

Minutes of a Meeting of the ABERYSTWYTH Harbour Users Consultative Committee held remotely via video-conference on Thursday, 21 March 2024

Representing Ceredigion County Council: Councillor Keith Henson (Chairman)
Councillors Endaf Edwards

Officers in Attendance: Owen Morgan, Katy Spain and Dana Jones

Harbour Users: Brian Davies and Chris Seal

(7.35pm – 8:00pm)

1. **Apologies**

None.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 October 2023**

It was AGREED that minutes of the meeting held on the 19 October 2023 confirmed as a true record.

Matters arising

Minute 5(ii) An update was requested on the proposal to regenerate the harbour area. The Harbour Manager reported that he had no further update only that, consultants undertaking work relating to the project had sent an email requesting some additional information on the area known as Tan y Cae. It was agreed that officers would make further enquiries with colleagues in Economy and Regeneration with a view of providing an update when one was available.

3. **Harbour Services Update**

- Signage would be erected to inform the public that Aberystwyth was working harbour with uneven surfaces and other potential hazards.
- The Harbour Manager had reported that Trinity House had audited the Council's processes relating to Aids to Navigation (AtoNs) and found them to be in order.
- The Harbour Manager presented those present with a diagrammatical plan of the temporary AtoNs arrangements related to the Aberaeron coastal defence works. It was emphasised that it should not be used for Navigation. A copy of the diagram will be circulated via Local Notice to Mariners in due course. It was reported that Officer were investigating the implementation of card machines at Harbour Offices with a view to these being available to pay for Day Launch Fees (currently these are paid for through the Clic contact centre).

4. **Mooring Waiting List**

It was agreed to note the mooring waiting list as presented.

5. **General Maintenance and Cleanliness**

- The contractor appointed to carry out the repairs to the Harbour Jetty was due to complete the work by the Easter Bank Holiday.
- A programme of inspections had identified some maintenance and repair required to some Harbour assets and these had been compiled and prioritised. Works will be procured and undertaken in line with priority and available budget.
- “Your Dog Your Job” spray painted signage had been installed at key locations around the Harbour to highlight the need for owners to clean up dog waste.
- A procurement exercise was being undertaken to appoint a contractor to undertake a survey of the Council pontoon. It was expected that this work would be undertaken early in the new financial year subject to a successful contractor being appointed. Once the survey report is received and considered, appropriate action will be taken in response.

6. **Issues raised by Harbour Users**

- It was reported that the inner harbour breakwater had some voids through which water was flowing. The Harbour Manager advised that he would contact colleagues in Engineering Design to ascertain if these voids were a design element or further investigation was required.
- A general update on dredging was requested. The Harbour Manager confirmed that arrangements were being put in place for the Council to apply for a new licence to enable future dredging for Aberystwyth. The conditions within the Harbour will be reviewed during the year and any dredging deemed necessary to maintain navigable channels will be undertaken subject to there being budget available and the appropriate licence being granted by NRW.