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Meeting

ABERDYFI HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.00 am, TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH, 2026

Location

Virtual Meeting

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MEMBERSHIP:

Gwynedd Council:

Gwilym Jones
John Pughe
Anne Lloyd-Jones
Dewi Owen

Porthmadog Consultative Harbour Committee

Co-Opted Members:

Josh Cooper
David Williams

Huw Evans

Nigel Willis
Ian Baylis
Al Crisp
Guy Shaw
Stephen Tudor

RNLI Aberdyfi
Member of Aberdyfi & Improvements
Committee
Member of the Cardigan Bay Fisheries
Association
Member of Aberdyfi Boat Club
Member of the Dyfi Yacht Club
Outward Bound Trust Wales

Representing Pwllheli Sailing Club

Observers:

Cllr. Medwyn Hughes

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declarations of personal interest.

3. MINUTES

4 - 8

To receive and confirm the minutes of a meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee held on the 14th October 2025.

4. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

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To submit a report by the Senior Harbours Officer.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee will be held on 17 November 2026.

ABERDYFI HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, 14 OCTOBER 2025

Present:

Gwynedd Councillors: Councillors Robert Dewi Owen and Anne Lloyd Jones.

Co-opted Members: Freddie Collier (Aberdyfi RNLI), David Williams (Aberdyfi Improvements and Advertising Committee), Desmond George (Dyfi Yacht Club Member), Al Crisp (Outward Bound Trust Wales), Robert Tyrrell (Aberdyfi Community Council).

Observers: Councillor Medwyn Hughes (Cabinet Member for Economy and Community), Councillor Gwilym Jones (Porthmadog Harbour Consultative Committee).

Officers in attendance: Bryn Pritchard-Jones (Maritime Service Manager), William Arthur Stockford (Aberdyfi Harbourmaster), Courtney Jones (Democracy and Civic Services Officer) and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to elect Councillor Robert Dewi Owen as Chair of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee for the year 2025/26.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED to elect Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones as Vice-chair of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee for the year 2025/26.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dan Cartwright (Senior Harbours Officer) and Llyr Beaumont Jones (Assistant Head of Economy and Communities).

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

5. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

The report was submitted by the Maritime Service Manager. Members were guided through the report, highlighting the following key points:

Referring to the performance data, it was noted that there had been an increase in the use of the harbours since COVID, which was encouraging for the county. An 8% increase was confirmed across the county's harbours, with the number of moorings rising from 250 to the current 270. It was noted that there had been an increase in the number of moorings as the harbours welcomed new customers across Gwynedd, particularly in Aberdyfi Harbour, with an increase of four customers. It was noted that the county continued to see customers move from one harbour to another within the county and beyond.

It was noted that there had been a change in the online system for registering moorings and that this had significantly reduced the administrative work. It was noted that customers were now able to make online payments for their moorings.

It was noted that there was a 10% increase in the number of powerboats and jet skis registered with the Council during the season, compared to last year, rising from 2,141, to 2,362. It was elaborated that this added to the beaches budget and not the harbour budget (it was noted that the income was paid online) and this was a significant part of the maritime budget. It was noted that fewer complaints had been received about jet skis, compared to previous years; this reflected that the system was working effectively. The staff, who are proactive in their work when dealing with customers and monitoring the waters and acting where necessary to ensure people comply with the rules, were praised for their work.

With reference to the harbours' customer satisfaction, it was confirmed that the positive feedback regarding the harbours had increased since 2023, with 63% now citing an excellent standard for the harbour, compared to 40% in 2023/24. It was noted that the feedback was monitored monthly to monitor user satisfaction. It was elaborated that the department analyses the data to identify trends and areas of action. It was explained that customers and users can provide feedback through scanning a QR code (located along the harbour) which directed them to an online questionnaire to evaluate the experiences of harbour users. It was noted that they had received more feedback about the beaches in Gwynedd compared to the harbours. It was recognised that the number of beach users had increased, and therefore the challenges of managing the beaches had increased, with an increase in litter, residents parking overnight and the use of jet skis. However, it was confirmed that the department had received a very positive response regarding harbour use which reflected the effective management. It was expressed that they had received encouraging comments about the facilities and staff when referring to the comments contained in the report. Examples of the responses were given which conveyed that the harbour staff were friendly, welcoming and very knowledgeable. The harbour staff and their willingness to go above and beyond requirements and working hours to support and help customers were praised.

