and the harbour breakwater to enhance navigation safety.
- 1.3 The current illustration of the navigable channel is similar to that as issued last September. Further surveys of the navigable channel are expected to be undertaken before the Easter period and any necessary movement of the channel marks will be undertaken thereafter. The Service regularly inspects the channel at low tide in addition to utilising the harbour patrol craft whenever practicable to conduct surveys, in order to ensure that the navigational aids are in the most suitable location.

2 Operational Issues

- 2.1 During January and February Railtrack personnel and associated contractors have been undertaking a detailed inspection of the Barmouth viaduct which spans the estuary. It has been identified that over 1700 timbers will need to be replaced together with other works, in order to maintain the historic structure. The required work on the viaduct is expected to be undertaken over a three year period. To date no notification has been received by the Service as to when the work will commence.
- 2.2 In a similar manner to last year, it is anticipated that an inspection of the visitor moorings in the harbour will take place in preparation for the forthcoming season. Inspection of the Council owned 'Trot moorings' will be undertaken by the harbourmaster, assisted by other Service personnel.
- 2.3 The Harbour Authority will continue to undertake the removal of unsafe and derelict moorings present in the harbour. In accordance, the Service wish to remind harbour users of the need to comply with Byelaw No 5 of the Aberdyfi and Barmouth harbour bylaws which states that; "The owner of mooring equipment shall inspect his mooring equipment annually in order to ensure that it is in good working order, and he shall produce to the Council a Certificate to this effect when applying for reallocation of mooring".

- 2.4 With regard to this matter, the Service are looking to introduce a revised Certificate of Condition of mooring equipment, a copy of which is enclosed for the observations of the Committee.
- 2.5 As part of a general review of Harbour Bylaws across the harbours of Gwynedd, a review of the harbour By-laws relevant to Barmouth Harbour is also to be undertaken.

3 Maintenance

- 3.1 Two new ladders have been purchased and fitted to the harbour wall to replace ladders that were in need of replacement. Wooden fenders are now to be applied to the ladders concerned.
- 3.2 Maintenance work has been carried out to the harbour railings protecting the quayside although further damage has recently occurred caused by moored vessels. This will require further work to be conducted.
- 3.3 Service personnel have undertaken maintenance work at Fairbourne Point including the erection of new signage.
- 3.4 The Harbourmaster will summarise the maintenance work programme carried out at Barmouth harbour during the period October 2018 – March 2019.

4. Other Matters

- 4.1 **Safety Signs.** In partnership with the RNLI safety signs are to be displayed at strategic points around the harbour in preparation for the forthcoming season. The service is grateful for the work undertaken in respect of this matter by Mr Trefor Lewis, RNLI.
- 4.2 **Fisherman's Compound.** The Service are currently undertaking a review of the Fisherman's Compound and will write to existing compound holders to request the removal of unwanted and waste materials from the site. Thereafter, the service will reinforce the lines marking the individual plots within the compound.
- 4.3 **Harbour Parking.** The Service continues to work towards designated parking bays on Compound Road to assist Commercial Operators and Compound Site Holders to continue their activities within the harbour environment. Control of the area remains under discussion to prevent random and indiscriminate parking from members of the public and the Harbour Authority would like to remind service users of the need to maintain effective use of the barrier sited at the entrance to the facility.
- 4.3.1 Assistance has been and will continue to be sought from enforcement officers as and when required, to facilitate free and unobstructed access to the slipway for harbour users in respect of the road markings by the 'SS Dora' building.
- 4.4 **Harbour Pontoon.** Representatives from the Barmouth Community Trust have met with the Senior Harbours Officer and Harbourmaster regarding ownership and managerial operation of the pontoon in the harbour. The Service awaits written information from

Trust members at this time regarding the matter. In the interim, at the request of Trust Members, the Service have moved the pontoon fingers from the Bath-house beach onto the shore for their attention.

- 4.4.1 It is hoped that a member of the group looking to secure the future of the pontoon will be able to provide an update on the current situation regarding its future at the meeting.
- 4.5 **Harbour Steps:** As part of required works at the North End of the Promenade, staff from the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Unit have advised that repairs to stone steps sited in the harbour will be undertaken at the same time. The Service now awaits confirmation of when this work will commence.
- 4.6 **Sand Clearance.** The service will work with Highways to clear sand on the promenade and 'Ynys Y Brawd' before the Easter period.
- 4.7 **Winter storage of Vessels.** Following consultation with the Parking Service of the Council, permission was given to provide for the winter storage of vessels on the car park by the Leisure Centre for the period 1 October to 31 March. Despite requests for this facility from harbour users, only two vessels actually took up residence there. It is hoped that the facility will be utilised to its maximum potential at the end of the forthcoming season.

5. **Events**

5.1 To date, applications have been received to hold the following events at Barmouth Harbour in 2019:-

- Three Peaks Yacht Race (15th June)
- Charity Jet-Ski Event Porthmadog - Barmouth – Aberdyfi (22nd June)
- Kite Festival (6-7th July)
- Barmouth Food Festival (21st July)
- Motorcross Event (12- 13th October)

The service awaits clarification in respect of the following events for the forthcoming season;

- Paddle Sports Festival
- Swim Society 'Hurly Burly Event'

5.2 The Service would like to remind members that it is essential the Harbour Authority is advised and permission sought for any proposed event in the Harbour at the earliest opportunity.

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