

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.

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1. BACKGROUND

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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.