Reference was made to the negative feedback received about the harbour, noting that they had received criticism for the harbour's dredging situation. It was noted that some had complained about the conduct of jet ski users and called for more controls. It was highlighted that some had complained that their mooring had been moved, but it was explained that this was due to weather issues beyond the control of the harbour staff. It was stated that some had complained about the temporary 'cabin' in the harbour stating that it was not suitable for the harbour. It was noted that some complained that it marred the view in Aberdyfi. It was explained that the department took these comments seriously and regularly monitored the situation, taking action when possible. The priority of the staff to address the needs of harbour users and their aim to satisfy customers to the best of their ability was emphasised.

Reference was made to the Marine Safety Code. It was noted that the code outlined the national standard for all aspects of port maritime safety. It was explained that the harbours are regularly inspected by an external expert to ensure compliance. The appointment of Mr Owen Morgan, Harbour Manager for Ceredigion Council, as the new 'Designated Person' for the service was confirmed. It was highlighted that he would soon carry out inspections in the harbours. The collaboration with Mr Morgan was welcomed. It was anticipated that the department would be able to report on Mr Owen Morgan's recommendations and improvements by the date of the next committee in March 2026. In response to an enquiry, it was confirmed that the Audit being undertaken would cover all the harbour management issues. It was assumed that they would discuss the challenges in the harbour, such as the sand and the harbour's access and accessibility.

Staff training was detailed as part of the Marine Safety Code. The importance of the personal development of staff was emphasised, and it was confirmed that the department invested a lot of money in training and ensuring that staff were competent. It was noted that a member of staff had recently completed a Harbourmaster's diploma, which was very encouraging. It was elaborated that the department held frequent discussions with staff to ensure they get the most out of the opportunities that are financially possible.

Information was shared about the challenges officers face due to the nature of their work, noting that the officers at times experience severe, threatening and aggressive behaviour. To ensure the safety of staff and the public, it was confirmed that officers were now required to wear cameras on their bodies to record any incidents and provide them with protection. Reference was made to the forthcoming investment in the installation of CCTV cameras in the Aberdyfi harbour area to improve harbour management and to monitor violent incidents. A member mentioned that two violent incidents had recently been reported to RNLI staff, and it was acknowledged that CCTV cameras would improve the area's security. No maritime incidents or accidents were reported this year at Aberdyfi.

Referring to an incident that took place two years ago, a member asked whether the matter was continuing through the court system. In response, it was confirmed that the department continued to co-operate with the local police on the matter and they were awaiting a decision from the CPS regarding whether the case will go to court. It was trusted that the matter would go to court in due course. Disappointment was expressed that the case had taken so long to go to court and a wish was expressed to put pressure on the authorities to develop the matter, in the hope that there will be a prosecution soon.

Reference was made to the Local Lighthouse Authority which was responsible for ensuring safe navigation for all mariners using the waterways. It was confirmed that the department was carrying out regular surveys of the harbour channel to ensure that all Local Navigational Aids are correctly stationed and are working properly. It was confirmed that the latest report conveys that 95.47% of Cyngor Gwynedd's Navigational Aids are available and are considered to be in 'Good Condition'. The staff were thanked for their work maintaining the aids to navigation.

An overview of the resources and the Budget was given. Reference was made to the expenditure of the following budgets, noting the appropriate reasoning. A total overspend of around £500 was anticipated assumed at Aberdyfi Harbour, due to the total additional income that had been received as a result of the increase in customers, etc. It was envisaged that they would be £14,000 above the income target, which was very encouraging. A wish was expressed by members to see an allocation of the harbour income at the next meeting of the Committee and it was confirmed that the officers would seek to prepare a summary by the next meeting.

