

MEETING	Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	25th March 2025
TITLE	Update on Harbour Management Matters
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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 Barmouth 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 October 2024 to March 2025, in order to receive feedback from the members on safety matters and the operational matters of the Harbour.
- 1.3 The Harbour Committee's of Abermaw, Aberdyfi and Pwllheli were established under section 102(4) of the Local Government Act of 1972.

2. Barmouth Moorings and Boat Registration.

- 2.1 As last year, there has been an increase in the number of customers wishing to have a mooring at Barmouth harbour, enquiries have been frequent over the winter period. We hope to see more vessels in Aberamffra and also in the main harbour.
- 2.2 The majority of the public wishing to register their powered watercraft to use along the Gwynedd coastline now do so on-line, through the Cyngor Gwynedd website. The on-line system will be available from the 1st April for customers to re-register their moorings and powercraft. If any help is required to complete this process please contact the Maritime Service..
- 2.3 The Service looks forward to what it hopes will be a busy summer period this year and that harbour customers and visitors alike will enjoy their time spent in the harbour environment.

3. Port Marine Safety Code.

- 3.1 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 Cyngor Gwynedd understands that a failure to adhere to good practice may be indicative of a harbour authority being in breach of certain legal duties.

- 3.2 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 bylaws, safety matters and general day to day work at Barmouth Harbour.

4. Staffing Matters.

- 4.1 The Service would like to announce that Senior Harbour Officer Mr Arthur Francis Jones will be retiring at the end of March 2025. We would like to thank Arthur for his dedication and support to the Maritime Department over the past 10 years. Arthur has created a strong foundation for the Service to continue its development and commitment to the Gwynedd coastline. We wish him all the best in his retirement.
- 4.2 Replacing Mr Jones will be Mr Daniel Cartwright, former Harbour Master for Barmouth. Daniel has enjoyed his time in Barmouth harbour over the past 2 years, creating many lasting friendships.. After a successful application and interview process he was selected to be the new Senior Harbour Officer, and is looking forward to overseeing the development of all the harbours the Maritime Service manage.
- 4.3 Mr Kane Triggs has now been appointed as the new Barmouth Harbour Master following another successful application and interview process. Kane commenced his duties in December, and is possibly the youngest Harbour Master in the UK, which shows that his maturity and knowledge far exceed his years. We are looking forward to both Kane's development and the Harbours'.
- 4.4 We are pleased to announce that the Assistant Harbour Master position has also been recently filled. Advertised in early February we received a number of applicants for the role, after shortlisting and interviews. Ms Lois Roberts was successful with her application and will commence with the Service on the 1st April.

5. Other Matters

Following discussions with YGC I can give a brief update on the Flood Defence Scheme at the Viaduct Gardens.

Until Easter	Highway surface works will continue.
Easter	Reduced restrictions, lights will be reviewed on a rolling basis, works to gardens will continue.
Mid April-July	Work begins on sea wall, Corrugated sheet piles
July	Site compound de-mobilised, some access restored to Viaduct gardens during summer period.
September	Works to start on 'Set Back Wall', lights re-introduced.

6. Financial Matters.

- 6.1 A brief summary of the harbour budget and current financial situation up to the end of the quarter will be provided by the Maritime Service Manager.
- 6.2 During this period it was necessary to commit financial resources for the following;
- Maintenance of navigational aids and beacons.
 - Purchase and Maintenance of harbour tools and equipment.
 - Inspection and maintenance of Council moorings.
 - Maintenance and operation of the of Harbour Powercat patrol vessel including investment to maintain the boat in order to meet the Code of Practice requirements.
 - Maintenance of lands and benches.

6.3 **Fees and Charges. 2025/26.**

With regard to the prospective fees and charges for Barmouth Harbour together with the Powerboat and Personal Watercraft launching fees for 2025/26 season, on previous occasions the Service has adjusted fees in line with the prevailing rate of inflation at the time. At the time of writing however, no decision has yet been made with regard to the level of fees to be applied next season.

7. **Harbourmasters Report.** The Harbourmaster at Barmouth will provide a summary of the Navigational and Operational matters undertaken and encountered during the period October 2024 – March 2025 inclusive, including maintenance issues. A copy of his report is attached.