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Meeting

ABERDOVEY HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.30 am, TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2016

Location

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Councillor David Richardson
James Bradbury-Willis
Nick Dawson
David Williams

William Bracewell
Huw Evans

Nigel Willis
Desmond George
Councillor Brian Bates

John Eddington

Member of Aberdyfi Community Council
Member of the Aberdyfi Chamber of Trade
Member of Outward Bound Wales
Member of Aberdyfi & Improvements
Committee
Member of Aberdyfi Partnership
Member of the Cardigan Bay Fisheries
Association
Member of Aberdyfi Boat Club
Member of the Dyfi Yacht Club
Aelod o Gymdeithas Cenedlaethol y Bad
Achub
Member of the Aberdyfi Rowing Club

Observers:

Mandy Williams-Davies
Gethin Glyn Williams
Dr John Jones-Morris

Councillor Michael Sol Owen

Cabinet Member - Economy
Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee
Porthmadog Harbour Consultative
Committee
Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee

A G E N D A

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman for this Committee for the year 2016-17.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To elect a Vice-chairman for this Committee for the year 2016-17.

3. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

5. MINUTES

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To receive and confirm the minutes of a meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee held on the 10 March 2016.

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6. REPORT BY THE MARITIME AND COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER

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To receive and consider a report by the Maritime and Country Parks' Officer.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee will be held on 28 February 2017.

Agenda Item 5

Minutes of a meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee that took place on 10 March 2016 at Neuadd Dyfi, Aberdyfi

PRESENT

Councillor Dewi Owen - Chair
Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones – Vice-chair

Councillors Mike Stevens (Gwynedd Council), Cllr. David Richardson (Aberdyfi Community Council), Mr W Bracewell (Aberdyfi Partnership), Mr Dave Williams (Aberdyfi Advertising and Improvements Committee), Mr Desmond George (Dyfi Yacht Club), Mr Paul Fowles (Aberdyfi Chamber of Trade), Mr Nick Dawson (Outward Bound Wales), Mr Nigel Willis (Aberdyfi Boat Club), Mr Huw Evans (Cardigan Bay Fisheries Association).

Officers

Mr Llŷr B. Jones, Senior Economy and Community Manager
Barry Davies, Maritime and Country Parks Officer
Mr William Stockford, Aberdyfi Harbour Master
Mrs Glynda O'Brien, Members' Support Officer
Mrs Mererid Watt, Translator

Apologies: Councillors Gethin Williams (Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee) Mandy Williams-Davies (Cabinet Member - Economy), Cllr. Brian Bates (RNLI).

1. **DECLARATION OF PERSONAL CONNECTION**

No declarations of personal interest were received from any member present.

2. **MINUTES**

Submitted: Minutes of a meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee that took place on 12 November 2015.

Resolved: To accept and approve the minutes as a true record.

2.1 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Item 5 (a) – Visitor Figures in Aberdyfi

An apology was given that the above figures had not been included within the report before the committee and an assurance was given that they would be circulated to Members in the next few days. However, in the meantime, the following figures were noted:

2014 - 53 boats visited Aberdyfi
2015 - 18 boats visited Aberdyfi

It was further noted that the weather had been very unfavourable and it was hoped that there would be better weather this season. Thanks was also given for the information pack provided by Members to visitors and they would try to encourage mariners to visit the different harbours within the County.

(b) Control of Personal Watercraft

It was not anticipated that it was possible to have more control of the Leri river area, despite having a discussion with relevant officers from Natural Resources Wales. However, it was trusted that control could be improved from the Harbour authority side through the appointment of an officer to assist the Harbour Master who would be operational on the water during the main summer holiday period.

In response to a query from the Chairman regarding what action could the Harbour Master take to deal with the control of personal watercraft, it was explained that the Harbour Master had statutory powers but did not have the right to issue on the spot fines, however if there was evidence of any misuse of the rules then they could be prosecuted. It was further noted that the Police gave good support in such cases.

(c) Maintenance

Mr Desmond George reported that he was continuing to discuss the design of a purposeful winch for use by boats that are launched and land near the Yacht Club. The Maritime and Country Parks Officer thanked him and once any information was received it would be forwarded to the engineer in order to consider the possibility as part of the wider scheme for the quay wall. The best option would be for the winch to be located in one place and not as part of a vehicle or mobile winch.

(ch) Movement of Sand

It was reported that the sand removal work had been completed during the last few weeks and work was proceeding at the same time to remove sand from the car park and promenade.

In response to a concern highlighted regarding sand, Mr Paul Fowles noted the following:-

By artificially extending the dunes by 4 metres up to the car park sea defence steps and blocking the small levee that runs behind the sand hill, which floods each Spring Tide, would allow the dune system to move east to south east without the needs of controlling devices such as a stockade. However, obliquely oriented beach groins would help in the short term to divert the sand away from the car park and lifeboat station, until the dunes can establish themselves closer to the yacht club end of the beach.

Up until the early 60s, prior to the car park first being built there was a small green and sand dunes running along the length of the village beach front to the old OBSS Black Sheds, with associated railway line. Any windblown sand was arrested by the dunes and Marram grass before it made its way into the village or covering the rail track. There is a lot to be said in reverse engineering the beach to how it used to be without the need for great expense.