- **Employees** - An overspend of £1,693 was assumed in salary budgets and functional costs.
- **Property** - An underspend of £1,246 was envisaged in this budget, which was responsible for grounds maintenance, litter collection, etc. It was explained that there was an underspend in the budget as no significant costs had arisen to date.
- **Transportation** - It was considered that there will be an overspend of £46 in this budget by the end of the current financial year. It was explained that this budget did not include the running and maintenance costs of the service vehicle, but that it was used for the patrol boat fuel and staff travel costs.
- **Services and Supplies** - It was explained that this budget was far too low which caused overspending year on year. It was explained that it was used for a host of goods such as tools, signage, lighting, navigational aids and electricity. It was

confirmed that discussions were being held to increase the budget, and it was hoped that it would be marked higher in the future causing less overspending. It was predicted that they would spend around £11,000 under this heading. Reference was made to the additional expenditure that had arisen in the wake of the recent Storm Amy, which had caused a large number of animal carcasses to be washed up on the coast, and disposal costs. It was explained that Aberdyfi had many of these cases, due to its location on the coast and the agricultural catchment area.

- **One-off spending - Funding from the Department's Funds** – It was explained that there had been no expenditure from this fund this year.

It was confirmed that draft plans for the new Harbour Office on the quay had been prepared and input had been received from the Maritime Service to ensure that all operational needs were met. It was explained that the proposed plans were currently being discussed with the planning department of Eryri National Park and that a temporary cabin was in place. It was accepted that several complaints had been raised by residents about the temporary cabin, but it was acknowledged that the staff needed a temporary office to carry out their work. It was hoped that the designs would be ready to be shared with committee members by the next committee meeting and that the work will be developed soon.

It was highlighted that a new buoy, chain, block and light had been purchased for the navigation channel at a cost of £7,000. It was noted that the finance department had secured the renewal and refurbishment of parts of the wooden structure on the wharf and that plans were being developed to ensure safety, as the project had been categorised as 'high risk' due to its location.

As part of the sand disposal campaign, it was highlighted that £2,000 had been invested for contractors to remove sand from the slipway. It was explained that the sand problem had returned due to strong winds in mid-July, and therefore it was noted that it remained an issue. Frustration was expressed regarding the issues arising due to the sand, noting that the lifeboat was also suffering problems due to the sand. It was recognised that holding discussions on how to solve the sand problem would be useful and assurance was given that the Council was open to discussion with other stakeholders to find a long-term solution.

Reference was made to the new business operating on the quay in Aberdyfi. It was reported that the situation was stable at the moment and no complaints were received in the wake of the new alcohol sales on the jetty.

It was reported that a number of 'Portuguese Man O' War' jellyfish had recently washed up along the Gwynedd coast, due to the weather and strong winds. It was noted that these were being monitored and that the Council had advised the public to keep away.

A wish was expressed to get more information about water pollution at the next Committee meeting. It was noted that Natural Resources Wales had this information and was responsible for sampling the water, and the Council's website directed queries to the Natural Resources Wales website which provided information on water pollution levels across the county.

An update was provided on the operational matters in Aberdyfi harbour by the Harbourmaster.

It was noted that it had been a busy season over the summer and the weather had been challenging recently with strong winds. Staff were committed to ensuring that the moorings were in proper condition in the harbour, despite the challenges of nature. The main points of the report were highlighted below.

- It was noted that the course of the main navigation channel to the harbour remained stable throughout the summer season.
- It was reported that two 'Local Mariners' Notices' were currently in operation at Aberdyfi Harbour.
- It was noted that the service had invested in a new Fairway Buoy which was designed to be easier to use and maintain. It was noted that this buoy would be of a different size and style, and its performance in the sea at Aberdyfi would be closely monitored. It was trusted that this model of buoy would be suitable, after consultation with other councils.
- It was confirmed that Welsh Water had by now repaired the manhole cover which was in poor condition at the bottom of the slipway in Church Bay, at no cost to the service.
- Reference was made to events happening near the Harbour in Aberdyfi. Attention was drawn to the visit of the Kite Festival in Aberdyfi for the first time and it was noted that the festival would be added to the calendar of events. It was explained that events may also be an additional income stream for the harbour. It was noted that some events, such as the Rowing Club Scully League Regatta had been cancelled due to strong winds.

