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Meeting

PORTHMADOG HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Date and Time

3.00 pm, FRIDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 2026

Location

Virtual Meeting

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Provisional
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Robert Owen
Chris Fisher

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Representing Landowners' Interests
Representing Harbour Interests
Representing Leisure Interests
Representing Industrial Interests
Representing Commercial Interests
Representing Criccieth Lifeboat Insitution

Observers:

David Williams

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Deputy - Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative
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Cabinet Member for Economy and
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Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee
Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee

A G E N D A

1. ELECT CHAIR

To elect Chair for 2026-2027.

2. VICE-CHAIR

To elect Vice-chair for 2026-2027.

3. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items which are urgent matters in the opinion of the Chairman.

6. MINUTES

4 - 9

The Chairman will propose that the minutes of the meeting of this committee, held on 27/03/26, be signed as a true record.

7. SPRAYING SPARTINA IN THE PORTH Y GEST AREA

8. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

10 - 22

To submit a report by the Senior Harbours Officer.

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Porthmadog Harbour Consultative Committee will be held on 31/03/27

PORTHMADOG HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE 27/03/26

PRESENT:

Councillor Gwilym Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd) (Chair)
Councillor June Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd) (Vice-chair)
Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Cyngor Gwynedd)
Councillor John Brynmor Hughes (Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee)
Councillor Richard Medwyn Hughes (Cabinet Member for Economy and Community)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Llŷr Beaumont Jones (Assistant Head of Economy and Community), Bryn Pritchard-Jones (Maritime Service Manager), Daniel Arthur Cartwright (Senior Harbour Officer), Malcolm Humphreys (Porthmadog Harbourmaster) and Jasmine Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

APOLOGIES: Chris Fisher (Cricieth Lifeboat) and Robert Owen (Representing Commercial Interests).

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Chris Fisher (Cricieth Lifeboat) and Robert Owen (Representing Commercial Interests).

2 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any members present.

3 URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

4 MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee held on 30/09/25 as a true record.

5 UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

The following reports were submitted, and members were invited to give feedback on Harbour safety matters and operational matters.

- (1) The Senior Harbour Officer's report providing the Committee with an update on Harbour matters for 2025/26.

Performance Data

It was noted that moorings agreements in Porthmadog had now increased to 109. It was noted that the figures provided remain consistent with those shared at the

October meeting. However, during the winter, the Harbour office had received several enquiries regarding moorings from new customers at Porthmadog Harbour.

The members were reminded that the online service for mooring applications, powerboat registration and renewal of mooring licences would reopen on 1 April. Any new customers were asked to call into the office to provide information about their vessel to the Harbourmaster before completing the on-line form.

It was noted that signs with QR codes were placed around the harbour to receive comments from users about their experience of the harbour. It was noted that the satisfaction figures had increased significantly since 2023/24. A decline in the number of feedback responses submitted through the QR code survey was predicted over the winter. Nevertheless, feedback received through email correspondence and face-to-face discussions had been very positive and was welcomed.

Reference was made to a specific comment received about the excellent service received from the service during the winter, noting that the service's experienced staff had used maritime trucks during severe weather to support the most vulnerable residents during this period. This had enabled carers from adult services to travel to residents' homes and to work. All staff were sincerely thanked for their hard work during this challenging time.

Reference was made to a further comment about the support and information provided by the Harbourmaster to assist with a hydrographic survey of Pwllheli Harbour.

Harbour Safety

It was reported at the Committee meeting in October, that members had been advised on the appointment of Mr Owen Morgan, Harbour Manager for Ceredigion Council, as our new 'Designated Person'. Mr Owen Morgan carried out inspections of the harbours under the authority of the Maritime Department, namely in the harbours of Aberdyfi, Abermaw, Porthmadog and Hafan Pwllheli, in February. It was confirmed that the Service could now submit its Declaration of Compliance before the end of March, and to publish its PMSC documentation on Cyngor Gwynedd's website.

It was noted that adjustments had been made to the PMSC during 2025. These changes were designed to ensure that any overlapping marine safety management plans and systems fit together effectively. As a result, a national compliance exercise was issued to all harbours to confirm that they adhere to individual codes, and to ensure that appropriate measures were in place to deal with any necessary adjustments.