He promised to forward a report that referred to examples such as the above to the Maritime and Country Parks Officer as a matter of interest.

The Chairman noted that a great deal of sand had been blown onto the harbour this year and he was concerned about the future especially as this would be the last year that finance would be available to remove sand.

Resolved: (a) To accept and note the above.

(b) To request that the Maritime and Country Parks Officer sends a letter on behalf of the Harbour Consultative Committee to Jones Brothers company to express their gratitude for the work they undertook to remove the sand.

3. THE MARITIME OFFICER'S REPORT

Submitted: The report of the Maritime Officer, Mr Barry Davies, on activities in Aberdyfi Harbour with specific reference to the following:-

(A) Port Marine Safety Code

Members were reminded that safety elements and risk assessments were vitally important to the Harbour Service and the safety code belonged to Harbour users and Committee Members and Harbour staff depended on them to submit their observations. It was noted that the Safety Code was a live and voluntary document. An audit would be received from the Coastguard Agency Policy Department to discuss the way forward and to receive feedback from the Coastguard Agency Policy Department. It was noted that it was important that the code should comply with the requirements of the harbour, especially smaller harbours such as in Gwynedd and that it should not become too bureaucratic.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(B) Navigation and Moorings

It was reported that the aids to navigation had worked well while accepting that the Channel had changed. The contractors were currently working in Porthmadog but would move to Aberdyfi within the next few days.

Reference was made to 4 notices:

- The Fairway Buoy's lamp was not working
- Buoy Numbers 1 and 3 were off station
- Buoy Number 2 was off station

It was anticipated that not many boats would visit the Harbour during the Easter holidays since it was early this year. It was noted that a yellow light had been installed on the Harbour internal buoy. In addition, it was noted that the Harbour boat had been launched for the season.

In response to the above, a member noted that it was clear where the Harbour started and the Aberdyfi Boat Club wished to thank the Harbour Master for his work.

It was further noted that the beach zone buoys would be in place by the end of May. Inspections had been undertaken by Trinity House and a meeting took place recently where concern was expressed regarding the administrative element of the buoy removal provision.

It was confirmed that the moorings would be installed during the next few weeks by the local contractor and it was emphasised that every mooring owner was required to have an appropriate certificate. It was further confirmed that the appropriate certificates were in order by the contractor and in accordance with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidance.

In response to concern regarding the changes in the channel and consequently the reduction in the space available for boats to moor, the Maritime and Country Parks Officer noted that it had to be accepted that some boats would not be able to go back to the same location and the location would have to be adapted to the type of boat in terms of length and depth, etc.

It was asked if it was possible for the Harbour Master to take photographs in order to compare how things had changed over the years. In response, it was explained that the Mark Roberts company was undertaking investigations for the Maritime Service regarding this.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(C) Harbour Budgets

- (i) A summary of the financial position up to 29 February 2016 was submitted to Members and they were guided through the information drawing attention to the following points:
- that there was an underspend of £14,000 in the wages budget
 - there was £18,000 in the maintenance budget, bearing in mind that £10,000 had been transferred to Aberdyfi Harbour from another heading for some years now.
 - That the financial position was fairly healthy with an income target of £33,000, with £25,000 received thus far and a shortfall of £8,000.
- (ii) In response to a question regarding the number of registered boats, the Harbour Master noted that it was anticipated that there would be 77 and 70 had already completed the relevant registration forms before the end of February. It was noted that 6 boats would not be returning.
- (iii) In terms of fees, the inflation increase of 1% was noted.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(D) Improvements

(i) Quality of Bathing Water

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer reported that bathing water quality was very important to Aberdyfi bearing in mind the number of water activities that were available. Members' attention was drawn to the following points:

- The importance that the the public were aware of the bathing water quality
- That the bathing water standard had reached an acceptable standard this year and it was trusted that it would not have a poor standard again in the future.
- An application had been submitted to designate Cemetery Beach and confirmation had been received from the Welsh Government that it complied with the relevant requirements under the bathing water directive in Aberdyfi.

In response to the above, the following points were highlighted by individual Members of the Committee:

- (a) That the red flag was flying all the time and therefore its purpose was diminished and consequently people did not take notice of the swimming hazards.
- (b) The red flag was a recognised warning that persons swimming did so at their own risk.

- (c) Would erecting signs near the red flag be more appropriate?
- (d) The Chairman expressed huge concern regarding designating the Cemetery Beach as a bathing beach especially as the beach was out of sight. It was further noted that the National Park had also expressed concern due to the location of suitable facilities.
- (e) If it had been designated it was noted that it was important to indicate the risks to the public from strong currents at this location.

In response, the Maritime and Country Parks Officer noted that discussions had been undertaken with Tywyn Town council regarding a similar matter on Tywyn beach and if there was potential to do anything else to draw attention to the risks from the rip currents, this would be welcomed however the need to safeguard the public was stressed particularly as the speed of the tide was 6-8 knots on Aberdyfi beach. However, whilst accepting the comments individuals had to also take responsibilities for themselves as well. The red flag had been taken down in Barmouth, however it had to be put back up at the request of the Town Council because of concern of the risk to the public.

A Member explained that the RNLI considered safety seriously and were anxious to reduce any possible risk to the public.