The staff were thanked for their work in maintaining Aberdyfi Harbour and the team were congratulated for their high levels of customer satisfaction. The challenges faced by the employees were recognised, especially in the summer season and their dedication was appreciated. Desmond George was thanked for his work and contribution to the Committee over the years. He was wished well in the future as was his successor on the Committee, Mr Ian Baylis, who would take over at the next meeting of the Committee in March 2026.

RESOLVED

To note and accept the reports.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be on 17 March 2026.

The meeting commenced at 10:00am and concluded at 11:45am.

(Chair)

Meeting	Aberdyfi Harbour Advisory Committee
Date:	17 th March 2026
Author:	Senior Harbour Officer
Service:	Maritime Service, Economy and Community Department
Title:	Update on Service Management Matters

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Committee's role is to consider, discuss and advise on matters relating to harbour management, safety and development and receive members' comments on matters relating to Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on management issues related to the harbour, inviting feedback or comments from committee members.

2. REPORTING ON SERVICE MANAGEMENT MATTERS

The summary below is presented in relation to the performance of the Service.

i) Performance Data

- 2.1 The data below is collated as part of the Maritime Service's performance management and monitoring arrangements.

Measure	2023/4	2024/5	2025/6
Mooring Agreements			
Porthmadog	106	109	106
Barmouth	71	78	81
Aberdyfi	73	79	83

- 2.2 The figures provided remain consistent with those shared at the October meeting, however during the winter period, the Harbour office has received several enquiries regarding new customer moorings at Aberdyfi Harbour. This is an encouraging indication that numbers are likely to raise again compared with previous seasons. The service would like to extend its sincere thanks to the harbour staff for their excellent customer service and professionalism in their roles. Their knowledge and dedication are instrumental in generating the highly positive feedback we continue to receive from local mariners and visiting vessels.

The Maritime Service would also like to remind everyone that the online service for mooring applications and power craft registration will reopen on the 1st April. Registration fees have been adjusted in line with annual inflation, please see below for the latest fees and charges.

The Service also collects data on the customer satisfaction of harbour users:

	2023/4	2024/5	2025/6
Customer Satisfaction			
Excellent	40%	60%	68%
Very Good	30%	24%	24%
Satisfactory	20%	16%	4%
Poor	10%	0%	2%
Very Poor	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	2%

The figures shown are comparable to those reported at the October committee meeting. Due to the low footfall over the winter period, we anticipate a decline in the volume of feedback submitted through the QR code questionnaire. Nevertheless, the feedback received through email correspondence and face-to-face discussions has been extremely positive and well received.

An example below of feedback received from customers:

“Before another season starts can I just say many thanks for all your assistance, to keep us and our boats safe and secure throughout the season. Your rescue of the large Saxdor boat last year was nothing short of heroic. Not many Harbourmasters would have gone above and beyond to do that. It is exactly that type of selfless behaviour that makes you so respected by those of us who have been boating in Aberdyfi for many years. As a dad with 3 young girls starting to learn their watercraft it is a huge comfort to know you are ensuring the harbour rules are maintained and respected.”

“Delighted with the estuary and your coordination, leadership and stewardship. It is much appreciated.”

Both positive and constructive observations on the management of the Harbour are encouraged, as they help us enhance services we provide.

ii) Harbour Safety

2.3 The Port Marine Security Code (PMSC) sets out the national standard for all aspects of port maritime safety.

At the October committee meeting, members were advised that following the appointment of Mr Owen Morgan as the new Designated Person for Cyngor Gwynedd, he would undertake audits of the harbours under the authority of the Maritime department, namely Aberdyfi, Barmouth, Porthmadog and Hafan Pwllheli.

In 2025 amendments to the PMSC introduced clearer guidance and strengthened requirements for stakeholders and organisations operating within harbour limits.