Winter Storms

It was reported that, during the winter of 2025/26, the area once again experienced an increase in the number of storms, mainly from the South-Southeast direction. It was noted that such storms are becoming more common, with less of a gap between them. It was noted that only one incident was recorded during this period, involving a small boat that sank alongside the harbour wall due to heavy rain and strong winds. It was elaborated that no environmental concerns were identified, and that the boat was put back in place at the earliest possible opportunity.

Harbour users were asked to check with the harbour for any changes in the channel, check any Aids to Navigation, and check for any notices to mariners on the website.

Financial Matters

A summary of the 2026/27 fees and Harbour budgets for the period 1/4/25 to 31/3/26 was presented, which was included as an appendix to the report. It was specifically noted:

- That fees had risen as usual in line with inflation.
- That the visitor boat fee had been increased to £16 per night for Cyngor Gwynedd customers and to £22 for all other visiting boats.
- That the annual registration fee had increased to £80.
- That the annual launch licence fee had increased to £196.50.
- That the daily launch fee had increased to £24.
- That there had been a slight overspend under the 'employees' heading of £3,834. It was noted that this overspend was due to overtime and sickness costs.
- That the heading 'buildings/premises' did not include costs relating to the work on the harbour offices, and therefore there was an underspend of £7,724 appearing.
- That there was an underspend under the 'transport' heading of £468.
- That there was a significant underspend under the heading 'services and delivery' of £8,722.
- That £31,914 has been spent from the reserve to upgrade the harbour offices to ensure the well-being of staff and to upgrade the compound.
- Overall, the whole service had overspent £18,835 above the target set for the period. Nevertheless, the income of the harbour was substantial, and therefore this resulted in an overall underspend of £9,404 for operating the Harbour in its entirety.

It was emphasised that there was a great deal of expertise among the Harbour staff, such as welding and the use of specialist machinery, and therefore there was no need to employ contractors in every case. It was noted that this had resulted in significant savings.

Other Key Matters

During the presentation, drone video of the channel, specifically the 'Danger Rock' sandbank, was shared. It was noted that more powerful currents come from afon Dwryd, which creates an 'eddie' and then a whirlpool near the rocks. It was noted that this created navigation issues at times. Large boats were asked to come into the Harbour over the sandbank during periods of high water to ensure their safety.

Staff were thanked for their response to an environmental incident in the Cricieth area during the winter. It was elaborated that staff trained on how to respond to oil spills had used booms, absorbent mats and other materials to prevent the spill and reduce the environmental impact.

It was confirmed that the next shunt reactor would be delivered on the 'Terra Marique' during the 2026 period. The plan was for this to be implemented on Morfa Bychan beach, where the vessel would be placed before transporting the reactor along the road to Trawsfynydd. It was noted that a definite date had not yet been confirmed for

this, but that the date was likely to be in the middle of the year, when sea conditions would have improved.

It was confirmed that a formal agreement between the Rowing Club and the Maritime Service had now been approved following an application to use the land in the compound area. It was noted that the Rowing Club had used the area for storage for several years, and the service was pleased that an official agreement was now in place between both parties.

Discussion

The members expressed their thanks for the report.

Gratitude had been expressed by the residents of Porthmadog for the help of the Harbour officers during the winter. The view was expressed that the customer satisfaction figures showed that the service was willing to go the extra mile and work as one Council, one team. In response, it was confirmed that the service had supported the Adult Service for several years, ensuring that the road was safe for travel during severe weather, particularly in the Dolgellau and Blaenau Ffestiniog areas. It was confirmed that there had been no damage or harm to staff or vehicles during winter this year.

Reference was made to the fact that customer satisfaction figures had increased significantly from 40% 'Excellent' in 2023/24 to 68% in 2025/26 during a financially challenging period, and this demonstrated the strength of the service. Pride was expressed that the service had completed upgrading the offices, providing a tidy and comfortable place for staff to work. The formal agreement with the Rowing Club was commended. More information was asked about the 'Terra Marique' vessel. In response, it was confirmed that the vessel was due to visit Morfa Bychan again in July, and that the service had no concerns regarding the vessel's visit. It was noted that the main entrance would have to be closed for a couple of days, but that an alternative entrance exists. It was elaborated that the boat's visit was a source of income for the Harbour, and that the service receives a refund for any associated costs.

