

Minutes of a Meeting of the NEW QUAY Harbour Users Consultative Committee held by video conference on Thursday, 20 October 2022

Ceredigion County Councillors: Keith Henson (Chairman), Matthew Vaux and Gethin Davies

Officers: Gerwyn Jones, Owen Morgan, Katy Spain, Nia Jones and Dana Jones

Harbour Users / Stakeholders: Jennifer Davies, Mike Masters, Andy Evans, Crawford McLeary, Damien Lewis, Patricia Lewis, Rees-Tom Jones, Chris Seal, Brett Stones and Jane O'Connor

(6:25pm – 7:35pm)

1. Apologies

Mr Jonathan Evans and Mr Winston Evans apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2020

It was agreed to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 12 March 2020.

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Minute 3- Clarification was sought regarding the minute as it stated that the boats could be parked over the winter period at the top of Paragon car park. It was confirmed that the boats for winter moorings should be parked in Church Street car park. Boat owners had accepted this and it was stated that it was far easier to transport the boats to Church Street car park as there was no need to go against the one way traffic system when transporting.

Councillor Vaux reported that there had been numerous boat trailers on the top of Church Street car park during the summer period. In response, it was reported that owners of the trailers had been sought, and if not removed, a parking notice for their removal had been placed on them.

Minute 4- Clarification was sought if there would be an increase in the mooring fees for 2023/24. In response, the Chair stated that these charges would be considered and scrutinised at the next budget setting meetings in January/February 2022.

3 Harbour Services Update

The Harbour Manager provided members with a service update as provided in the recent issue of Calm Waters 3 and the following was highlighted in relation to New Quay Harbour:-

- Ceredigion Harbour Management Policy – it was agreed that a copy of the policy would be circulated to all Members with the minutes
- Port Waste Management Plans (PWMPs)
- Dredging
- Slipways

- Health and Safety – Everyone’s Responsibility
- Disembarkation
- Feedback

It was noted that the review of the Harbour Management Policy would be undertaken and that there would be a consultation process with stakeholders forming part of that before the Policy was subject to political scrutiny/approval.

It was AGREED that updates would be provided at future meetings..

Members thanked the Harbour Manager for the update.

4 Issues Raised by Harbour Users

- **Parking – Longboat Club**

Mrs Jane O’ Connor on behalf of the longboat club in New Quay requested a space to park one boat on or in the vicinity of the pier due to the Health and Safety implications of transporting the boat through the town to launch, especially with young users. It was reported that the club had been established in 2019, had a large membership and had recently received a grant to purchase a further longboat. It was stated that she should write to Clic with this request in order for Officers in the Estates service and the Harbour Manager considered it. All members in attendance supported this request; and it was noted that the previous longboat team had previously had parking spaces for four boats on the pier. The Harbour Management Policy would not consider this level of detail. .

- **Channel**

A request was made for a channel to be dug during dredging to encourage water to circulate. This request would be considered.

- **New Warning Signs**

New warning signs for rock fall by Traeth Gwyn beach would be requested to the Tourism section.

- **Dinghies removal**

A further request was made by Councillor Vaux for the removal of dinghies at the back of the main beach together with the overgrown brambles. In response, the Harbour Manager reported that he had not issued permits for these dinghies, and proposed to meet with Councillor Vaux on site to review the issues and consider potential works to remove brambles and overgrowth..

- **Large Blue Bins**

It was reported that the large blue bins had now been removed from the main beach, and alternative bins and locations were being considered prior to next season. It was noted that, due to size and design, some take away

containers would quickly fill litter bins. Local businesses would be encouraged to consider such matters, which could include providing their own bins, for waste generated by their businesses, and/or using different containers.

- **Boat Launch**

It was proposed that boats would be craned in on the 24 April 2023 subject to the application process being completed. Alternative/contingency dates can be included as part of the application

- **Waiting List for Moorings**

Currently there were 30 names on the waiting list, however, not all moorings were suitable for all boats.

- **Visiting Vessels**

It was reported that visiting vessels should be encouraged in the harbour as it would generate income to the Council and the Town. This was already considered if suitable and appropriate spaces could be found but the scope for this was limited in NQ due to the physical constraints.

- **Parking on Harbour Quay**

There were a small number of parking spaces available on the quay which were managed in accordance with the Harbour Management Policy. This includes the spaces being for the use of specified vehicles only due to safety considerations and limiting vehicular movements on the quay which can be congested especially at peak times.

5. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Harbour Users meetings was scheduled for Thursday 16 of March 2023 The meetings would take place virtually via Zoom/Teams
New Quay 6:15pm.