These changes were designed to ensure that any overlapping marine safety management systems and plans complement one another effectively. As a result, a national compliance exercise was issued to all harbours to confirm adherence to individual codes and to ensure that appropriate measures were in place to address any necessary amendments.

The department is pleased to announce that Mr Morgan completed the audit in February. Following a positive report, the Service is now in a position to submit its Compliance Statement before the end of March and to publish its PMSC documentation on the Cyngor Gwynedd website.

Winter Storms

During the 2025/26 winter period, the area has once again experienced an increased number of storms, predominantly from a SSE direction. Fortunately, due to ongoing maintenance and preparedness Aberdyfi harbour has sustained very little damage or disruption during this period.

There are currently a number of Notice to Mariners in place. As part of our statutory duty, we must advise mariners to navigate with caution within the channel and on approach to the harbour. At present, the Outer buoy (Fairway buoy) is “Off Station”, however this remains a charted position, and the harbour office advises all vessels to approach from this location. Any Aids to Navigation currently “Off Station” will be repositioned at the earliest opportunity, subject to safe sea and weather conditions. Once completed, an updated Notice to Mariners will be issued, and the information will also be recorded on the Trinity House Local Aids to Navigation LARs database. Further details will be provided in the Harbour Masters report.

iii) Resources and Budget

Latest table for the 2026/27 Fees

A summary of budgets for Aberdyfi harbour is included below.

Cynnwys T.A.W	2025/26	2026/27	Including V.A.T
Trwydded angorfa blynyddol fesul medr, neu rhan o fedr + Tollau Harbwr .Pob Cwch	49.44	51.42	Mooring licence per metre per annum, or part of metre + Harbour Dues. All Craft
Tollau Harbwr y fedr – pob cwch	8.66	9.01	Harbour Dues per meter – all vessels
Ffi Trwydded Angorfa Stad Y Goron-pob angorfa (Eithrwyd TAW-dim yn daladwy hyd yma)	37.28	38.77	Crown Estate Mooring License-all moorings (VAT exempt-not currently charged)
Cwch ymwelwyr – Dyddiol neu rhan o ddiwrnod			
			<i>Visiting Vessels – Daily or part of day</i>
Cwch Ymweld-Dalwr Angorfa Harbyrau Gwynedd	15.00	16.00	Visiting Vessels-Gwynedd Harbour Mooring Holders
Cwch Ymweld-Pob Cwch Pleser arall	20.00	22.00	Visiting Vessels-All other pleasure vessels
Cychod canio teithwry y fedr + Tollau Harbwr	43.28	45.01	Passenger carrying vessels per metre + Harbour Dues per meter
Pysgota/Siarter/Masnachol y flwyddyn + Tollau Harbwr fesul medr y flwyddyn			
Cychod masnachol yn ymweld a'r harbwr y dydd neu rhan o'r dydd	92.96	96.68	Commercial vessels visiting per day or part of day
Ffi storio trelar ar ardal y harbwr	300.00	312.00	Fee storage trailer on the Harbour area
Diddymu cais angorfa. Gorddevisol	Rheol Rule 1/18	Rheol/Rule 1/18	Cancellation of mooring application. Discretionary.

Ffi Cofrestru Blynyddol	2025/26	2026/27	Annual Registration Fee
Cofrestru Blynyddol	£75.00	£80.00	Annual Registration
Ffi Lansio Blynyddol - Cynnwys Ffi Cofrestru Blynyddol			Yearly Launching Fee - Inclusive of Annual Registration Fee
Trwydded Lansio Blynyddol (1 Ebrill – 31 Mawrth)	£190.00	£196.50	Annual Launching Permits (1 April – 31 March)
Ffi Lansio Dyddiol			Daily Launching Fees
Lansio dyddiol - Llithrfeydd/Traethau Cyffredinoll	£23.00	£24.00	Daily launch – General Slipways/Beaches
Lansio dyddiol - Traeth Morfa Bychan (yn ogystal â £4 ychwanegol ar gyfer parcio)	£27.00	£28.15	Daily launch – Morfa Bychan Beach (plus an additional £4 required for Parking)
Ffi Trosglwyddo / Ailddodiad			Transfer / Replacement Fee
Ceisiadau drwy'r post yn unig i Morwrol@gwynedd.llyw.cymru	£75.00	£80.00	Postal application only to Morwrol@gwynedd.llyw.cymru
Cychod llai na 10 HP a Cychod Hwyllo			Vessels under 10 HP and Sail Boats
Cofrestru Blynyddol – Ceisiadau Mewn Person yn Unig, Yn Swyddfeydd yr Harbyrrau neu ar y Prif Draethau gyda'r emch ar gael er ei archwilio. Dim ffi lansio va daLadwv.	£42.00	£45.00	Annual Registration – In Person Application Only. At the Harbour Offices or at the main Resort Beaches, with the vessel available for inspection. No launching fees charged for small vessel.