It was suggested that the drone video be shared on the Council's social media. In response, it was noted that there were plans to create drone videos of the approach into the channel at each harbour and put them on the Council's social media for navigational purposes. It was further questioned how often this sandbank shifted, suggesting that it would be beneficial for mariners if there was an update to the drone video every quarter. In response, it was confirmed that the sandbank moved frequently, depending on several factors, and that channel revisions were common. It was noted that sharing this information with mariners was the intention of the service following the remodelling of the Council's website this year. Members were reminded that a notice to mariners would be issued if there were any concerns about safety, and these would be shared on the Council's website.

Questions were asked about the oil spill in the Cricieth area, asking where the oil had come from. It was further asked whether the service would be competent and willing to deal with any oil spill in rivers. In response, it was reported that oil from a local business had leaked into a stream and then onto the beach. It was confirmed that Natural Resources Wales was leading on this work, particularly off the beach. It was noted that there were costs involved in the work, but that the service had a duty, as

part of the Marine Safety Code, to retain anti-pollution equipment. The hope was that a refund could be received to meet these costs.

(2) The Harbourmaster's report summarising the Navigation and Operational issues undertaken and experienced in the period from September 2025 to March 2026, including maintenance issues. It was specifically noted:

- That buoy number 1 had come ashore since the report was produced.
- That work was underway to mark the channel with yellow buoys, and it was hoped that the weather would be favourable next week to station the large buoys there.
- That it was hoped that maritime notices would soon be available on the Council's website for sending to harbour users, as there was currently a problem due to the notices file being too large to send.
- That there was hope that new buoys would be purchased, as many of them were now deteriorating due to their age.
- That the opening to afon Dwyrdd had moved and therefore had created a problem with sandbanks at 'Danger Rock'.
- That harbour staff appreciated the fact that the offices had been upgraded.
- That a new pay and display card machine has been purchased and had to be installed in the car park before Easter.
- That composite decking had been laid around the harbour, and the 'Griselinia' trees had started to grow well.
- That it was hoped that a new CCTV camera would be installed next month on the side of the harbour building.

Discussion

Members thanked the officers and the Harbourmaster for their work over this period.

More information was requested about the challenge associated with abandoned boats, with the responsibility for them then falling on the Harbour and the Council, specifically within Porthmadog Harbour and generally across Wales. In response, it was confirmed that this was a problem, with many small boats being left on beaches. It was noted that the responsibility fell on the Maritime Service to dispose of them and to bear the cost of doing so.

It was asked where the CCTV recordings went. In response, it was confirmed that the CCTV recordings were available at the harbour offices, but that they are not constantly watched until a specific case occurs, or until a data release request comes from the police following a crime. The view was expressed that CCTV has been extremely valuable since it was installed, as several incidents had taken place in Porthmadog and Abermaw. It was noted that the dashcam and body cameras had also been beneficial assets, and that all data protection assessments were in place for the service to use these devices.

Harbour staff were thanked for their work in maintaining several defibrillators in the harbour during the winter.

It was noted that the service had withdrawn the majority of 999 phones across the coast, as statistics indicated they were not being used. It was hoped that this would save unnecessary costs.

RESOLVED To note and accept the report.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 30/10/26.

The meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m. and ended at 1:57 p.m.

(Chair)

Meeting	Porthmadog Harbour Advisory Committee
Date:	30 th October 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 Porthmadog 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

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

Mooring Agreements

Harbour	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Porthmadog	109	106	112
Barmouth	78	81	86
Aberdyfi	79	83	86
TOTAL	266	270	284

As can be seen, the 2026/27 season figures show an increase in the number of mooring holders across each of the harbours. In previous years, customer numbers have fluctuated between harbours, partly as a result of vessel owners relocating their vessels within Gwynedd. However, the overall average increase of approximately 4% suggests a broader increase in demand for moorings across Gwynedd's harbours. This increase is likely to reflect a combination of factors, including prolonged periods of favourable weather, the range and quality of services and facilities available at Gwynedd harbours, competitive mooring fees, and a general increase in visitors to the area.