The RNLI have been discussing issues in terms of rescues and one of the main issues is how to deal with tidal issues, the red flag and also how you make people aware of rip currents and what to do. RNLI are happy to work with individuals, Gwynedd Council, Community Councils to come up with an appropriate signage, to lend more weight to the information and have them at appropriate spots. With regard to Cemetery Beach, is it right to encourage people to go and swim there, there are issues that have to be dealt with. Signage would be appropriate on the boardwalk in Aberdyfi, with a bit more information about tides. A lot of the signage, so far, are on life guard beaches and there are no such facilities in Tywyn / Aberdyfi. The RNLI are happy to discuss with Tywyn Town Council, Aberdyfi Community Council to resolve the matter and come up with appropriate signage and the majority of it can be paid for by the RNLI.

Discussions and joint working with the RNLI was welcomed especially to ensure that individuals have an awareness of what is meant when the red flag is flying. They had to be very mindful of the arrangements especially when there was no qualified person on the County's beaches to authorise when and how the red flag should be flow.

Resolved: To accept the offer of the RNLI to conduct further discussions with Tywyn Town Council, Aberdyfi Community Council and the appropriate officers from the Maritime Service on the best way forward to resolve the above.

(ii) **Beach Management 2016**

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer reported that in terms of the financial cuts facing the Council, that the Harbour service was being safeguarded, however, it was decided to make cuts to the beaches budget by only managing Blue flag and Green flag beaches. This meant that there would be no beach patrol in Aberdyfi this year and Harbour staff would have to cope with this.

In response, the Chairman noted that every service had to make savings and they would have to make the best of those services available.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(iii) **The Quay Wall**

During the meeting, a report for information was submitted to the Members from Gwynedd Consultancy on the condition of the quay wall and it appeared that the quay wall had a remaining lifespan of six years. The Senior Economy and Community Manager explained that an application had been submitted to the National Park, however, there had been a delay as the Park had requested further information specifically regarding the environmental aspects of the scheme and it would be necessary to commission work to prepare this information. Although this was disappointing, it could be argued that the harbour authority was however entitled to proceed with the scheme.

In terms of funding the scheme, as part of Gwynedd Council's application, that Aberdyfi quay was included as a priority and discussions were on-going with the Welsh Government. One of the main requirements of the programme was a project appraisal report for each application. Its purpose was to show that all the options had been considered and that the scheme offered value for money.

Some positive news had been received from the Welsh Government that they were willing to fund the project appraisal report for the sum of approximately £20,000 from the Coastal Innovative Fund. The informal offer was welcomed and a formal confirmation would be awaited in the next few days. The need for the project appraisal report to comply with the planning application was stressed. It was proposed to proceed with the planning application as it was difficult to foresee that the project appraisal report would identify another option.

In terms of the financial programme, the Senior Manager, Economy and Community noted that grants up to 80% of the cost were available and the remaining 20/25% would have to be found. In terms of the likely period in question, if the planning application was successful then 2018 would be a practical target.

In the context of the report before them, that the contents gave some information regarding the short term risks, that there was 9 years remaining of lifespan for the quay wall. However, it was emphasised that the quay was coming to the end of its life and a solution had to be found.

A Member noted the importance of the quay wall that it not only protected the harbour but also the village of Aberdyfi.

- Resolved:**
- (a) To unanimously approve to support the request and to proceed without delay with the necessary steps with this application.**
 - (b) To request that the Maritime Service circulates the information for the attention of Harbour users in order that they may respond to the scheme.**
 - (c) That a progress report would be submitted to the next meeting of this Consultative Committee.**

(iv) **Development of RNLI Building**

It was reported that the above development was proceeding and it was forecast to be completed prior to the May Bank Holiday. All were thanked for their cooperation and support during the development and they would continue to work with the Harbour Master.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(v) **Planning application - Aberdyfi Tourist Information Centre**

Reference was made to a planning application from Snowdonia National Park to improve the existing Aberdyfi Tourist Information Centre as well as to partly change its use to A3 in order to give an opportunity to develop part of the building for business enterprises to produce additional income.

It was noted that it would be necessary to keep control of the development as they were not keen to see tables/chairs as part of the proposed cafe placed across the quay, especially in terms of health and safety.

It was trusted that the National Park would contact the relevant officers when appointing contractors, in order to be able to discuss the arrangements for access, control etc.

During the ensuing discussion the following points were highlighted:

- (a) It was suggested that a better and more constructive use of half of the building would be as a location for commercial fishermen to process fish, with a small exhibition of local seafood. It was further noted that Aberdyfi Harbour was a traditional working harbour and it was difficult for fishermen to make a living and having a purposeful location would be ideal. The Consultative Harbour Committee was requested to contact Mr Huw Evans, representative of the Cardigan Bay Sea Fisheries Association, to see if they had any suggestions regarding suitable locations for such an enterprise.
- (b) In terms of the Maritime Service, it was noted that discussions had taken place with commercial fishermen to air the options for a purposeful location.
- (c) That a change of use was a means to retain the building as a Tourist Information Centre.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(vi) **Aberdyfi Compound Waste Management**

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer reported that he had visited the above site and there was concern regarding the waste within the compound that was polluting the site. The estimated cost to clear the site was £6-£9,000 and it was trusted that this could be undertaken before May. Amongst the waste within the site there was fishing equipment that had not moved from the site for many years. An appeal was made for Mr Huw Evans to discuss this with the fishermen and to draw their attention to the Maritime Service's discontent and the need to clear the site without delay. A warning was given that any unused material would be disposed of unless the equipment was identified as something that needed to be retained by the fishermen.