ABERDOVEY HARBOUR	Financial Performance for the Period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 - November 2025 Review		
	BUDGET / TARGETS FOR THE PERIOD 1/4/25 TO 31/3/26	INCOME & EXPENDITURE FORECASTED 1/4/25 TO 31/3/26	OVER (UNDER)
Employees	79,869	78,689	(1,179)
Buildings	25,840	26,994	1,154
Transport	760	830	70
Supplies & Services	8,490	17,504	9,014
One - Off Expenditure - Financed from Reserves	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	114,959	124,018	9,059
Income	(50,010)	(62,566)	(12,556)
Contribution from Reserves Towa	0	0	0
Total Net	64,949	61,452	(3,497)

2.4 At the October Committee meeting, Members requested that the Service provide a breakdown of the income for the harbour. Please see the table below for this request.

2024/25	
TENANTIAD-AD TRYDAN/DWR	-£10,073
RHODDION	-£650
GWERTHU-PETROL/DIESEL	-£111
ANGORFEYDD PARHAOL	£0
ANGORFEYDD I YMWELWYR	-£23,509
LANSIO CWCH POWER	-£37
LANSIO JET SKI	-£153
INCWM ARALL (CYNNWYS TAW)	-£2,750
RHENTI - TIR/ADEILADAU/CYFF.	-£15,340
	-£52,622
	-£62,566

2025/26

iv) **Other Key Issues**

- **Harbour Masters Office**

An architect has now been commissioned to prepare detailed plans for the proposed new Aberdyfi Harbour Office building. These plans will support the submission of a full planning application and ensure that the design meets all relevant regulatory and planning requirements.

- **Wharf timber jetty improvement**

A tender submission has been accepted and works to the Wharf Jetty are now underway. The project involves renewing or reusing the existing timber boards and replacing the edging strips as required. Every effort will be made to complete the work at the earliest opportunity, while minimising disruption. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and trust the Committee will agree that these works are necessary to support the continued development and improvement of Aberdyfi harbour facilities.

- **Fairway Buoy**

At the time of writing, the newly fabricated Outer Buoy is out for delivery and is expected to arrive at the harbour shortly. We look forward to deploying the buoy on station. Although it is significantly smaller than the previous large steel buoy, it will be more manageable and safer for contractors and staff to handle. This will also allow the use of lighter and smaller mooring equipment, improving overall operational efficiency and safety.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Committee is asked to note and accept the contents of the report.

Meeting	Aberdyfi Harbour Advisory Committee
Date:	17 th March 2026
Author:	Harbour Master William Stockford
Service:	Maritime Service, Economy and Community Department,
Title:	Update on Operational Matters

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.3 The Committee's role is to consider, discuss and advise on matters relating to the management, protection and development of the Harbour and to receive members' comments on matters relating to Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on operational issues related to the harbour, inviting feedback or comments from committee members.

2. REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 2.1 The summary below is presented from the perspective of the performance of the Service.

a) Navigation Matters

Due to ongoing maintenance requirements and adverse weather and sea conditions, there are currently five Notice to Mariners in force relating to the approaches to the River Dyfi.

Mariners are strongly advised to contact the Harbour Office and refer to the latest Local Notice to Mariners for up-to-date information regarding navigation into Aberdyfi Harbour.