The number of personal watercraft (jet-skis) and powerboat registrations during the 2025/26 season decreased by 147, from 2,509 in the previous season to 2,362. This year's figure of 2,361 indicates that registration numbers have remained broadly consistent with the previous

season. It should again be noted that income generated from vessel registrations is not included in the Harbour's forecast budget below.

2.2 I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the continued contribution of the harbour staff, who provide a professional and welcoming service to both new and existing customers. Staff are readily available to offer advice, guidance and practical assistance on a wide range of matters relating to the harbour. Their local knowledge, experience and understanding of the harbour environment are invaluable, particularly when responding to unexpected situations or assisting customers and harbour users.

On occasions, staff go above and beyond their normal duties, providing support when circumstances require it, including outside normal working hours. Their continued commitment and professional approach make an important contribution to the safe and effective operation of the harbour and to the positive experience of those who use and visit the area.

Harbours and the coastline can present a challenging environment for those who use them, and the experience and local knowledge of harbour staff can therefore provide a valuable source of information and guidance for harbour and beach users.

2.3 Feedback from customers, visitors and harbour users is regularly encouraged through the QR code feedback survey signs located across the harbours and beaches. Both positive and negative feedback is welcomed, as it provides valuable information to help us identify areas for improvement and ensure that the services provided continue to meet the needs and expectations of our customers and users.

The table below provides the combined customer satisfaction results across all Cyngor Gwynedd harbours:

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Excellent	60%	68%	52%
Very Good	24%	24%	18%
Satisfactory	16%	4%	18%
Poor	0%	2%	12%
Very Poor	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	2%	0%

The latest figures show that 70% of respondents rated their experience as either Excellent or Very Good. This compares with 84% reported to the Committee in March. However, it should be noted that the latest results cover the period from April to September only and therefore represent a snapshot of feedback received during that period. The overall satisfaction figure may change as further responses are received ahead of the March 2027 Committee meeting.

Examples of feedback received from customers and visitors to the harbour:

“Clean and plenty of seating”

“Great scenery and beach but prices for food are simply extortionate. If you travel with children, you need to remortgage the house. Accommodation was nice but also more expensive than London”

“Ladders need to be improved and it’s tough to get off the boats”

“Highly recommended”

“More crabs”

“You’re asked to scan a QR code but the signal is so bad, it would be helpful to have WIFI in Barmouth. But the staff are helpful”

“We come to Ferry and old train. The card and info are behind the building so a bit difficult to find. A map for locations would be handy”

“Great work around the harbour”

3 Harbour Safety

The Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) sets out the national standard for port marine safety. Throughout what has been a particularly busy season, staff have continued to monitor and inspect harbour infrastructure and plan future maintenance and improvement works. Much of the operational maintenance is programmed for the winter months, when activity and footfall within the harbours are generally lower. This planned approach to inspection, maintenance and improvement supports the continued safe operation and development of our harbours and ongoing compliance with the PMSC.

The winter period also provides an opportunity for staff to undertake training and professional development. Maintaining appropriate skills and competencies is essential to ensure that staff are suitably trained to carry out the wide range of duties required by the Service. Given the varied nature of their roles and responsibilities, relevant training opportunities are continually considered. These can range from IT and emerging technologies, including the use of AI, to climate change awareness, species identification and boat handling. The broad scope of work undertaken by the Maritime Service provides staff with opportunities to continue developing their knowledge and skills throughout their careers.

The 2026 season has been exceptionally busy for the Maritime Service, with significant activity along the coastline. During the season, Porthmadog Harbour staff have responded to a range of incidents, including sunken vessels, engine failures and people

experiencing difficulties on the water, as well as assisting HM Coastguard when requested.