Mr Desmond George reported that the Yacht Club had equipment in the compound and the Club was willing to comply and contribute towards some of the cost to clear their stuff. He gave an undertaking to write to Yacht Club members to organise this.

The Chairman suggested that it would be an idea to re-erect a purposeful fence to prevent people from throwing waste onto the site in order to get better control.

In response to an enquiry regarding the designation of the site, it was confirmed that Gwynedd Council was responsible for the site.

Resolved: To accept and note the above and approve for representatives of the relevant organisations to appeal to their members to assist by clearing the site without delay.

(DD) Staff Arrangements - Spring/Summer 2016

- (i) The post of Harbour Assistant in Aberdyfi had been advertised and the Maritime and Country Parks Officer was confident that an appointment would be made and the post would be operational by mid April.
- (ii) In terms of the maintenance work programme, it was proposed
 - to install a lamp on the Fairway Buoy
 - create an area to store trailers
 - repair slabs on the quay
 - repair the timber boardwalk
- (iii) A member noted the importance of repairing the timber boardwalk because if it did not exist there would be a gap to the sea and the golf course would not exist either.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(E) Natural Resources Wales Consultation

Submitted for information, a letter received dated 19 January 2016 from Natural Resources Wales regarding Special Areas of Conservation for harbour porpoise and proposed new and extended Special Protection Areas for seabirds

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

4. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In response to an enquiry regarding the removal of trailers near the promenade, the Maritime and Country Parks Officer gave an assurance that from 1 April 2016 they would charge the owners and a licence would be available for each site.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: To request that the Members' Support and Scrutiny Officer specifies a date in early November for the next Harbour Consultative Committee, rather than the 11 of October 2016 as approved recently by the Full Council, as this date was rather early in the season.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m. and concluded at 12.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

Agenda Item 6

MEETING	Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	15 November 2016
TITLE	Update on Harbour Management Matters
AUTHOR	Maritime and Country Parks Officer

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 Members' observations on matters directly related to Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to present a brief update for the attention of the Consultative Committee on harbour matters for the period March 2016 to October 2016.

2. Aberdyfi Harbour

- 2.1 In 2016/17, the number of boats on moorings in the Harbour were as follows:-

There was a total of 79 boats on an annual mooring in 2016. This compares with 77 boats on a mooring in 2015. It is heartening to note that 2 boats have returned to Aberdyfi in 2016.
- 2.2 On the whole, when comparing all Gwynedd Council harbours, a small reduction was seen in the number of customers over the last year including at Hafan Pwllheli. The only exception in terms of the number of boats on moorings was at Victoria Dock in Caernarfon.
- 2.3 From the number of boats on a mooring in the Harbour 67% are powerboats with 33% yachts. 60% of the customers reside in Gwynedd, while 32% reside outside the county.
- 2.4 1001 Powerboats were registered in Gwynedd in 2016 and this compares to 989 that registered in 2015. 57 powerboats were registered at Aberdyfi Harbour and this compares to 52 boats that registered in 2015. 7 Powerboats were registered in Tywyn compared to 3 that registered in 2015.
- 2.5 729 Personal Watercraft have registered in Gwynedd in 2016. This compares to 699 that registered in 2015. In Aberdyfi Harbour, 29 Personal Watercraft were registered and this compares to 23 Personal Watercraft that registered in 2015. 4 Personal Watercraft were registered in Tywyn compared to 1 that registered in 2015.

3. Marine Safety Code

- 3.1 An original copy of the Marine Safety Code has already been distributed to all Committee Members and it is also available on Gwynedd Council's website. The Senior Harbours Officer regularly reviews the Safety Code. We anticipate that a Senior Coastguard Inspector will visit the Council early in 2017 to inspect the Marine Safety Code and present feedback on the Code that is relevant to the municipal harbours of Gwynedd Council. It is understood that the inspector will visit every Harbour in Gwynedd and will spend several days inspecting the harbours. It is anticipated that a report will be submitted to the Harbour Committees following the inspectors' visit.
- 3.2 Although the Safety Code is regularly reviewed by the service, it is necessary to receive the comments and views of the Consultative Committee on the suitability of the Marine Safety Code as well as observations on its contents, in order that it may be reviewed as relevant to the activities, aids to navigation, safety and the work at Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 3.3 No matter or cause for concern has been submitted for the attention of the service during 2016 which are linked to the statutory responsibilities and duties of the Harbour.

