

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee</b>
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Update on Harbour Management Matters</b>
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## **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 Aberdyfi Harbour.

1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide a brief update for the attention of the Committee on harbour matters for the period March 2022 to October 2022, in order to receive feedback from the members on safety matters and the operational matters of the Harbour.

## **2. Aberdyfi Moorings and Boat Registration.**

2.1 There have been 72 boats on annual moorings within the harbour of Aberdyfi in 2022. This compares with 76 boats on moorings in 2021.

2.2 There has been a slight decrease in the number of customers over the past year at Aberdyfi harbour. It is possible that part of the decrease in the number of vessels moored in the harbour is attributable to the prevailing economic situation and in particular, the current cost of living.

2.3 The vast majority of members of the public now register their powered craft on-line through the Gwynedd Council Website. This season, 2380 members of the public took the opportunity to register their powered craft on-line. As foreign holidays have seen a boom this year, particularly after a number of years of restricted travel, this may go some way to explaining why the figure reflects a decrease compared to the previous year.

2.4 In addition to the above figures, 136 powered craft were registered on paper by persons visiting the various maritime offices across Gwynedd. 82 vessels with an engine under 10 hp were also registered.

## **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.

3.1.2 The Service regularly reviews the Port Marine Safety Code for the harbours under its jurisdiction in order to remain in full compliance with the current requirements of the Code. As part of the review process, it is necessary 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, particularly with relevance to the harbour activities, navigational aids, suitability of by-laws, safety matters and general day to day work at Aberdyfi Harbour.

#### **4. Staffing Matters.**

4.1 The staffing level Aberdyfi harbour has remained unchanged since the previous report to the Committee. The harbourmaster continues to undertake the functions required to ensure safe operations within the harbour. The harbourmaster is ably supported by the Harbour Assistant.

The Service has been able to call upon staff based at the harbours of Abermaw and Porthmadog to assist with work in the harbour of Aberdyfi as and when required.

4.1.1 Two beach wardens were again present during the summer season to assist harbour staff in overseeing the safe management of activities conducted on and from the main beach at Aberdyfi, working from the beach office/cabin situated close to the beach area.

#### **5. Financial Matters.**

5.1 A brief summary of the harbour budget and current financial situation up to the end of the quarter will be provided by the Maritime Officer.

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

- Maintenance of navigational aids and beacons
- Inspection and maintenance of Visitor moorings
- Maintenance and operation of the of Harbour patrol vessel
- Maintenance of lands and benches
- Maintenance of tools and equipment

#### **5.3 Fees and Charges. 2023/24.**

With regard to the prospective fees and charges for Aberdyfi Harbour together with the Powerboat and Personal Watercraft launching fees for 2023/2024 season, it is the intention of the service to adjust the fees in line with the rate of inflation. At this time the Service is yet to receive confirmation of the rates to be applied.

**6. Harbourmasters Report.** The harbourmaster at Aberdyfi will provide a summary of the Navigational and Operational matters undertaken and encountered during the period March 2022 to October 2022 inclusive, including maintenance issues.