Incidents involving vessels will inevitably arise from time to time, and the Harbour Authority would like to take this opportunity to remind vessel owners of the importance of ensuring that their vessels and personal protective equipment (PPE) are appropriately maintained and suitable for their intended use. On some occasions, vessels have experienced mechanical difficulties where maintenance or appropriate checks and sea trials prior to undertaking a passage may have helped identify potential problems.

While the Harbour Authority continues to prioritise safety within the harbour limits and provides advice and assistance to mariners where appropriate, responsibility for the condition, maintenance and suitability of individual vessels and their associated safety equipment remains with the vessel owner.

Accidents and incidents can occur in a range of sea states and weather conditions. We wish all harbour and coastal users safe and enjoyable passages and encourage vessel owners to regularly inspect and maintain their vessels and associated safety equipment.

As part of the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), records are maintained of serious incidents and accidents. These records provide valuable information for learning and staff training and may also support incident reporting requirements involving the MCA, HM Coastguard, the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB), Trinity House and the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO), as well as pollution reporting (POLREP), where appropriate.

It is positive to report that no incident during the period required the involvement of the MAIB and that no significant pollution was reported as a result of a vessel casualty. Nevertheless, relevant information is gathered following incidents and shared with the MCA as appropriate. Updates continue to be provided as further information becomes available and until the incident has been satisfactorily resolved.

As reported at previous Committee meetings, Trinity House, as the General Lighthouse Authority, regularly audits and inspects our records and systems relating to the maintenance of Aids to Navigation within our harbours and along the coastline. As a Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA), the Council also fulfils the role of Local Lighthouse Authority (LLA) within its relevant areas of responsibility. The Service therefore maintains and monitors its Aids to Navigation to support the safe passage of mariners using our harbours.

The latest Trinity House inspection was undertaken in early October. At the time of preparing this report, the formal findings had not yet been received. During the visit, the movement of buoyage in response to changes in the position of sandbanks throughout the year was discussed. Appropriate records had been maintained and

Notices to Mariners issued and updated accordingly. At the time of the visit, there were no outstanding issues relating to Aids to Navigation in the Porthmadog area.

We continue to welcome information and feedback from mariners, harbour users, visitors and relevant authorities regarding any navigational hazard, change in channel conditions or movement of buoyage that may require investigation or action.

4 Resources and Budget

A forecasted summary of the budget for harbour Porthmadog is included below.

PORTHMADOG HARBOUR	Financial Performance for the Period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 - August 2026 Review		
	BUDGET / TARGETS FOR THE PERIOD 1/4/26 TO 31/3/27	INCOME & EXPENDITURE FORECASTED 1/4/26 TO 31/3/27	OVER (UNDER)
Employees	81,060	84,348	3,288
Buildings	24,800	6,491	(18,309)
Transport	690	0	(690)
Supplies & Services	14,170	24,817	10,647
One - Off Expenditure - Financed from Reserves	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	120,720	115,656	(5,064)
Income	(79,780)	(90,564)	(10,784)
Contribution from Reserves Tow	0	0	0
Total Net	40,940	25,091	(15,849)

5 Other Key Issues

During a period covered by this report, it may also be reported that:

- 5.1 Regular visits by Border Force to the Harbour Offices throughout the year help maintain effective communication between harbour staff and the authority, enabling relevant information and developments along the coastline to be shared where appropriate. More recently, representatives from Border Force were invited to attend a Maritime Service meeting to provide staff with a presentation on matters to be aware of and circumstances where information should be reported to Border Force. The presentation also included 'Project Kraken', a public awareness initiative relating to the reporting of suspicious activity around the UK coastline. Project Kraken

information is displayed at our harbours, and the presentation provided staff with further information to support their awareness and understanding of the initiative.