4. Operational Issues

4.1 Navigation

- 4.1.1 Trinity House Lighthouse Authority conducted a detailed inspection on 26th July 2016. Compared to previous reports the 2016 report confirmed an improvement in the condition and locations of Navigation Aids in Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 4.1.2 The inspector drew attention to Navigation Aid N-02909, namely Tywyn seawall navigation aid, as requiring urgent attention as it was not on station. The service has drawn the attention of Gwynedd Consultancy to this. It is envisaged that it will be re-located as soon as possible in 2017.
- 4.1.3 The Navigational Aids maintenance work programme has been completed in accordance with the permission, instruction and guidance of the Consultative Committee. An update of the current position will be given to Members by the Senior Harbours Officer at the meeting.
- 4.1.4 Two Mariners' Notices are in operation in Aberdyfi harbour. These are for Bar Buoy Number 1 - not on station (notice no. 10), Special Navigation Mark (notice no. 11) not on station. The Service has commissioned a contractor to undertake this work.

4.2 Maintenance

- 4.2.1 Arrangements and a work programme for maintaining the key elements of Aberdyfi Harbour Navigation Aids will be submitted at the meeting by the Harbour Master.
- 4.2.2 The Harbour Master will also submit a maintenance work programme which is to be undertaken at Barmouth Harbour during the October - December 2016 period, and will provide an outline of the work programme which will be undertaken in January - March 2017. Feedback from Committee members is requested on any additional work that will need to be considered and included in the work programme.

4.3 Staffing Matters

- 4.3.1 The employment period of the Aberdyfi Harbour Assistant (seasonal) has come to an end since 30th September 2016. In order to ensure support and a continuation in the service across the county the employment period of the Aberdyfi and Porthmadog Harbour Assistants has been extended to the end of December 2016.
- 4.3.2 Both harbour assistants will be part of the wider Maritime team to ensure that it is possible to respond to incidents and complete the maintenance work programme at Aberdyfi, Porthmadog and Barmouth harbours over the Winter months.
- 4.3.3 In order to facilitate the Service's ability to respond to matters that arise, the Barmouth Harbour Assistant's work base has been re-located to Porthmadog for an initial period to ensure additional assistance in Porthmadog over this time.
- 4.3.4 It will be necessary for Aberdyfi staff to assist with work in Barmouth Harbour during the next few months.
- 4.3.5 As reported in the March 2016 Harbour Committee, a Beach Supervisor was not appointed in Aberdyfi in 2016. Due to a cut in the Service budget it is not anticipated that a Beach Assistant will be appointed in the future at Aberdyfi. This means that a Beach Award will not be awarded to Aberdyfi Beach in the future.

- 4.4 Bathing water will continue to be monitored regularly by Natural Resources Wales, and as part of a wider scheme the Bathing Water at 'Cemetery Beach' is also tested by Natural Resources Wales.
- 4.5 **Other matters**
- 4.5.1 **Fishermen's Equipment & Tools** The Service has expressed concern regarding the pots, ropes and fishing tackle stored at the quayside and on the wharf especially during the Summer season. Unfortunately, the equipment and tools are not kept tidily and this causes a risk.
- 4.5.2 **Quay Wall** . An update regarding plans and development of the harbour wall will be presented to Members at the meeting.
- 4.5.3 It is necessary for fishermen who store equipment on the quay to ensure that it is safe and does not cause any risk to other Harbour users. Although we recognise the importance of the fishing industry it is essential that the equipment is kept in order. To this end, the fishermen have received guidance from the Service of the requirement for every rope to be stored in a purposeful box and that no equipment should prevent access to the quay wall or to lifesaving equipment.
- 4.5.4 **RNLI Station** The work of extending the RNLI station at Aberdyfi has now been completed. As part of this work adjacent land was re-surfaced and this work has considerably improved the area's image.
- 4.5.5 **Ystorfa Common Land Waste** Concern continues regarding illegal dumping on land under the Council's responsibility near the Golf Club. Recently, bulky waste was disposed of illegally near the compound fence. The Service aims to commission a contractor to undertake waste clearance work and this should be completed before the end of March 2017. Unfortunately, 'asbestos' type waste has been disposed of on the land and this entails that site clearance costs will be high.
- 4.5.6 It is vitally important that individuals with fishing tackle on the site ensure that all their equipment is tidy and stored correctly. Any fishing equipment will be disposed of if the Service is of the view that equipment is stored incorrectly and unused. It is stressed that the Fishing Association representative should ensure that a clear message regarding this intention is given without delay to the fishermen.
- 4.5.7 Once the work is completed the Service will arrange to install a security fence on the site to prevent unauthorised access.
- 4.5.8 **Coastguard Consultation** The government is conducting a consultation regarding a possible change in legislation regarding Port Waste with an opportunity for Members to submit observations on the proposed changes. The changes will eliminate MGN 253,259 and 326. Although there will be a change in legislation this will have no effect on the Harbour Waste Provision Plan in Gwynedd. It is understood that the change in legislation will come into force on the 9th December 2016.

All documentation is available on the following website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/implementation-of-directive-20152087-by-means-of-the-merchant-shipping-and-fishing-vessels-port-waste-reception-facilities-amendment-regulations>

5. **Financial Matters**

- 5.1 A summary of the Harbour budget is attached that reports on the current financial position.
- 5.2 During this period, it was necessary to commit financial resources for the following: -

- Maintenance and purchasing of Navigation Aids and Lamps
- Maintenance of Council moorings
- Extending staff employment periods.
- Grounds Maintenance.
- New engines Aberdyfi Harbour Patrol Boat (project before March 2017)

- 5.3 The budgets are monitored monthly and a Second Quarter Review will be undertaken during the first week of October. The appendix is a reflection of the second quarter review.
- 5.4 **Fees and Charges 2017/18** Attached is a spreadsheet for Aberdyfi Harbour proposed fees in 2017. It is anticipated that the inflation rate of Gwynedd Harbours for 2017/18 will be 1.85%. Despite meeting the budget challenge and the service's income target it is suggested that Aberdyfi harbour fees are increased by 2% on average for the 2017/18 financial year.
- 5.5 It is stressed that only a draft has been submitted before Members and the fees are subject to the receipt of confirmation from the Portfolio Leader early in 2017.

