

MEETING	Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee
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TITLE	Harbour Management Update
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee's main objectives is to consider and advise on matters relating to the management, protection and development of the harbor.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to present a brief update of the period extending from October 2015 to March 2016.

2. Moorings

- 2.1 Following discussion at the meeting held in October 2015 for the Committee's comments are requested on the maintenance of fore and aft moorings situated within the Outer Harbour area of Pwllheli. The estimate cost of maintaining the moorings for the next five years is approximately 10K. It is anticipated that vessels can continue to use the moorings until October 2016.

3. Port Marine Safety Code

- 3.1 A copy of the Port Marine Safety Code has already been distributed to members and is available on Gwynedd Council web site. It is important to note that the Committee has the opportunity to submit comments on the Code and to comment regularly on health and safety of the harbour.
- 3.2 The document is being reviewed regularly and comments relating to the Code is welcomed from Committee Members. It is anticipated that a representative from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's Ports Division will be visiting Gwynedd in the Autumn in order to undertake a detailed review of the current Code and to advise on any requirements.

4. Performance Measures

- 4.1 The Service is working towards developing Performance Measures in relation to the management of the harbours and beaches in general. A first draft of the Performance Measures will be distributed to members at the meeting in order to obtain the Committee's comments on the measures.
- 4.2 The purpose of the performance measures is to ensure that the service is in a position to measure evaluate the service being provided. In formulating such measures, the service will ensure that any information or data is current; applicable; and is unambiguous.

5. Key Issues

5.1 Navigation

- 5.1.1 The Trinity House Lighthouse Authority inspector visited the Council on the 24th February 2016. The report from the inspector highlights the lack of compliance with the 'Panar'

requirements and the inspector highlighted the need for the Council to obtain prior permission from Trinity House before re positioning Aids to Navigation in harbours. Trinity House has been assured that the Council will be making appropriate adaptations in order to comply with the requirements where possible.

- 5.1.2 There are no Notice to Mariners in force for Pwllheli harbor. All Aids to Navigation are currently on station. Following consultation with the Committee in October 2015 it was emphasised that the Beach Zone Marker buoys at Marian y De should be re positioned for 2016. It was also emphasised and agreed that Beach Zone Markers at Glandon beach should be adjusted to reflect the activities being undertaken on this section of Pwllheli harbour.

5.2 **Maintenance**

- 5.2.1 The Harbour Manager will present details of the harbour and Hafan maintenance program for the period January – March. Committee members are requested to present comments on any additional work that may need to be considered during the forthcoming summer season.

5.3 **Staffing**

- 5.3.1 The positive changes introduced to the harbour management structure will continue for the foreseeable future. Further information relating to the staffing structure be discussed at the meeting.

5.4 **Other Issues**

- 5.4.1 Dredging of the harbour entrance and bed levelling the navigable channel –Spring 2016. The vessel 'Seiont II' has been operating in the harbour channel undertaking bed levelling work over a period of four days.. The workboat 'Afon cefni' will be undertaking further bed levelling work in the channel and harbour entrance for a period of four days commencing on the 21st March 2016.
- 5.4.2 The final draft of the revised Dredging Strategy for Pwllheli harbour has been submitted by the consultants to the Council. It is anticipated that copies of the revised dredging strategy will be available at the meeting.
- 5.4.3 Transportation of dredged material to Carreg y Defaid. Approximate estimates are as follows - 80K tonnes of sand previously in the stockpile. Approximately 60K tonnes transported to Carreg y Defaid. Approximately 20K tonnes removed from the harbour entrance.
- 5.4.4 OPRC (oil pollution prevention plan)
- 5.4.5 Review of outer harbor mooring arrangement
- 5.4.6 Natural Resources Wales consultation on conservation - Appendices attached

6. **Finance**

- 6.1 A summary of the budgets up to the 29th February 2016 relating to the outer harbour and Hafan are included in the appendices.

6.2 The confirmed fees and charges for the Outer Harbour moorings and Hafan for 2016/17 are attached.

6.3 During the period it has been required to commit resource funding for the following: -

- Aids to Navigation and Lanterns
- Channel bed levelling and harbour entrance dredging
- Maintenance of moorings
- General maintenance
- Shelter and North Quay Footbridge (funding 2016/17)

7. Events

7.1 A list of events scheduled for Plas Heli during 2016 will be distributed by the representative of Plas Heli at the meeting.

8. Other issues

8.1.1 Mobile Crane

8.1.2 Public Rights of Way - Hafan

8.1.3 Glandon Beach Car Park

8.1.4 CCTV - An estimate of £ 2,900 has been received for the new cameras and screens in order to improve safety in the Outer Harbour area

8.1.5 Registration of Boats and Personal Watercraft by commercial Park and Lauch companies using Penrhyn Glandon