- 5.2 The Maritime Service has recently submitted funding applications through the Welsh Fisheries Fund and the Local Growth Fund. At the time of writing, the outcome of both applications was awaited. If successful, the funding would support the continued development of our harbours, including improvements to facilities for customers and visitors.
- 5.3 The new CCTV system installed within the Harbour has already proved beneficial, providing staff with improved oversight of the harbour area and contributing to enhanced safety and security. Requests for CCTV footage are regularly received from North Wales Police (NWP), and the Service continues to assist with such requests where appropriate.
- 5.4 Discussions are ongoing regarding the future use of *MV Dwyfor*, the Maritime Service workboat. Due to ongoing maintenance and coding requirements, the Service requested that the vessel's certification be suspended by the YDSA while these matters are being considered.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Meeting	Porthmadog Harbour Advisory Committee
Date:	30 th October 2026
Author:	Harbour Master Malcolm Humphreys
Service:	Maritime Service, Department of Economy and Community,
Title:	Update on Operational Matters

1. BACKGROUND

1.2 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 Porthmadog Harbour

1.3 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

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

2.1 Navigation Matters

Following changes to the sandbanks within the navigable channel over the winter months, harbour staff repositioned numerous Aids to Navigation in preparation for the start of the season. Notices to Mariners were issued and published on the Council website, providing details of relevant navigational hazards and updated latitude and longitude coordinates where appropriate.

As a result of the changing channel conditions, several aids to navigation are now in revised positions and a number of temporary buoys have been removed. Harbour staff also produce updated local charts showing the latest buoyage positions, which are available from the Harbour Office.

During the season, a vessel sank while on its mooring within the harbour channel following a period of heavy rainfall. Additional buoyage was deployed to mark the hazard, and a Notice to Mariners was issued to advise harbour users. Working in cooperation with the vessel owner and local contractors, the vessel was subsequently raised and relocated to the harbour wall, where it can be monitored while arrangements for its future are considered. Following the removal of this hazard, there are currently no Notices to Mariners in force for Porthmadog Harbour.

2.2 Specific issues have arisen

- As highlighted by the Senior Harbour Officer, an out-of-water inspection of the Maritime Service workboat, *MV Dwyfor*, identified a number of maintenance and coding matters requiring attention. Discussions are therefore ongoing regarding the future of the vessel. In its current condition, *MV Dwyfor* does not meet the requirements necessary to undertake the full range of operations expected of the Service's workboat.
- With *Dwyfor* currently out of commission, the Service is reliant on local contractors to assist with the lifting, repositioning and deployment of buoyage when required. Fortunately, the navigable channel has remained relatively stable since the winter, although harbour staff continue to monitor conditions regularly. The limited rainfall and reduced flow from the Glaslyn and Dwyryd rivers may have contributed to the relative stability of the channel around Borth-y-Gest and Garreg Goch during this period.
- The Service would like to remind all mariners of the importance of regularly checking current Notices to Mariners and exercising appropriate caution when navigating, particularly in areas where channel conditions or navigational hazards may change.
- During the season, we welcomed the return of the '*Terra Marique*' barge to Morfa Bychan beach for a further delivery of a sub-reactor destined for Trawsfynydd power station. The operation took place during a weekend in July, selected by the transport contractor on behalf of National Grid, when tidal and weather conditions were favourable. The delivery was completed successfully, with the Maritime Service providing additional staff throughout the period to help manage the area and support the safety of visitors both on and off the water.
- Considerable planning and coordination takes place in advance of these operations to ensure that they are undertaken as safely and smoothly as possible. While some disruption is unavoidable during the delivery period, every effort is made to minimise the impact on local residents, visitors and other users of the area.
- As part of the ongoing development of the harbour compound, an agreement has been put in place to enable the Rowing Club to continue using a designated storage area for its Celtic Longboats. This arrangement provides the Club with a secure and suitable area for the storage of its vessels and associated equipment.
- As previously reported, a new CCTV camera has been installed on the gable end of the Harbour Office. The camera has already proved to be a valuable addition to the existing system, providing improved coverage of the harbour wall, bridge and channel. It was particularly useful during the recent recovery of the sunken vessel, enabling harbour staff to monitor the area while contractors carried out

the lifting operation and providing additional support for the safe management of the works.



- Recent inspections around the harbour identified a number of benches near the Ganolfan that required removal due to their condition. Subject to the availability of grant funding, it is hoped that these can be replaced and that additional benches and picnic tables can be provided on the green near the slipway, improving the facilities available to visitors and harbour users.
- Improvements have recently been made to the car park located behind the Harbour Office. New signage has been installed advising that the area is not suitable for large vehicles, together with a new Pay and Display machine offering card payment facilities. The new machine has proved to be a welcome addition, providing a more convenient payment option for members of the public who may not routinely carry cash.