The following Aids to Navigation are currently "Off Station":

Outer Buoy (Fairway Buoy)
 No1 Starboard hand mark
 No2 Port hand mark
 No3 Starboard hand mark
 South Stanchion Starboard hand mark rock armour, Tywyn

Full details can be found on the Cyngor Gwynedd website.

As reported at the October Committee meeting, the Aberdyfi Fairway Buoy was washed ashore during a storm. An order has since been placed for a newly fabricated Outer Buoy, which is expected to arrive shortly. Deployment will take place at the

earliest opportunity, subject to contractors availability and favourable weather and sea conditions, alongside the repositioning of other Aids to Navigation.

The Service would like to remind mariners that the Outer Buoy remains a charted position at:

52°32.000'N 004°05.550W

All mariners are requested to navigate using this position while the Outer Buoy remains "Off Station" to ensure continued safe passage.

b) Specific issues have arisen

- 2.2 The Maritime Service has supported the Harbour Master in furthering his professional development within the Service by facilitating an opportunity to sail across the Atlantic Ocean. This experience has provided valuable navigational and offshore sailing knowledge and expertise, which will be shared with colleagues and, in turn, benefit local mariners and visiting vessels who seek guidance and advice.
- 2.3 Refurbishment works on the Jetty are scheduled to commence in early March, focusing on the much-needed renewal of the timber decking boards. Where possible, decking boards that remain in good condition will be reused to help reduce costs, with replacement boards installed where necessary. As the project progresses, stakeholders and members of the public will be kept informed of developments and timescales. Every effort will be made to complete the works with minimal disruption to harbour users.

c) Maintenance

- 2.4 Following an investment of £4,500 in a new pressure washer and bowser, works have been undertaken to clean all surfaces within the harbour to remove algae growth and weed, improving safety and presentation
- 2.5 Significant refurbishment works have been completed on the harbour workboat (GP4) trailer, including the installation of a new hitch, axle and wheels.
- 2.6 The Harbour Patrol Vessel was transported to Porthmadog to undergo its Work Boat Code 3 inspection and full engine service. The vessel has now returned to Aberdyfi and is fully prepared for the forthcoming season.
- 2.7 Comprehensive works were carried out on Aid to Navigation No2, including a full strip-down, rebuild and steelwork repairs undertaken by Aberdyfi Marine Services). Aid to Navigation No7 also received steelwork repairs.
- 2.8 New stainless-steel tie-up rings have been fabricated for the two sets of steps on the quay and will be installed before Easter.

- 2.9 Ongoing maintenance of the compound continues, and the service is arranging a skip to remove accumulated materials and debris.
- 2.10 Reactive works have included the removal and burial of carcasses along the foreshore. The service request that any reports of carcasses include accurate location information such as, What3Words or National Grid Reference coordinates, to enable prompt response.
- 2.11 The Service has invested in a new 4x4 vehicle to support the Maritime staff. This will enable officers to carry out their duties safely and effectively across the Harbour and beach areas.

d) Events

- 3.0 Training at Clwb Hwyllo Dyfi has continued throughout the winter with great dedication, with several members successfully achieving Powerboat level 2 certificates. Club members Kate and Dan Stevens were recognised for their outstanding contribution and awarded the 'Volunteers of the Year Award' at the Gwynedd Sports Awards. The service looks forward to welcoming them back on the water with the club junior members this summer.
- 3.1 Confirmed events (at the time of writing):
04/04/26 Dyfi X Half Marathon
21/06/26 Aberdyfi 13km Swim
13/09/26 Dyfi Aquathlon 26km

No event or regatta proposals have been submitted by Clwb Rhwyfo Aberdyfi as of the date of publication.

A full programme of events and races at Clwb Hwyllo Dyfi Yacht Club has been submitted and approved.

- 3.2 The Service wishes all event organisers a successful season and hopes for favourable weather conditions. It is acknowledged that several sailing and rowing events had to be cancelled last season due to strong winds. While this was disappointing, the Service continues to support the implementation of safe operating procedures within the Harbour to ensure all events can be conducted safely.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to identify and accept the contents of the report.