6. Events

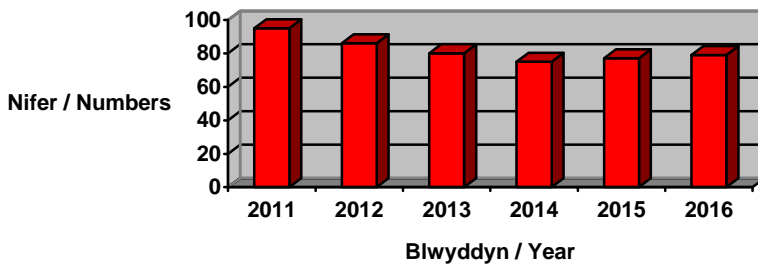
- 6.1 The following events took place in Aberdyfi Harbour in 2016: -
- Aberdyfi Food Festival Event that took place on 29th August 2016. It is hoped that the festival will continue and will be staged again in 2017. Due to the inclement weather in 2016, the festival had to be re-located and therefore it did not take place on the quay this year.
 - Annual Dyfi Yacht Club Events. Several events throughout the season.
 - Dyfi Rowing Club Events. Rowing Club Regatta at the end of May.
 - August Bank Holiday - Dyfi Fest Event organised by a community group.

HARBWR ABERDYFI HARBOUR

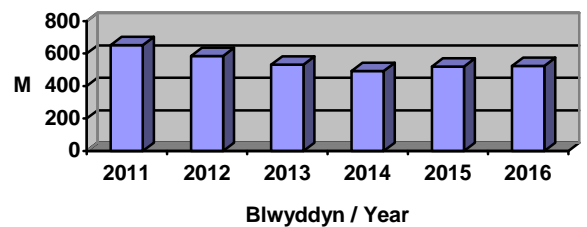
Cymhariaeth o Ystadegau Cychod Comparison of Boat Statistics

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Nifer o Gychod / Number of Boats	95	86	80	75	77	79
Cyfanswm Hydoedd / Total LOA	652.23	585.54	532.01	491.79	520.12	524.10
Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average Length	6.87	6.81	6.65	6.56	6.75	6.63
Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught	80.86	72.06	62.62	57.55	58.79	57.36
Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught	0.85	0.84	0.78	0.77	0.76	0.73

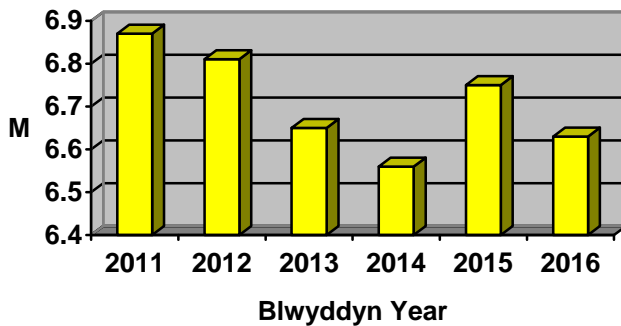
Nifer o Gychod / Number of Boats



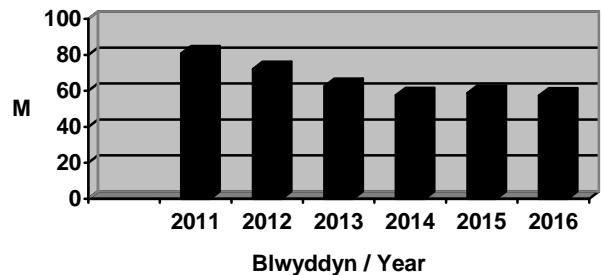
Cyfanswm Hydoedd / Total Length



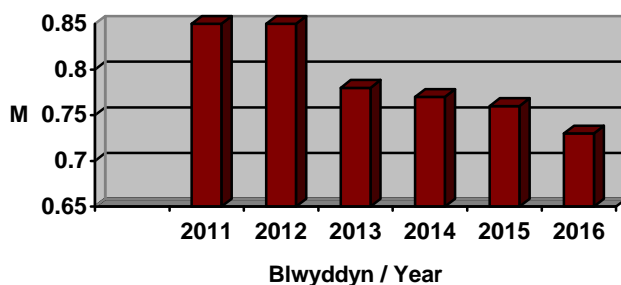
Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average Length



Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught



Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught



CYMHARIAETH O YSTADEGAU CYCHOD YM MHOB HARBWR 2016

COMPARISON OF BOAT STATISTICS AT EACH HARBOUR 2016

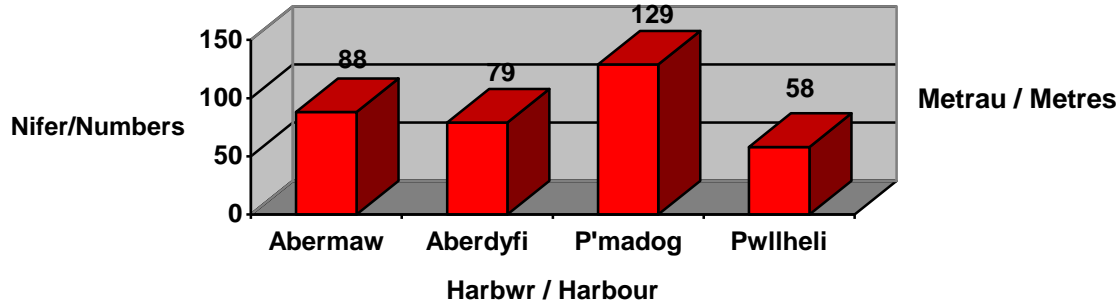


Harbwr Harbour	Nifer o Gychod Number of Boats	Cyfanswm Hydoedd Total Overall Length	Cyfartaledd Hyd Average Length	Cyfanswm Dyfnder Total Draught	Cyfartaledd Dyfnder Average Draught
Abermaw	88	627.64	7.13	77.96	0.86
Aberdyfi	79	524.10	6.63	57.36	0.73
Porthmadog	129	1055.12	8.18	127.50	0.99
Porthelli	58	463	7.98	55.54	0.96
Cyfansymiau holl harbrau Totals of all harbours	354	2669.86	29.92	318.36	3.54
Cyfartaleddau holl harbrau Averages of all harbours	88.50	667.47	7.48	79.59	0.89

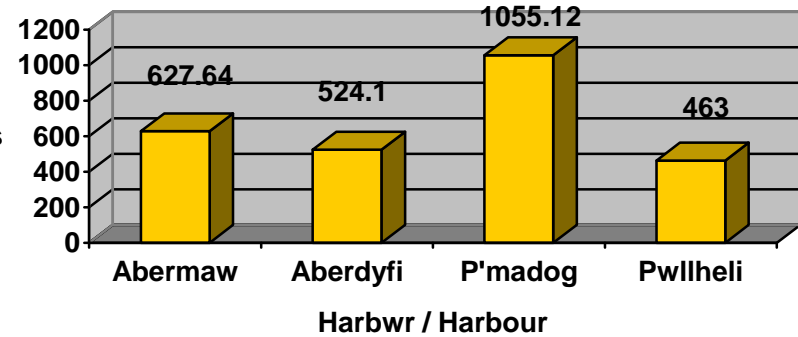
Darlun o ystadegau cychod ym mhob harbwr.

Analysis of boat statistics at each harbour.