- The Harbour Office is considering the introduction of a dedicated crabbing and fishing equipment reuse bin within the harbour. The aim would be to provide a designated location where visitors can leave unwanted, reusable crabbing nets and other suitable equipment for use by other families, helping to reduce the amount of equipment left around the harbour. Crabbing from the harbour wall is a popular activity enjoyed by many families and visitors. Unfortunately, equipment is regularly left behind, including nets and lines tied to railings or

becoming entangled around vessels. Discarded line and fishing tackle can present a hazard to vessels, harbour users and wildlife, particularly where hooks remain attached.

The proposed facility would therefore encourage the responsible reuse or disposal of equipment, while helping to reduce these hazards and keep the harbour area tidy and safe for everyone.

- Staff continue to undertake improvements to the appearance of the harbour area, including the refurbishment and repainting of buoyage displayed near the Maritime Museum, bridge and rear harbour area. These improvements help to maintain a welcoming and well-presented environment for harbour users and visitors.

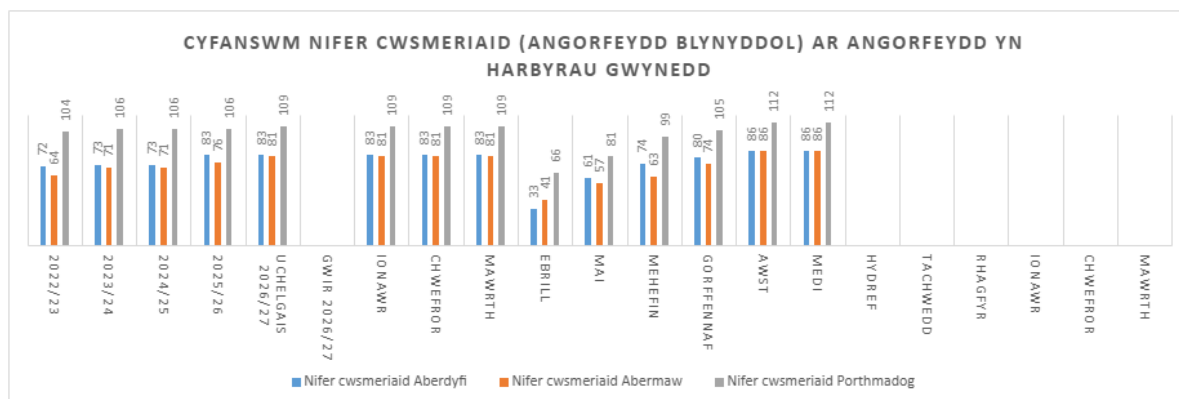


Events

- The Service was once again pleased to welcome 'Clwb Hen Feiciau Modur Eryri' to the Harbour on 6th of September. Events such as this provide an opportunity for the harbour area to be enjoyed by the wider community and visitors, while adding interest and activity to the harbour. We are always pleased to see the harbour being used and enjoyed in this way.
- The service would like to remind all event organisers of the need to provide early notification of any proposed event.
- In considering whether to approve an event, the service will give due regard to the information provided detailing the circumstances. The service reserve the right to apply any restrictions, impositions or limitations necessary to ensure public and staff safety.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

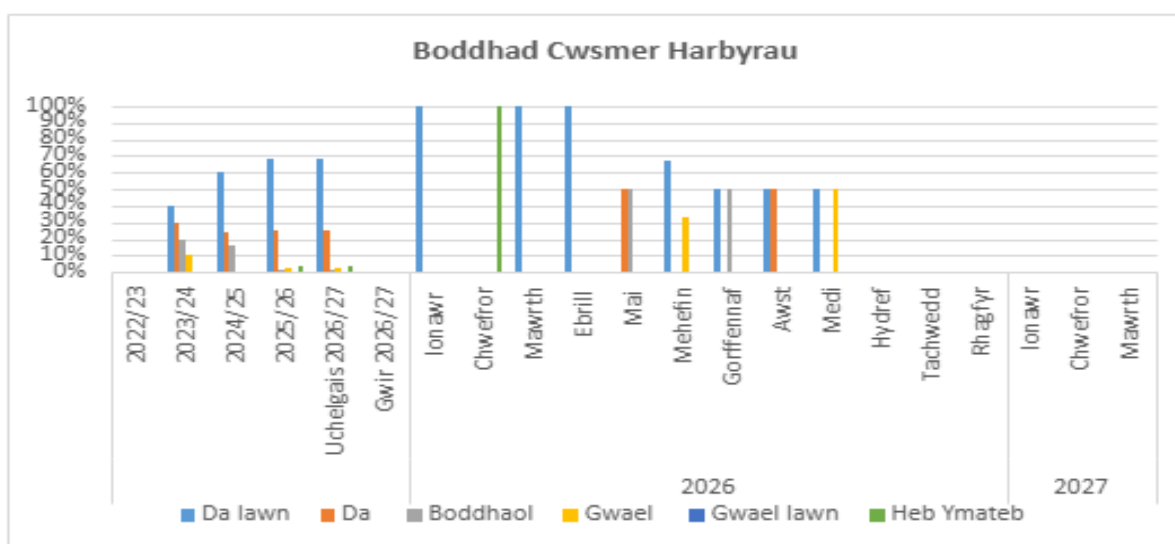
- 3.1 The Committee is asked to identify and accept the contents of the report.



TOTAL NO. OF CUSTOMERS (ANNUAL MOORINGS) ON MOORINGS IN GWYNEDD HARBOURS

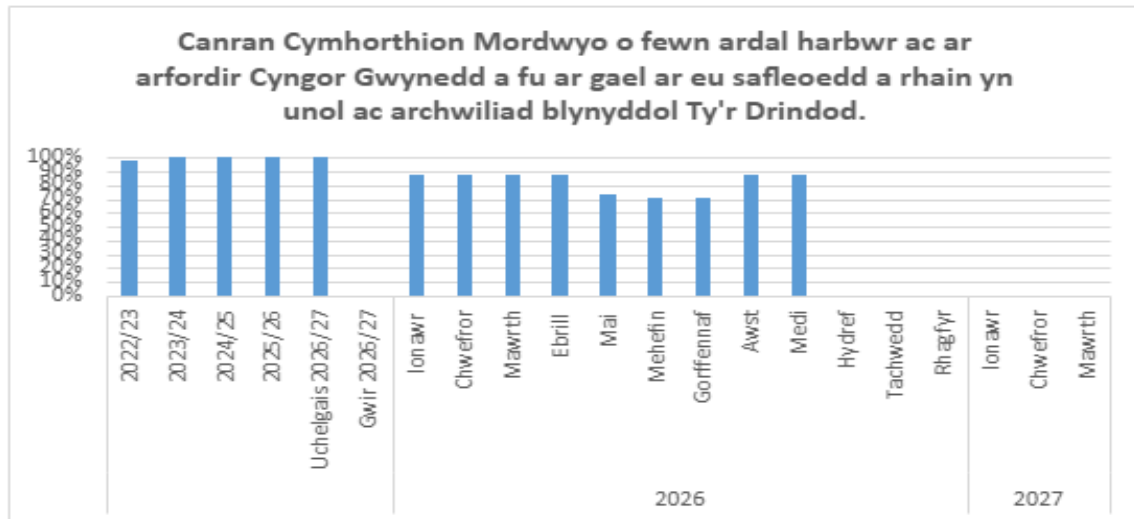
No. of customers in Aberdyfi No. of customers in Barmouth

No. of customers in Porthmadog



Harbours' Customer Satisfaction

Very good Good Satisfactory Poor Very Poor No response
(months as in the 3rd graph)



Percentage of Aids to Navigation within the harbour area and on the coast of Cyngor Gwynedd which were available on station and in accordance with the annual Trinity House inspection.

Ambition 2026/27 Actual 2026/27 January February March April May June July

August September October November December 2026

January February March 2027