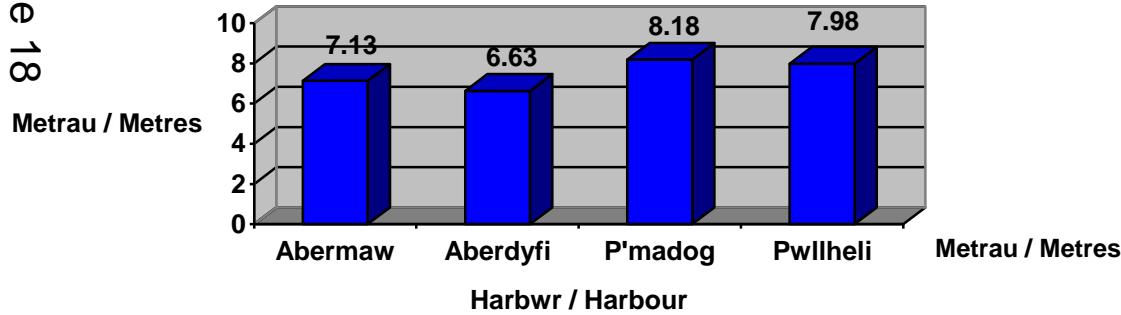
Nifer o Gychod / Number of Boats



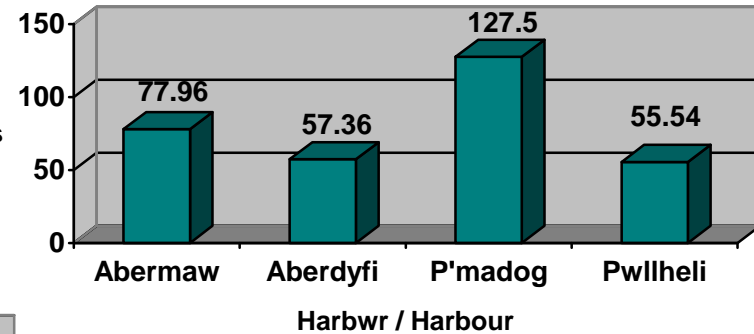
Cyfanswm Hyd / Total LOA



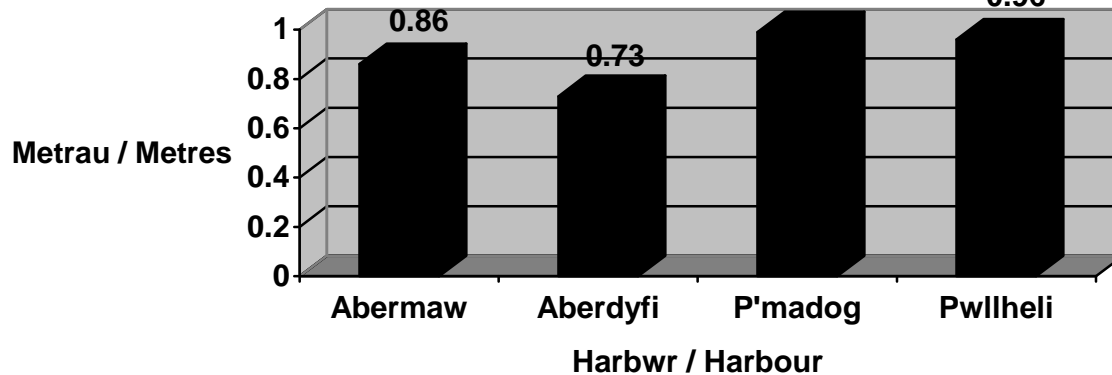
Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average LOA



Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught



Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught



Harbwr Aberdyfi Harbour
 Lleoliad Cymhorthyddion Mordwyo
 Position of Aids to Navigation
 Hydref -October 2016

Rhif Number	Lleoliad Location	Golau Light
Bwi Tramwy Outer Buoy	52° 32.000' N 004° 05.550' W	IsoW.4s
Bar № 1	52° 32.176' N 004° 04.907' W	FLG 5s
Bar № 2	52° 32.265' N 004° 04.894' W	FLR 5s
№ 3	52° 32.220' N 004° 04.630' W	QF (G)
№5	52° 32.198' N 004° 04.053' W	FLG 4s
№7	52° 32.256' N 004° 03.408' W	FLG 2s
YSM Mewnol Entrance 4Kt	52° 32.469' N 004° 02.861' W	FLY 2s

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DG55-ABERDYFI		Diwedd Medi 2016				
GROUP	ACC	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	COMMITMENT	OVER (UNDER)
Staff	AGWE	Staff Costs	52,700	29,901	21,312	(7,448)
Property	BEID	Ground and Buildings	18,410	2,371	14,000	(2,039)
Transport	CTRA	Boat and Vehicles	560	290	200	(70)
Equipment	DCYF	Tools and Equipment	8,020	3,616	2,000	(2,404)
Income	INCM	Harbour Income	(33,620)	(21,644)	(5,288)	6,689
Total	CYF	Total	46,070	14,534	32,224	(5,272)

Harbwr Aberdyfi Harbour
2017/18

Eithrio T.A.W	2016-17	2017-18	Prices exclude V.A.T
	1%	2%	
Trwydded angorfa blynyddol fesul medr, neu rhan o fedr + Tollau Harbwr. Pob Cwch	28.02	28.58	Mooring licence per metre per annum, or part of metre + Harbour Dues. All Craft
Tollau Harbwr y fedr – pob cwch	5.05	5.15	Harbour Dues per meter – all vessels
Taliadau llithrfa cychod pŵer dros 10HP (eithrio BDP)	Fel rhestr lansio	Fel rhestr lansio	Slipway charges power boats over 10HP (not PW)
Cychod bychain peiriant uchafswm 10HP			Small boats engine max 10HP
Dyddiol	8.33	Fel rhestr lansio	Daily
Tymhorol	50.00		Seasonal
Cwch ymwelwyr – Dyddiol neu rhan o ddiwrnod			Visiting Vessels – Daily or part of day
Cwch Ymweld-Daliwr Angorfa Harbyrau Gwynedd	5.00	5.00	Visiting Vessels-Gwynedd Harbour Mooring Holders
Cwch Ymweld-Pob Cwch Pleser arall	8.33	8.33	Visiting Vessels-All other pleasure vessels
Cychod cario teithwyr y fedr + Tollau Harbwr	24.26	Diddymu Withdrawn	Passenger carrying vessels per metre + Harbour Dues per meter
Pysgota/Siarter/Masnachol y flwyddyn + Tollau Harbwr fesul medr y flwyddyn	24.26	Diddymu Withdrawn	Fishing/Charter/Commercial per meter + Harbour Dues per meter per annum
Cychod masnachol yn ymweld a'r harbwr y dydd neu rhan o'r dydd	54.17	55.22	Commercial vessels visiting per day or part of day
Storio tymor yr haf yn ardal y Cei neu diroedd eraill y fedr yr wythnos neu rhan wythnos 01 Ebrill – 30 Medi	5.54	5.71	Summer Storage on Quay or other land per meter per week or part of week 01 April – 30 September
Storio tymor y gaeaf yn ardal y Cei neu diroedd eraill y fedr y mis neu unrhyw rhan o fis 01 Hydref – 31 Mawrth – isafswm ffi 7 medr	3.48	5.71	Winter Storage on Quay or other land per metre per month or any part of month - 01 October – 31 March – min charge 7 meters.
Rhent Llogi Angorfa Aberdyfi	249.39	254.37	Mooring Rental Aberdyfi
Diddymu cais angorfa. Gorddewisol	Rule 1/18	Rheol/Rule 1/18	Cancellation of mooring application. Discretionary.